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SHOE HORN.

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Fig. 1.

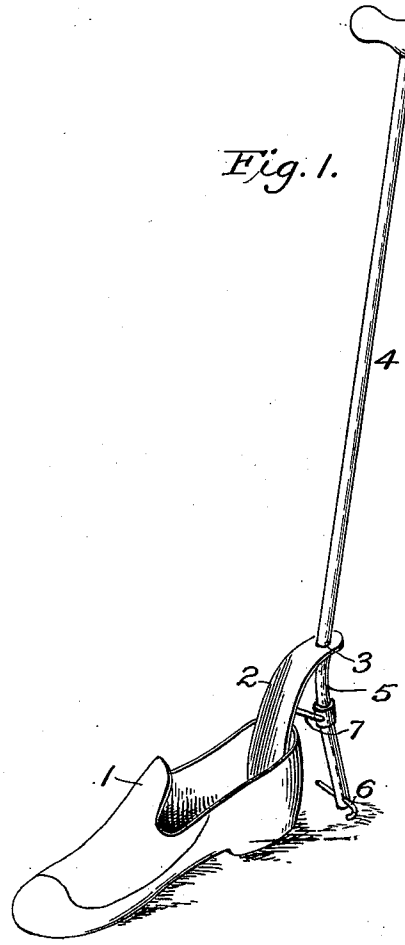


Fig. 2.

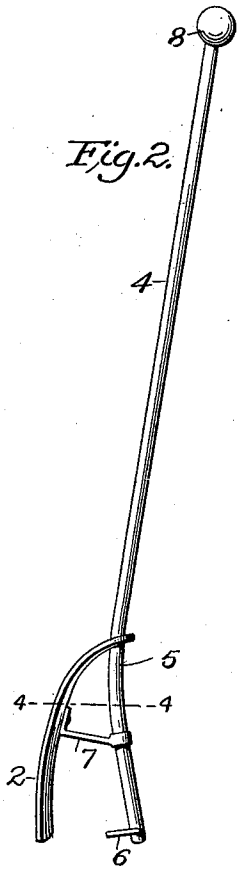


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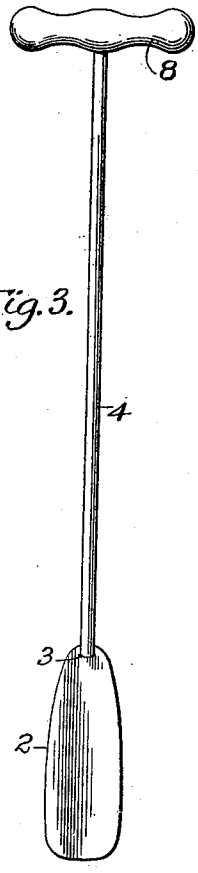
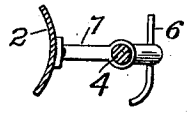


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH LOUIS NYLANDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Duluth, in the county of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Horns; 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 relates to improvements in devices designed to facilitate the insertion of the foot into a shoe, overshoe, or the like, and has for its object the production of a simple, durable, and efficient device by means of which close-fitting foot-gear can be easily placed upon the foot without necessitating the handling of the shoe.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my device in position upon an overshoe. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the device detached. Fig. 3 is a front elevation thereof, and Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 indicates an overshoe, within the heel of which is placed what I will term the "horn" 2 of my device. The horn 2 preferably consists of a strip of any suitable material, preferably sheet metal or the like, curved transversely to correspond with the curvature of the heel of the shoe and bent back at its upper end to receive through an aperture 3 at its extremity an elongated rod 4, which is bent back, as illustrated at 5, at a point below its connection with the horn and is provided with a terminal cross-piece 6.

7 indicates a suitable brace intermediate the rod 4 and horn 2, adapted to retain them in their proper relative positions. A handle 8 is provided at the upper extremity of the rod 4 and within easy reach of the person standing upright.

The operation of my device is as follows: Supposing it is desired to insert the foot in an overshoe, the tongue of the overshoe, if it is folded upon the interior thereof, as it usually is, is pulled out by means of the cross-piece 6 and the horn 2 is inserted and placed against the heel of the vamp, the manipulation of the device being possible without stooping by grasping the handle 8 in an obvious manner. The foot is now placed in the shoe, the heel sliding down the horn and into its proper place without requiring the person wearing the overshoe to stoop or soil the hands in an endeavor to affix the overshoe. The horn may then be withdrawn by a slight pull upon the handle, and the operation is complete.

I do not desire to limit myself to the details of construction herein shown and described, but reserve to myself the right to change, modify, or vary the same within the scope of my invention.

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

In a device of the character described, the combination with a shoe-horn curved laterally and longitudinally and apertured at its upper extremity, of a rod passing through the aperture in the shoe-horn and bent rearwardly, and a brace intermediate the rod and horn, substantially as specified.

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

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