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Fig. 1.

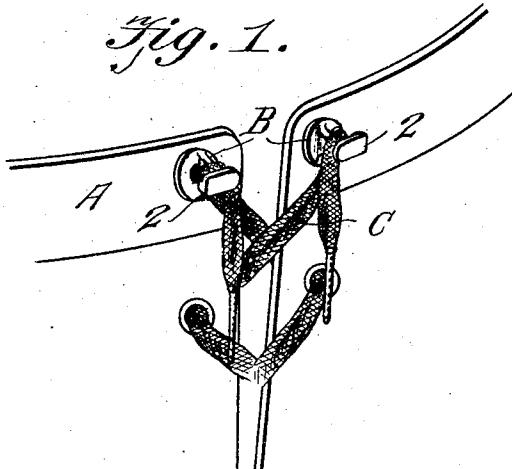


Fig. 2.

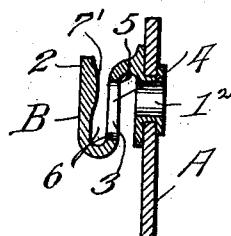
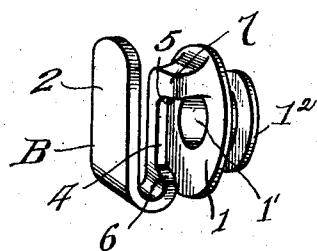


Fig. 3.



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## SHOE-LACE FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OSCAR HOWARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Colorado Springs, in the county of El Paso and State of Colorado, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Lace Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to improvements in shoe-lace fastenings, and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

With these objects in view and others as will appear as the description proceeds, the invention comprises the various novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be more fully described hereinafter and set forth with particularity in the claim appended hereto.

20 In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates one of the embodiments of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of the upper of a shoe with the lace fasteners applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of one of the fasteners. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the fasteners.

Similar reference characters are employed to designate corresponding parts throughout the views.

30 Referring to the drawing, A designates the upper of a lace shoe and instead of the usual hooks at the top front corners of the two parts of the upper are employed my improved lace fasteners designated by B whereby the lacing C can be firmly held so that the ends thereof will not become accidentally loosened.

The fastening B is constructed of one piece of metal and is provided with a disk 40 shaped base piece 1 having a central opening 1', therein to which is secured an eyelet 1'.

The base piece is provided with a forward projection 7, having a depending shank 3 which is cut away as shown at 4 to provide oppositely disposed shoulders 5 and 6. This 45 cut away portion of the shank permits of a suitable instrument being applied to the opening 1', whereby to clench the eyelet 1 to the upper, said cut away portion 4, also permits of the shoe lacing C being connected 50 thereto while the shoulders 5 and 6 prevent upward and downward movement of the same. The base of the shank 3 is curved to provide a hook 2 which projects vertically upward and above the projection 7, said 55 hook being provided on its inner face with a bulge 7' to prevent an upward movement of the ends of the lacing when connected to the hook.

From the foregoing description, the operation of the device will be readily understood.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

A shoe lace fastening comprising a base piece with a central opening therein having an eyelet therewith, a projection extending outwardly from the base piece and having a depending shank which is cut away to provide a recess with oppositely disposed shoulders, said recess serving to receive the shoe lacing while the shoulders of the recess prevent displacement of the lacing from said recess, the base of the shank being curved to provide a hook with a bulge on its inner face to prevent displacement of the ends of the shoe-lacing, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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