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FASTENING DEVICE.

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FIG. 1.

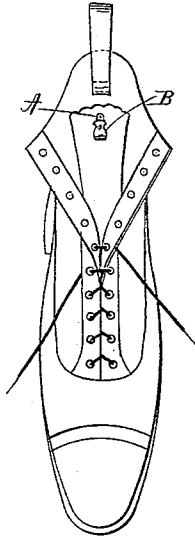


FIG. 2.

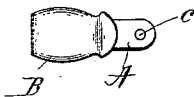


FIG. 3.

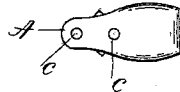


FIG. 4.



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FASTENING DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIMPSON GRANT TEMPLE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Nottingham, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastening Devices, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to provide a clamp or holder for shoe-laces, being especially designed to provide a tight and sure means of securing the shoe-lace of a shoe after the shoe has been laced in the usual manner.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the shoe in perspective the tongue of which is provided with my improved fastening clamp or catch. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view. Fig. 4 is a side view of the same.

Referring more particularly to Figs. 2 and 4, A is the base. B is a clamp-piece bent over parallel with the base A, C c being the eyelet-holes for attaching and fastening the clamp to the tongue or other portion of the shoe.

In stamping out or otherwise forming my clamp or catch I bend downward the edges of the upper portion B, and I also bend upward the edges of the lower portion A, so as to form a contracted portion of the hook-channel, which is intended to confine the lace in the bottom of the hook portion D.

The hook or clamp is used in the following

way: After lacing up the shoe the laces are tied together into a comparatively loose knot. Both laces are then drawn up tightly until the knot is above the opening of the hook or clamp, when both laces are passed through the hooking-space, past the contracted portion E, into the bottom of the hooking-channel D. The knot being of much greater diameter than the space between the base A and the clamping-part B is held above the hook or clamp and thus holds the shoe laced up tightly and at the same time prevents the knot from becoming untied.

By this means I provide a cheap, simple, and effective holder or clamp for retaining and holding tightly in position the laces of a boot or shoe.

What I claim as new is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a shoe-lace fastener, constructed substantially as herein shown and described, consisting of a thin metal plate bent over upon itself, having eyelet-holes for attaching it to the shoe-tongue formed in the lower portion and having edges of the lower portion bent upward and those of the upper portion bent downward to form a contracted space between the two portions, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 16th day of January, 1896.

SIMPSON GRANT TEMPLE.

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