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BOOT-JACK.

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Fig. 1

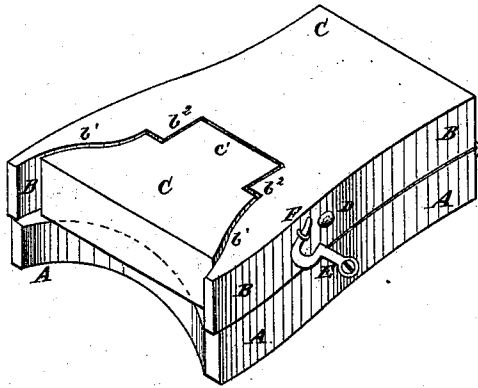


Fig. 2

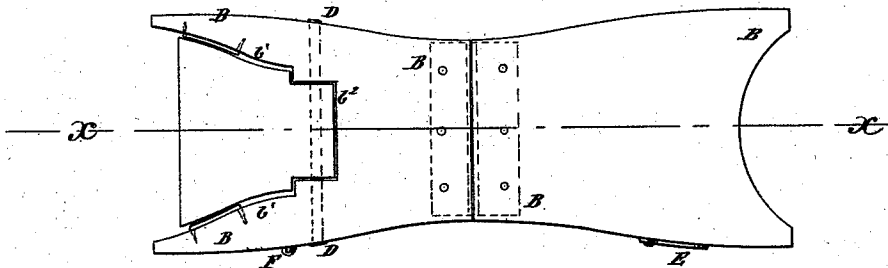
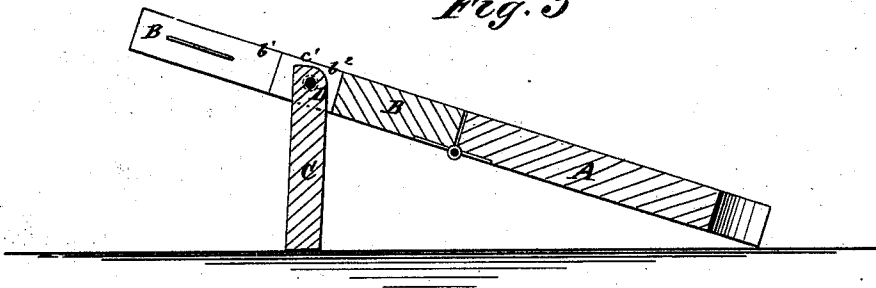


Fig. 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOT-JACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. PHENIX, of New Brunswick, Middlesex county, New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Pocket Boot-Jack, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved boot-jack folded for carriage. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same opened out, and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the same arranged for use.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved boot-jack, which shall be so constructed that it may readily be folded into a small compass, and conveniently carried in the pocket or in a traveling-bag. The invention consists of an improved folding boot-jack, formed of the two hinged parts and the pivoted part, constructed and operating, in connection with each other, as hereinafter fully described.

The body of the boot-jack is made in two nearly equal parts, A B, which are hinged to each other, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. In the outer end of one of the parts, as B, is framed a notch, b^1 , of the proper shape and size to receive the heel of the boot to be pulled off. In the base of the notch b^1 is formed a right-angled notch, b^2 , to receive the tongue c' of the block C. The block C is so formed

as to fit into the notches $b^1 b^2$, and is pivoted in said notches by a pin, D, which passes transversely through the part B, and through the tongue c' of the block C.

When the boot-jack is folded, the block C c' lies in the notches $b^1 b^2$, so as to give no additional thickness, and the parts are secured together by a hook, E, attached to the part A, and hooking into an eye or staple, F, attached to the part B.

When the boot-jack is opened out for use, the block C is turned down to rest upon the floor, as shown in Fig. 3.

To the inner sides of the arms that form the notch b^1 may be attached iron wires or plates G, to cause them to take a firmer hold upon the counters of the boot-heels.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

An improved folding boot-jack, formed of the hinged parts A B and the pivoted part C, constructed and operating in connection with each other, substantially as herein shown and described.

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