

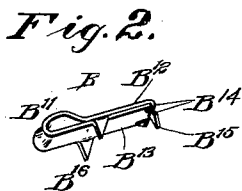
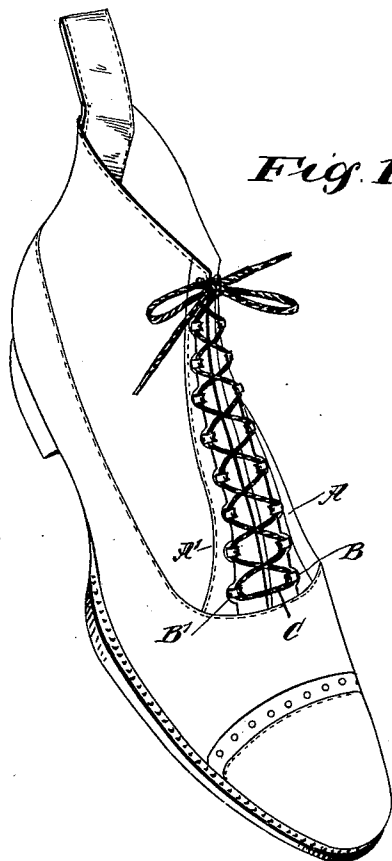
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## SHOE-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DAN MARSHALL YOUNG, of Newburg, in the county of Orange and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Shoe-Fastener, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved shoe-fastener which is simple and durable in construction and arranged to permit of conveniently and quickly opening the shoe for putting it on the foot of the wearer and to then allow ready closing of the shoe by simply pulling the string or lace without first lacing, as heretofore practiced.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claim.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement as applied, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the loops detached.

On the oppositely-arranged opening and closing flaps A A' of the shoe are arranged loops B B', respectively, placed a suitable distance apart, but extending throughout the length of the flaps. Through these loops is passed a string or lace C in crisscross fashion, as is plainly shown in Fig. 1, so that the string is confined in the loops, but is free to slide up or down in the same for closing or opening the flaps, as hereinafter more fully described.

As shown in Fig. 2, the fastening-loop consists of a piece of suitable material, preferably sheet metal, bent at about its middle portion to form a loop B<sup>11</sup> and top and bottom members B<sup>12</sup> B<sup>13</sup>, respectively, lying one on top of the other. The top member B<sup>12</sup>, as

shown, is formed with prongs B<sup>14</sup> at its rear edge, which are bent around the rear edge of the lower member B<sup>13</sup> to clamp the two members together, and is also formed with another prong B<sup>15</sup>, which acts as a clenching-prong in connection with clenching-prongs B<sup>16</sup> on the side edges of the bottom member.

By the arrangement described the string C is confined in the loops on the flaps A A', and in order to open the shoe for putting it on the wearer's foot it is only necessary to pull the flaps apart, as the lace or string readily accommodates itself by sliding in the loops. When the shoe is on, the operator simply takes hold of the ends of the string and pulls on the same to draw the flaps together to close the shoe, and then the ends of the string are tied in the usual manner to prevent accidental opening of the flaps.

The device may be used for other purposes—for instance, on gloves, corsets, and the like, also upon belting for machinery.

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

A fastening, consisting of a single piece of material bent or turned upon itself at about its middle portion to form a loop and top and bottom members, the top member being offset near its middle toward the bottom member and formed with prongs at its rear edge of which one forms a clenching-prong and the others are bent around and clamped upon the rear edge of the bottom member, and the bottom member being formed with clenching-prongs on its sides adapted to attach the fastening to an article, in connection with the clenching-prong of the top member, as shown and described.

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