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Boot Jack,*

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Fig. 1

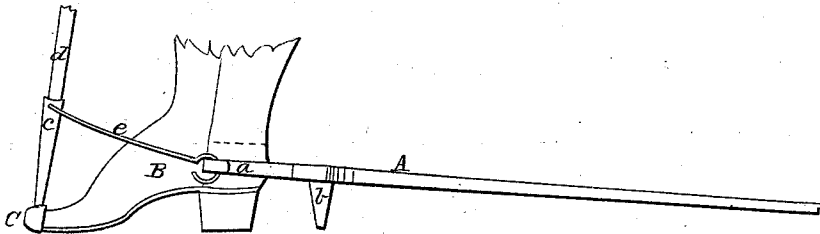
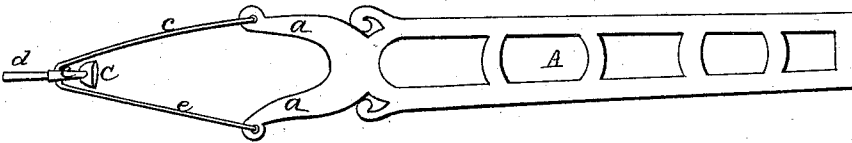


Fig. 2



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Letters Patent No. 65,543, dated June 11, 1867.

IMPROVED BOOT-JACK.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, CYRUS CLAY, of Scranton, in the county of Luzerne, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Boot-Jacks; and the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of the jack, with a boot held in position at both heel and toe for drawing off.

Figure 2 shows a top view of the boot-jack bail and toe support, with the handle broken off.

The object of my invention is to support both the heel and toe of the boot in a stationary position while drawing the foot from it; and consists in a cast-metal cup, with a socket in which to fit a long handle, the cup and socket being in the form of a ladle, the same being connected by a wire bail with the prongs of a metal boot-jack of the ordinary form and construction.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will describe it more fully, referring to the drawings and the letters marked thereon.

My improved boot-jack A may be of cast metal of any ornamental design, the prongs *a a* being elevated to a proper height to grasp the heel of the boot B, by one or more projections *b*. To the ends of the prongs *a a*, a wire of suitable size and length is hinged, it forming a bail passing through the upper portion of the socket *c* with handle *d*, so that when the heel of the boot is placed between the prongs *a a*, the concave cup or ladle C is easily placed on the toe of the boot, the handle *d* extending up a sufficient distance to be used conveniently, it forming a lever, the bail *e e* being the fulcrum to hold the boot firmly in the jack, while it is a support to steady the person while in the act of drawing off his boots.

It is well known that it is no easy matter to draw off well-fitting boots, and that a person requires something to steady his body in doing so; thus it will be seen that my improved boot-jack, as above described, will remedy all of the existing difficulty.

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

The concave toe-cup *c*, handle *d*, and bail *e e*, as constructed and attached to the prongs *a a*, in combination with a metallic boot-jack, A, substantially as herein described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name on this 12th day of March, 1867.

CYRUS CLAY.

Witnesses:

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