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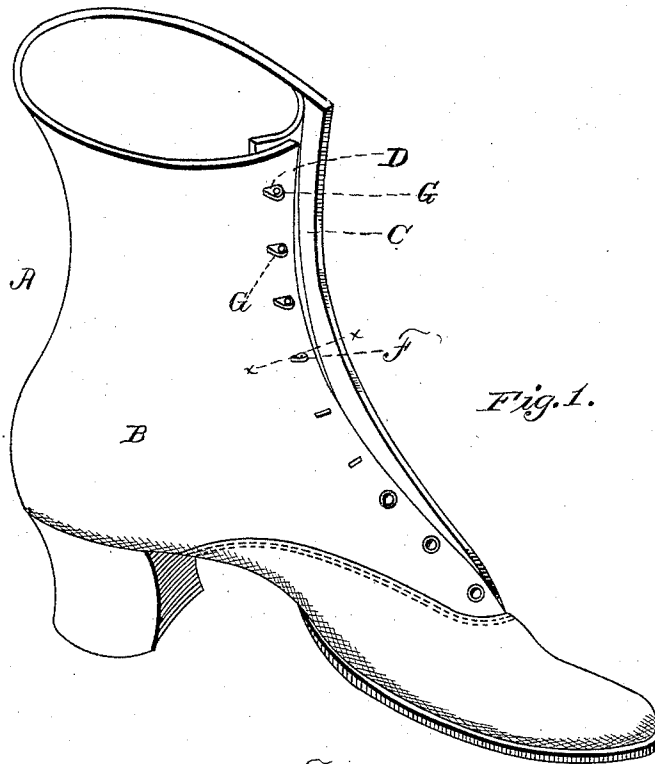


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

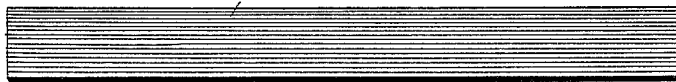


Fig. 3.

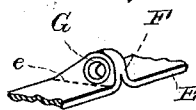
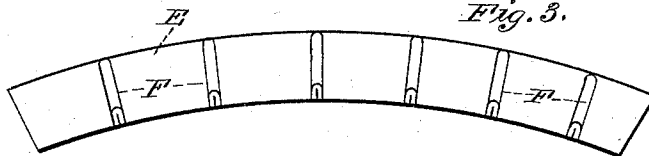


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL McCLEARY HAMILTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Paris, in the county of Lamar and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has relation to improvements in shoe-fasteners; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of parts, as hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the appended claims.

The object of my invention is to provide a neat, simple, and inexpensive fastener for use on shoes; further, to so construct and arrange the fastener that the lacing of a shoe is rendered extremely easy; further, to so arrange the metallic eyelet that it will not become bright and brassy, which would make it objectionable for ladies' fine foot-wear.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe with my improved fastener attached thereto; Fig. 2, a plan view of the strip E; Fig. 3, a plan view of the strip E, having the folds F formed thereon; Fig. 4, a detail view of one of the eyes complete; Fig. 5, a sectional view on the line *xx* of Fig. 1.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures, A represents a shoe, the upper B of which is provided with the usual longitudinal opening C. At each side of the opening C on the upper B are formed at suitable and regular intervals slots or openings D for a purpose presently explained.

In constructing my improved fastener I prefer to make it mainly of leather, and to this end I employ leather in a long narrow strip E or other shapes and along one edge thereof of crimp, press, or double the leather into

folds, as shown at F, and in order that the folds may be maintained in the leather a row of stitching *e* may be formed at the junction of the fold with the main body portion of the strip, as shown. Eyes are then formed in the folds F and eyelets G secured in said eyes. After a suitable number of folds F have been formed in the strip E and the eyelets secured in the eyes in said strip it is secured in place between the lining and the upper, with the folds F projecting through the slots D.

While I have shown the strips E secured in place between the upper and the lining, it will be readily seen and understood that the folds may be formed upon an ornamented piece of leather and attached to the upper upon the outside thereof.

While I have shown my improved fastener as attached to a shoe, it is apparent that it may be readily adapted for use on gloves and corsets.

The use of my improved fastener, taken in connection with the above description and accompanying drawings, will be readily understood.

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

1. In a shoe-fastener, the combination, with the upper, of a leather strip placed between the upper and the lining, having folds thereon and eyelets therein, the eyelets in said folds projecting through slots formed in the upper, substantially as described.

2. A shoe-fastener consisting of a piece of flexible material provided intermediate of its length with transverse crimps or folds, and the eyelets secured in said folds, adapted to be secured to the upper in the manner described.

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

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