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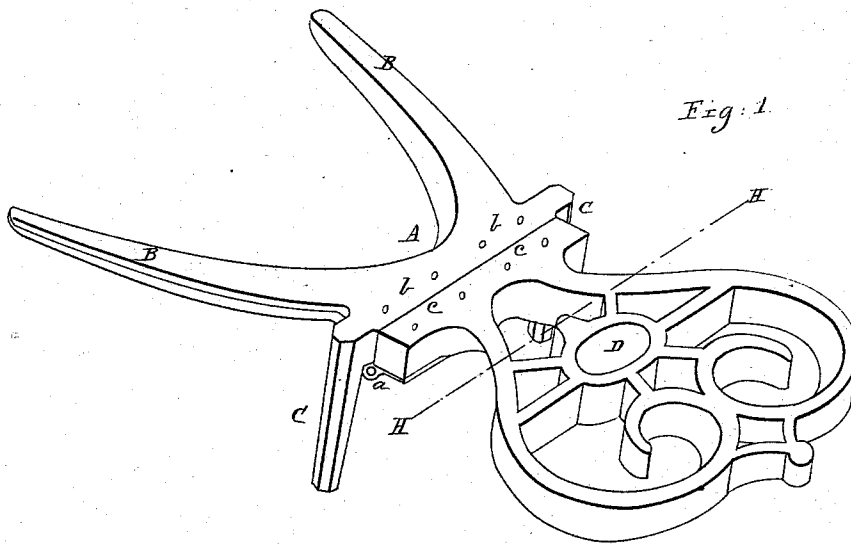
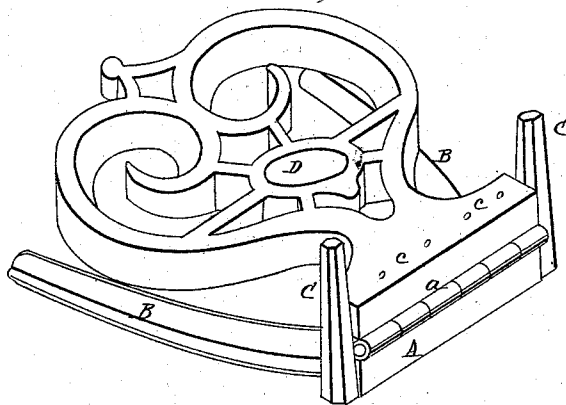


Fig: 2.



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## IMPROVED BOOT-JACK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ASAHEL PIERPONT, of the city and county of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Boot-Jacks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction, character, and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which make part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the boot-jack standing as ready for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same when folded, ready to put into the pocket.

My improvement consists in making the boot-jack in two parts, and then joining those two parts together by a hinge-joint, so that they may be readily folded together to put into the pocket or elsewhere when not wanted for use, as when traveling, &c.

I make the forked or pronged part, which is to receive and embrace the boot-heel, of malleable cast-iron or any other suitable material, substantially as represented at A, Fig. 1, and indicated at A, Fig. 2, consisting of the bar part A, the two prongs or jaws B and B, and the two supports or standards C and C.

I make the prongs or jaws B and B in the shape of plate and spline, or ribbed, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, or in any other shape in the cross-section which is deemed best, at any time, for combining strength with lightness, and I set them in the proper shape to receive and embrace the heel of the boot, and I make the standards or supports C and C of the proper length to suitably elevate the jaws B and B.

I make the treadle part D of malleable cast-iron or any other suitable material in the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2, or in any other shape or form which fancy may dictate, provided it is within a reasonable compass and form to carry in the pocket or elsewhere, for traveling, &c.

Having made the two parts as before described, I secure them together with a suitable hinge or joint, as shown at *a*, Fig. 2, and indicated at *a*, Fig. 1; and I secure this hinge or joint to the two parts A and D by suitable rivets or screws, as indicated at *b b* and *c c*, Fig. 1, and at *c c*, Fig. 2, when the boot-jack will be ready for use or sale.

To use my improved boot-jack I unfold it and rest it on its standards or supports C and C, as represented in Fig. 1. I then place one of my feet across the part D, in the direction indicated by the line H H, and place the heel of the boot on the other foot between the jaws, as at A, Fig. 1, and draw off the boot in the usual way; and when I have drawn off my boots, I fold the boot-jack, as represented in Fig. 2, and place it in my pocket or in any other convenient place until I again want to use it.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the two parts A and D for a folding boot-jack, when hinged laterally and constructed, arranged, and fitted for use substantially as herein described and set forth.

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