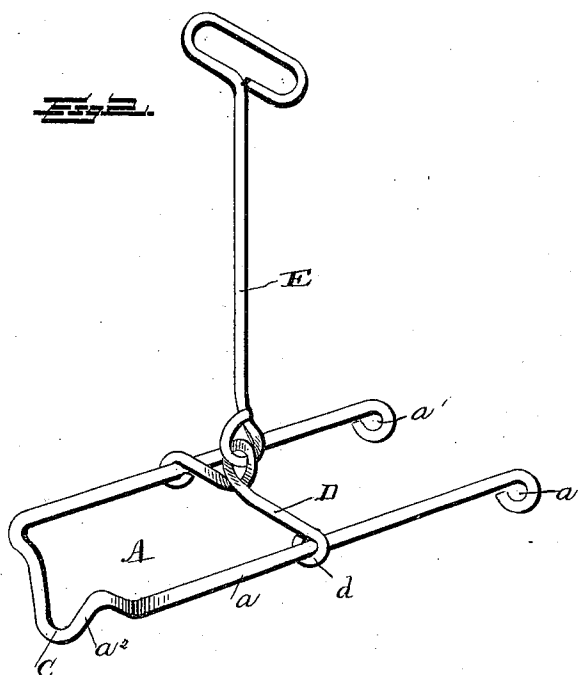
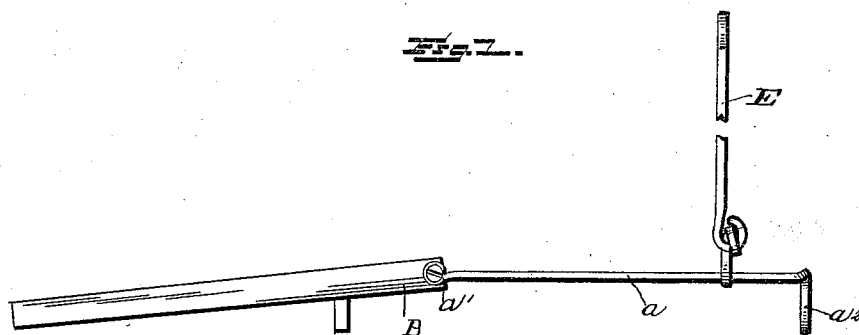


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ULFERT HARMS ULFERTS, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing at Galveston, in the county of Galveston and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bootjacks; 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.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in bootjacks; and it has for its object, among others, to provide a simple and cheap attachment for a bootjack, providing easy and quick removal of wet or tight boots.

It has for a further object to provide a simple means for aiding in the entire removal of the boot after the heel has been removed therefrom.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing the attachment applied to a bootjack. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the attachment itself.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in both views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the attachment, which is formed of a single piece of material, such as wire or Venetian iron, either round or square, with rounded corners and bent to form the two substantially parallel arms *a*, having at their ends the eyes or loops or analogous provision *a'* for the reception of the screws or other means by which it is attached to the points of the ordinary wooden bootjack B, as shown, the connection being such as to allow of pivotal movement of the attachment, so that it can be raised or lowered to accommodate the foot. At the front ends these arms are bent downward at a right angle to form the vertical portions *a*² to enable an easy adjustment of the boot to catch the heel in the curved part C in the front of

the frame, and which is somewhat contracted, as shown, so as to better receive and hold the heel of the boot.

D is a cross-bar slightly arched, as shown, and having its ends formed with loops *d*, which loosely embrace the arms *a*, so as to be moved thereon in the direction of their length. Connected with this cross-bar in any suitable manner, as by screw-bolt, is one end of the handle E. This cross-bar may be of wire or wood, as may be desired.

In practice, with the attachment mounted on the end of the bootjack, after the heel has been removed from the boot in the ordinary manner by the bootjack, the front lower part of the attachments is designed to hold the heel of the boot and the movable part or cross-bar pressed on the instep of the boot, so as to pull the boot off entirely or hold the same while the foot is being pulled out, and thus avoiding the necessity of touching the boot with the hands.

Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

By pulling off the boot or gaiter in the usual manner the cross-bar is employed pressing on the toe of the boot or gaiter, which prevents a strain on the heel and instep as well as on the foot itself.

What is claimed as new is—

1. An attachment to a bootjack, comprising a frame having parallel arms adapted to be attached to the bootjack, with a curved portion to engage the heel of a boot, and a movable cross-bar with a handle, as set forth.

2. The combination with a bootjack, of a frame hinged to the end thereof and having parallel arms and at the outer end downwardly-extending side portions terminating in a curved heel-receiving portion, and a cross-bar mounted to slide on said arms and provided with a handle, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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

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