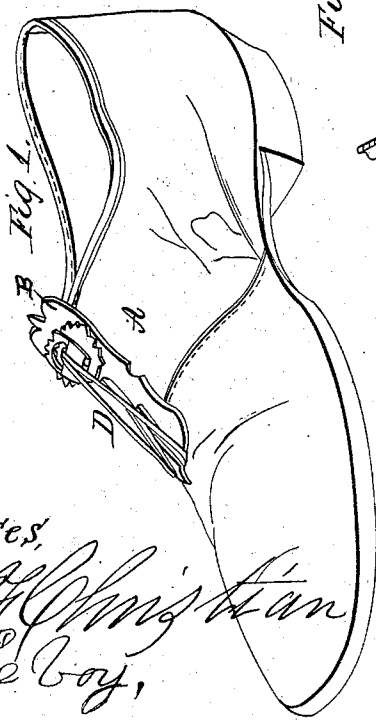
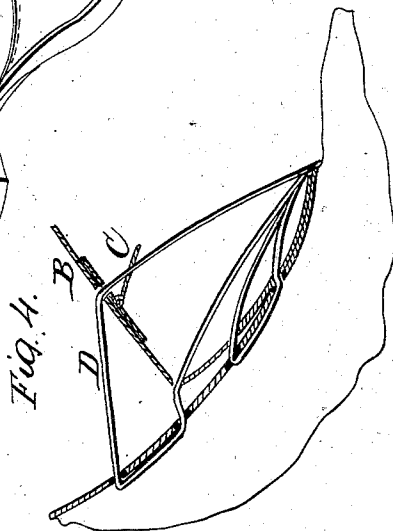
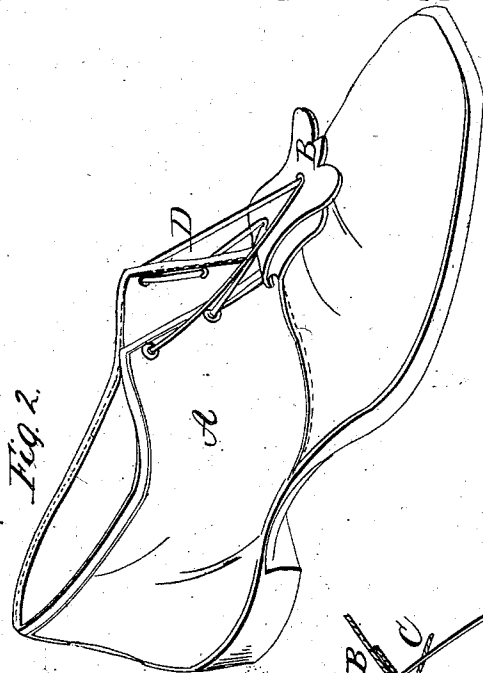
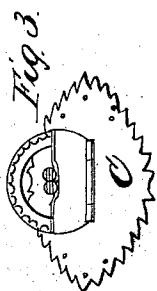


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT ADAMS, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Slide-Lacing Shoe-Fastener, of which the following is a full and clear description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My improvement consists in the application of a device to the lacing of a shoe to enable the fastening or unfastening by a sliding movement.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the shoe with my fastener as applied, and shown in a fastened position as worn on the foot. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, showing the device unfastened, allowing the shoe to expand by the sliding of the fastener down to the bottom of the lacing. Fig. 3 represents the device ready to be applied to a shoe. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section, showing the lacing partly loosened.

A is the shoe, to which eyelets are placed in the quarters to receive lacing. B is a tongue placed on the outside of the shoe, to which is fastened at the upper end the slide-fastener C.

By means of lacing D the tongue B is held firmly at its lower end to shoe A by being laced through both shoe and tongue in a manner so that it cannot become detached at that point. The balance of the lacing continues to be woven through and through both shoe and tongue from lower end of tongue to the upper end, and through the fastener C, as shown in drawings.

Having described the construction of my

improvement, I herein set forth its operation and advantages.

Fig. 2 represents a shoe in readiness to be applied to the foot. After putting the shoe on, take hold of the tongue at B and draw it up to the position as shown in Fig. 1, with the jointed part of fastener turned down, as shown in Fig. 4. In drawing up tongue B contracts the lacing D as the tongue B slides up, so as to close the quarters of the shoe together over the front of the foot, and to fasten tongue B in the position as shown in Fig. 1. Turn up the hinged or jointed part of fastener, as shown in Fig. 1, which will clamp the lacing D and hold the device firmly in place.

In order to release it, so as to be able to take the shoe off the foot, turn down jointed part of device, and the sliding of the tongue down on the lacing, as shown in Fig. 2, allows the laced part of the shoe to expand, so as to be removed from the foot.

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

1. The jointed slide-fastener C, as constructed and operating, for the purpose set forth.
2. So arranging the lacing D that it acts as a guide for tongue B and fastener C.
3. Slide-fastener C, tongue B, as arranged, in combination with lacing D, as constructed and operating, for purposes set forth.

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