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Fig. 1.

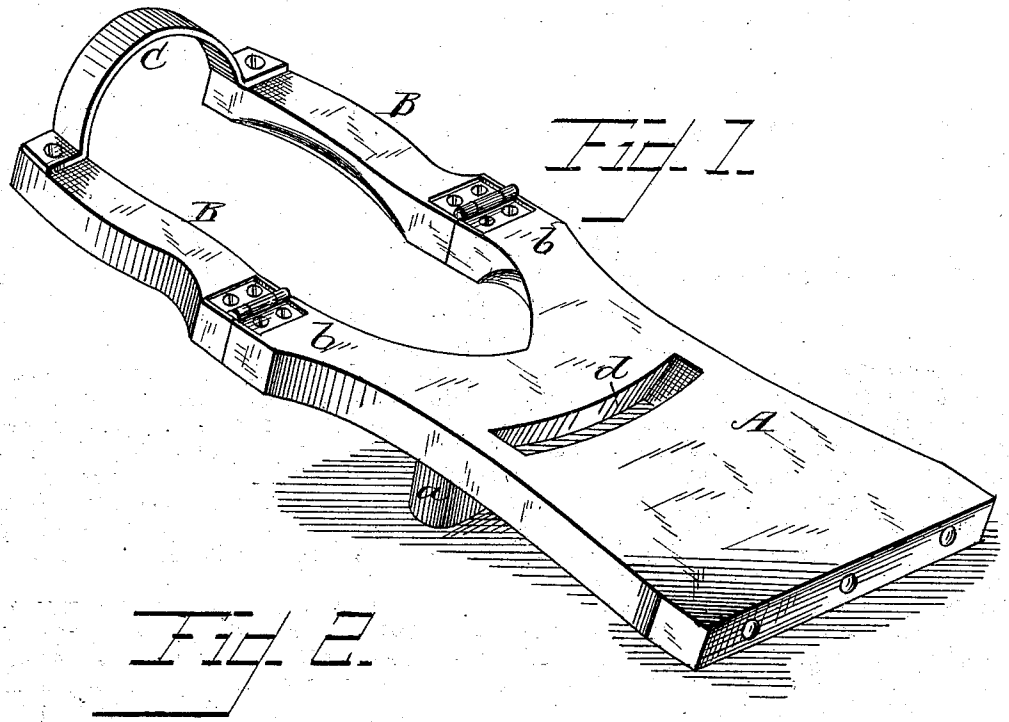


Fig. 2.

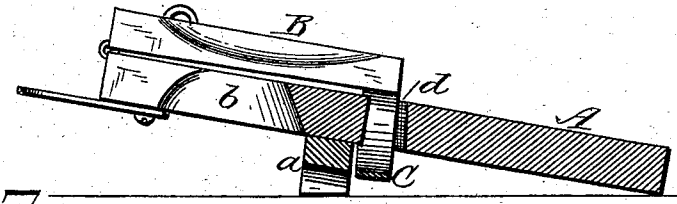
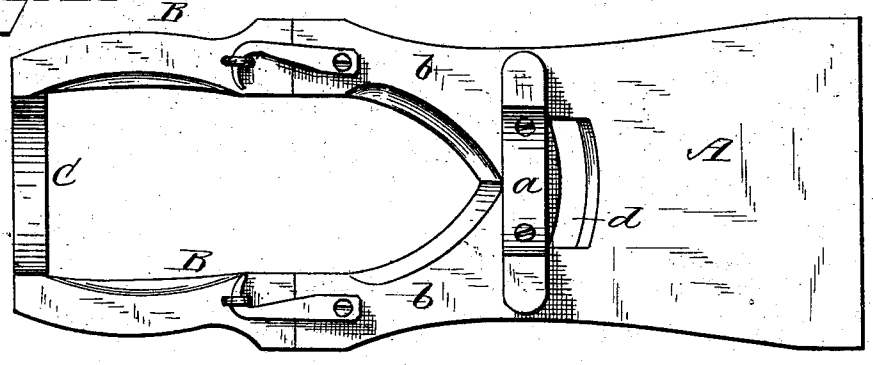


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. WALKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richland, in the county of Pulaski and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boot-Jacks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description 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.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of a boot-jack constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the boot-jack when folded together, and Fig. 3 is an under side view.

The present invention has relation to certain new and useful improvements in that class of boot-jacks provided at the outer end with a toe-piece or strap and adapted to fold together.

The invention has for its object to improve and simplify the construction of the above class of boot-jacks, whereby it will render them more serviceable and practicable, requiring less material in their manufacture, more compact, and less liable to become broken by continued use. These objects I attain by the construction substantially as shown in the drawings, and hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the main section of the boot-jack, having upon its under side the usual cleat, *a*, for supporting it at an angle when placed upon the floor for use, the section at its forward end being formed with the arms *b*, between which the heel of the boot is placed when using the device.

To the upper side and ends of the arms *b* are suitably-hinged arms, B, which form extensions to the short arms *b*, and have secured over their forward ends a metal strap, C, through which the toe of the boot is inserted.

When the boot-jack is extended for use, as shown in Fig. 1, the arms B are held rigid by a suitable fastening device, *c*, upon the under side of the jack.

In the present instance I have shown hooks pivoted to the arms *b*, which engage with staples secured to the under side of the arms B; but it is evident that any ordinary holding or fastening device may be substituted. The arms B fold down upon the top of the section A, the toe-strap C entering a slot, *d*, as shown in Fig. 2, thus folding the boot-jack into compact form.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a boot-jack, the section A, formed with slot *d* and arms *b*, in combination with the arms B, having connected to their forward end toe-strap C, and their rear ends hinged to the arms *b*, and adapted to fold over upon the top of the section A, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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