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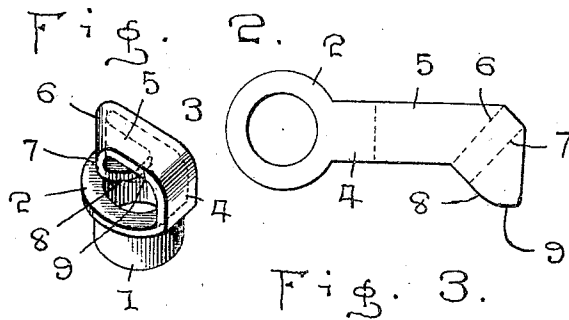
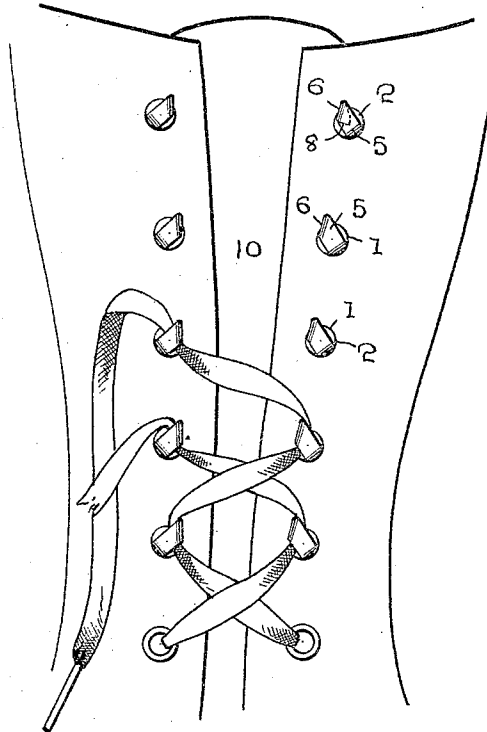
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Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED WEIGAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lacing-Hooks; 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 lacing hooks for wearing apparel, and is especially designed to be used on shoes, gloves, and similar articles of apparel, and has for its object to provide lacing hooks of novel construction by means of which the lace may be conveniently, easily, and rapidly laced and unlaced. It is also an object of the invention to provide a novel device of this character which will be simple in construction, efficient and advantageous in practice, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the novel arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more particularly referred to.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of the specification, wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the upper of a shoe illustrating the invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a view in perspective of the invention detached. Fig. 3 is a view in top plan of the invention with the tongue thereof extended or in blank.

In the drawings, 1 denotes an eyelet of the usual construction having projecting

from its flange 2 the flat tongue 3. This tongue 3 has a portion adjacent the flange bent upwardly therefrom at right angles thereto as at 4, and has its intermediate portion 5 disposed in a plane parallel with the upper surface of the eyelet 1. The end portion of the tongue is bent on an outwardly inclined plane transversely of the tongue as at 6, and projects beneath the portion 5 as at 8. The free edge of the tongue 3 is so arranged that it forms a gradual curve as indicated at 9. This is done to prevent any undue wear or injury to the lace, as is believed to be apparent.

In applying the device to the upper of a shoe, it is to be noted, as shown in Fig. 1, that the eyelet is so positioned as to bring the edge which is inclined, parallel with an edge of the slit 10 of the uppers.

I claim:

A device of the character described, comprising an eyelet having an annular offset around its upper edge, an extension on said offset extending upwardly from one side of the lateral edge thereof and about at a right angle thereto to elevated position above said eyelet then transversely thereof and then downwardly to a point slightly above the top of said annular portion and adjacent to the opposite side of the lateral edge of said portion, and finally curved inwardly and terminating on the line of the axis of said eyelet, said inwardly curved portion being rounded upon its inner lateral edge.

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

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