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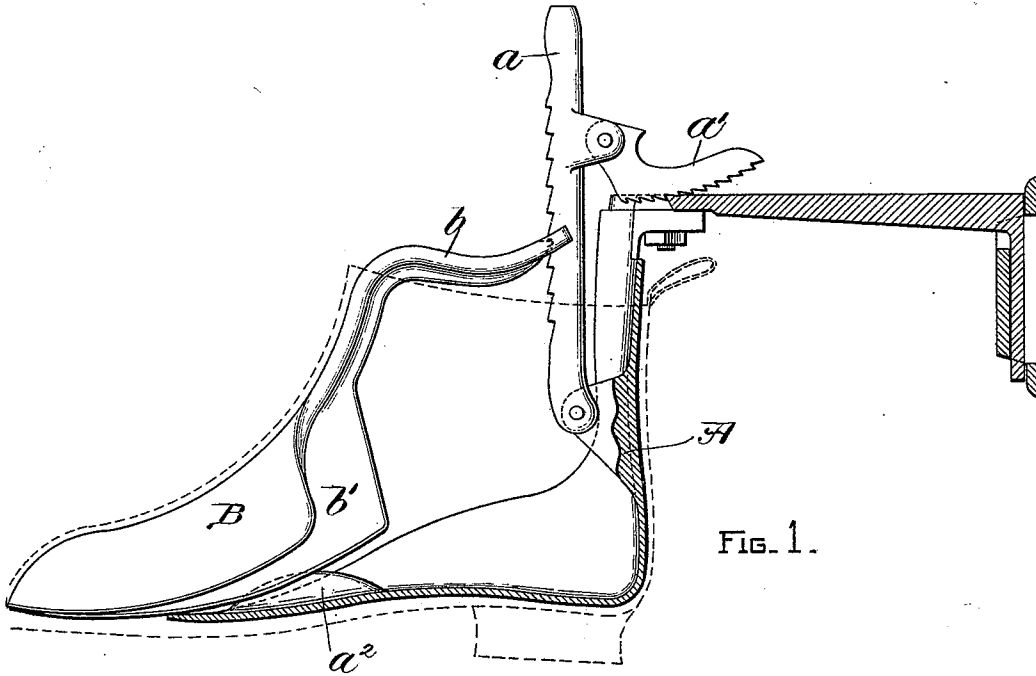
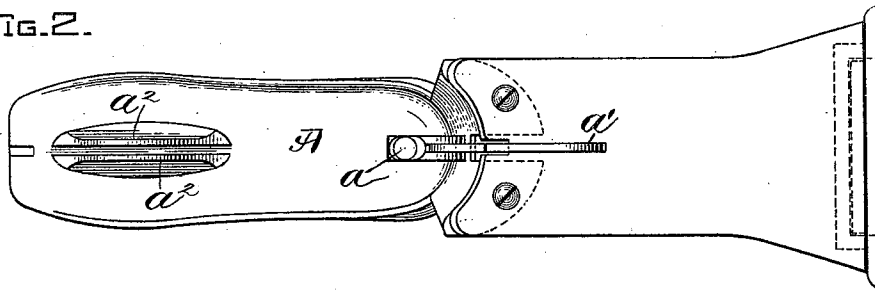


FIG. 1.

FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN R. BOWIE, of New Bedford, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Holder for Shoes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly in section, of a holder for shoes embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the holder shown in Fig. 1 with the fore-part piece removed.

My invention relates to holders for shoes, and is an improvement on the holder shown and described in an application for Letters Patent filed by myself and William S. Bowie as joint inventors July 15, 1898, Serial No. 685,980, in which the holder consists, essentially, of two disconnected pieces—a fore-part piece and a heel-piece—the former resting at its lower end on the latter. A lever is also provided, which is located between the upper ends of said fore-part piece and heel-piece, by means of which they may be forced apart or separated to distend the shoe, and a spring is provided which acts or presses on the lever when the latter is in its operative position to yieldingly hold or support the parts in their relatively-separated positions when a shoe is on the holder. This feature of yieldingly holding or supporting the fore-part piece and heel-piece in their relatively-separated positions when a shoe is on the holder is objectionable in that the shoe is not rigidly distended and supported while it is being operated upon; and my present invention consists in substituting for the spring embodied in the construction shown in the application above noted means for locking the fore-part piece and heel-piece in their relatively-separated positions to thereby rigidly hold the parts separated when a shoe is on the holder.

In the drawings illustrating my invention, A is the heel-piece, which is shaped to distend the heel portion of the upper and formed with a forwardly-projecting extension along the inner sole, toward the toe, on which rests the lower end of the fore-part piece B. The fore-

part piece B is shaped to distend the fore part of the upper and adapted to slide upon the forward extension of the heel-piece. The fore part B is provided with the rearwardly-extending tongue *b* and with rib *b'*, and when the holder is in position in the shoe the tongue *b* engages the toothed lever *a*, pivoted to heel-piece A, and rib *b'* is between ears *a'* on the forward extension of said heel-piece.

The main feature of this invention is the toothed bar *a'*, which is herein shown as pivoted to lever *a*, and the teeth of said bar rest on and engage the upper end of the heel-piece A.

When a shoe is placed on the holder and the lever *a* swung forward on its fulcrum to slide the fore-part piece forward on the forward extension of the heel-piece in order to distend the shoe, the toothed bar is also drawn forward, and when the lever *a* has reached the limit of its forward movement it will be locked in that position by reason of the engagement of the said toothed bar with the upper end of the heel-piece.

It is obvious that the toothed bar *a'* may be pivoted to the upper end of the heel-piece B and have its teeth in engagement with the lever *a* without departing from the principle of my invention.

What I claim as my invention is—

A holder for shoes consisting of two separate and disconnected parts comprising a heel-piece shaped to distend the heel portion of the upper having a forwardly-projecting extension along the inner sole toward the toe, and a fore-part piece shaped to distend the fore part of the upper resting and sliding at its lower end on the forward extension of the heel-piece, a lever interposed between the upper ends of said heel and fore part pieces for positively sliding said pieces apart to distend the shoe and means for locking said lever in its operative position substantially as described.

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