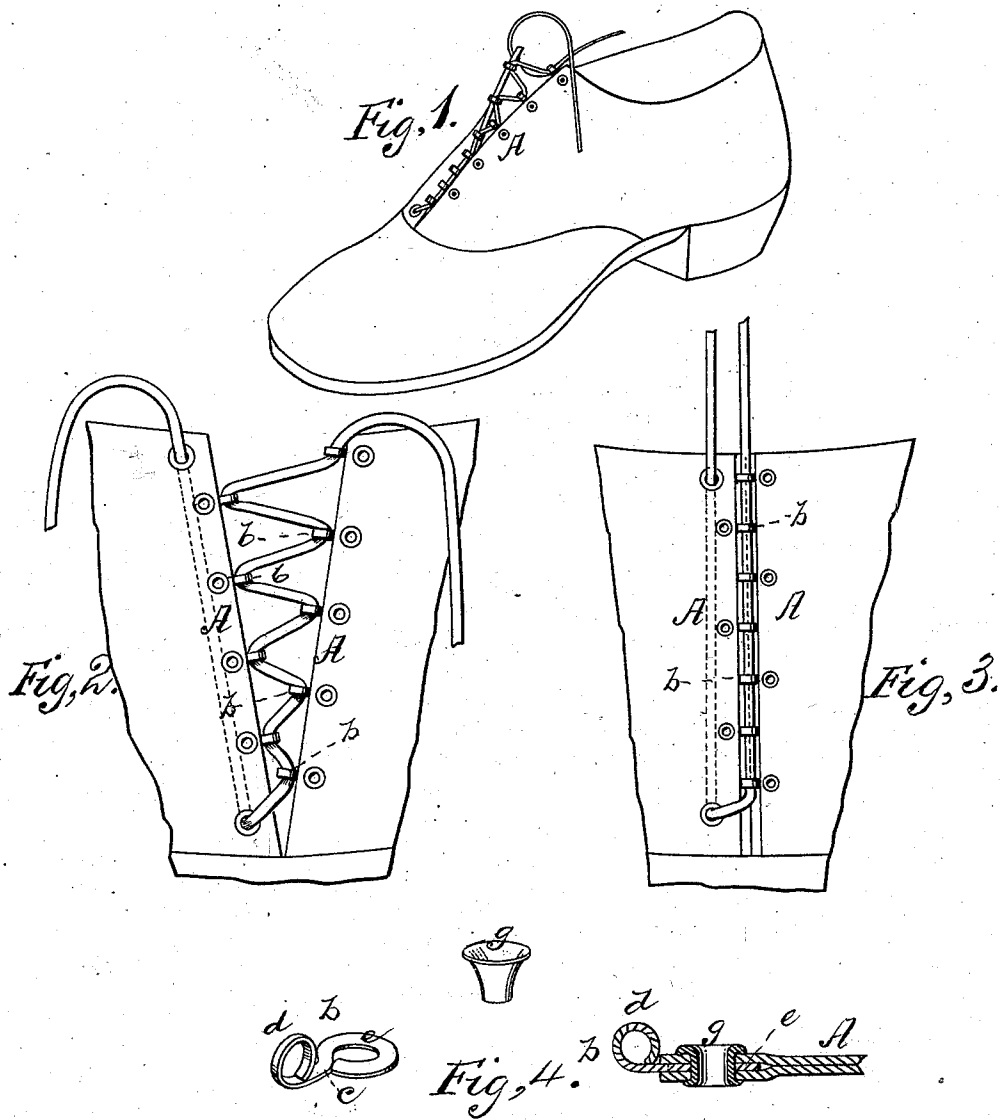


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOE FASTENINGS AND LACINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL JONES, of Lincoln, in the county of Logan and State of Illinois, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Shoe Fastenings or Lacings; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figures 1, 2, and 3 of the drawings are representations of a shoe and the front of a shoe, showing my lacing applied; and Fig. 4 is a representation of the parts thereof in detail.

This invention has relation to means for holding the shoe-lacings of shoes; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of the double-loop fastening having the plane of the lacing-eye at right angles with the plane of the fastening-eyes, the latter being flattened and secured between the upper and lining by a separate eyelet, on which it turns, all as hereinafter shown and described.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the margins of the front opening, to which the lacing-eyes are attached.

Each fastening or holder *b* consists of a piece of flattened wire bent in eye form at each end of a short shank portion, *c*, the planes of the eyes *d* and *e* being at right angles to each other.

The eye *d*, through which the lace is designed to pass, is bent transversely, so as to form a loop with a broad bearing, which will allow the lace to slide easily, while the eye *e* is bent edgewise, forming a flattened loop or eye, which is readily introduced between the lining and upper of the margin *a*, and is secured by means of an eyelet, *g*, passed through the flattened eye *e* of the lace-holder and suitable perforations in said lining and upper and clamped thereto, forming a secure attachment and at the same time a journal-bearing on which the flattened loop *e* can readily turn in accordance with the strain of the lining.

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

The double-loop fastening having the plane of the lacing-eye *d* at right angles with the plane of the fastening-eye *e*, the latter being flattened and adapted to be passed between the upper and lining, and to be secured to the shoe by means of an eyelet extending through said eye *e*, upper, and lining, thus journaling the fastening on the eyelet, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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