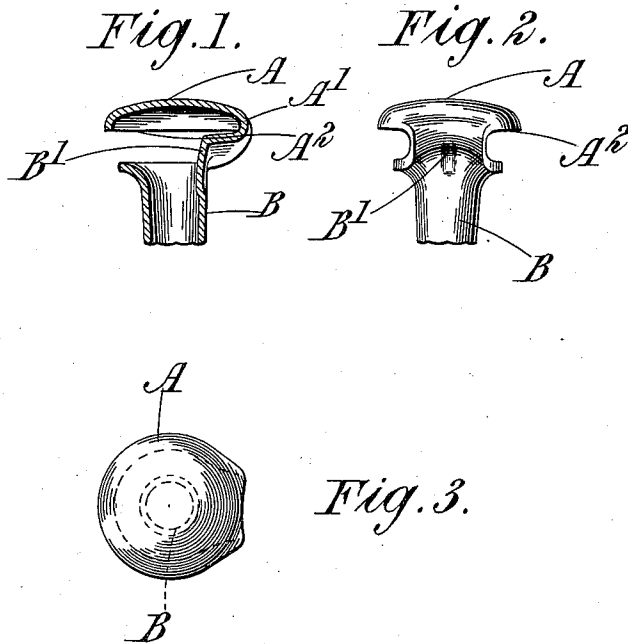


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BYRON GEORGE CLARK, citizen of the United States of America, residing at Birmingham, county of Warwick, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lacing-Hooks for Boots and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to lacing hooks for use with boots or the like.

A hook constructed according to this invention has a head formed round like a button and has means for maintaining laces *in situ*, approximately in the center of the button at the point of engagement therewith.

Further features of the invention will be evident from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a sectional elevation of the hook and shank before the insertion in the boot; Fig. 2 is a rear view of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a plan view of Fig. 1.

The hook is stamped or formed in its main outlines in any well-known or convenient manner. According to one feature of this invention, however, the head A is formed circular in plan and slightly domed as shown in Fig. 1 to give it the appearance of a button. The shank B is extended upward at the back to present a projecting hump or abutment B¹ against which the lace will engage as hereinafter more particularly described. The shank is continued by a crook like portion A¹ the continuation of which forms the head A. The crook A¹ is so formed that the lower edge A² of the head

A will be approximately at the same level as the upper edge of the extended portion B¹ of the shank B.

In the construction of the hook, the wall of the part intermediate of and connecting the head A and shank B is bent or forced inwardly to form a hump provided with a rounded surface for the lace to engage upon. Owing to the edge A¹ of the head A being approximately at the same level as the upper edge of the extended shank portion B¹ (or on a level with the lower member of the crook A¹) the lace will be prevented from passing into the crooked portion A¹. It is therefore clear that the lace in engaging with the hump B¹ will remain substantially in the center of the button and among other advantages the disadvantage which frequently occurs in hooks of this description, namely the head being torn upward, will be prevented.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A lacing hook having a head and a shank, and an intermediate part connecting the head at the rear thereof with the rear wall of the shank, the rear wall of the shank being extended upwardly to form a lace bearing shoulder, then substantially at a right angle, and then reversely to form the head.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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