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Fig. 1.

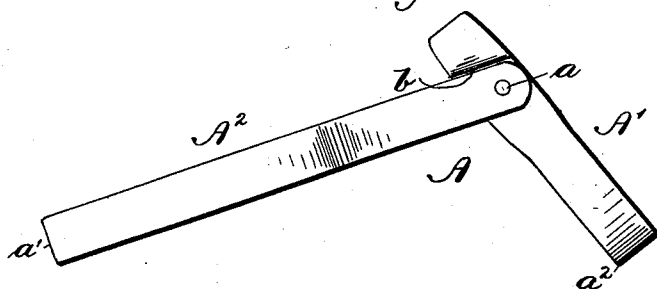


Fig. 2.

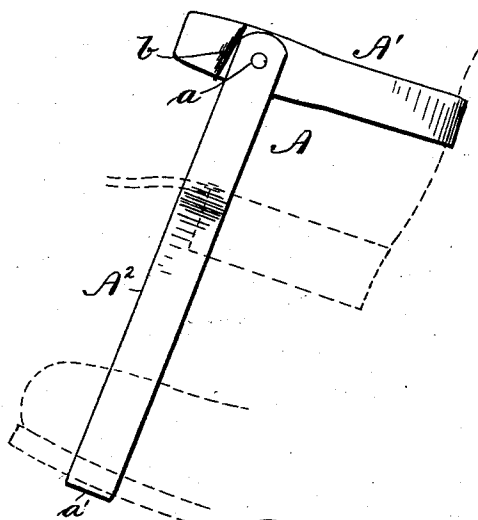
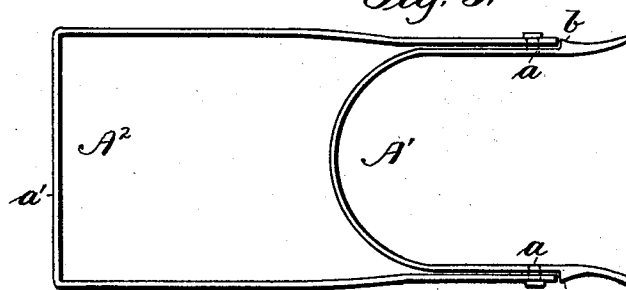


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HUGO, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Bayard, in the county of Grant and Territory of New Mexico, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boot-Jacks; 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 has relation to boot-jacks, and among the objects sought to be attained by my invention is to provide a boot-jack which is extremely simple and inexpensive in construction, small in size, and which is adapted to be folded compactly thereby rendering it capable of being readily carried in a pocket of a garment, whereby it is rendered especially advantageous to persons while traveling.

A further object of my invention is to provide a boot-jack which is adapted to be placed upon the floor in a position to properly receive the heel or counter of a boot or shoe without necessitating the manipulation of the device with the hands for that purpose, and with the described objects in view the invention consists in the peculiar construction arrangement and combination of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved device. Fig. 2 is a like view, showing in dotted lines the manner of drawing off a shoe. Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the device as folded.

My improved boot-jack consists essentially of two stirrup-shaped portions hinged or pivoted together, one of said portions being adapted to receive and tightly hold the heel or counter of a shoe or boot while the other portion is adapted to receive the toe of the other shoe or boot for the purpose of readily drawing off the first mentioned shoe, said stirrup-shaped portions being adapted to be compactly folded together.

A indicates my improved boot-jack, consisting of the stirrup-shaped portions A' and A'' pivoted together as at a. The portion A'

is substantially U-shaped whereby it is adapted to conform to the shape of the heel or counter of a shoe and enable the same to fit securely within it. The outer ends of the arms of the portion A' are flared slightly whereby the insertion of the shoe between them is facilitated, and at the same time act more or less to wedge the shoe in place. The portion A'' is also somewhat of a U-shape though I preferably make it more of a rectangular shape as shown, and said portion is open at the end where the portion A' is pivoted thereto.

I preferably construct the portion A'' with the straight bearing portion a' which is adapted to seat squarely upon the floor and for the purpose of holding the device in the position represented in Fig. 1,—a position which is most convenient for the ready and proper insertion of the heel or counter of a shoe. I provide each of the arms of the portion A' at a point just above the pivot pins with either a lug or a shoulder, preferably the latter, as shown at b, against which the upper edge of the arms of portion A'' is adapted to bear and thus maintain the parts in the inclined positions shown in said Fig. 1.

In using my device it is placed upon the floor in the position shown in Fig. 1, the edges a'', and a' of the portions A' and A'' respectively bearing upon the floor and the heel or counter of the shoe to be drawn off is then forced tightly into the portion A'. The foot is then raised and with it the device, and the toe of the shoe on the other foot is placed within the portion A'', when by pushing outwardly or downwardly with said foot the shoe or boot held within portion A' will be readily drawn off. When not in use the portion A' may be folded within portion A'' and the device may be then readily carried in the pocket.

In constructing my device any suitable material or materials may be used, and it may be made in various sizes to accommodate various sizes of boots or shoes.

By constructing the portions of the device as hereinabove described I attain extreme simplicity and lightness—advantages which are not possessed by the majority of similar devices.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a boot-jack, the combination with the stirrup-shaped portion A', provided with the bearing shoulders b, of the stirrup-shaped portion A² to which portion A' is pivoted and within which it is adapted to be folded, said portion A² being provided with the bearing

portion or edge a' adapted to seat upon the floor, for the purpose specified. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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