

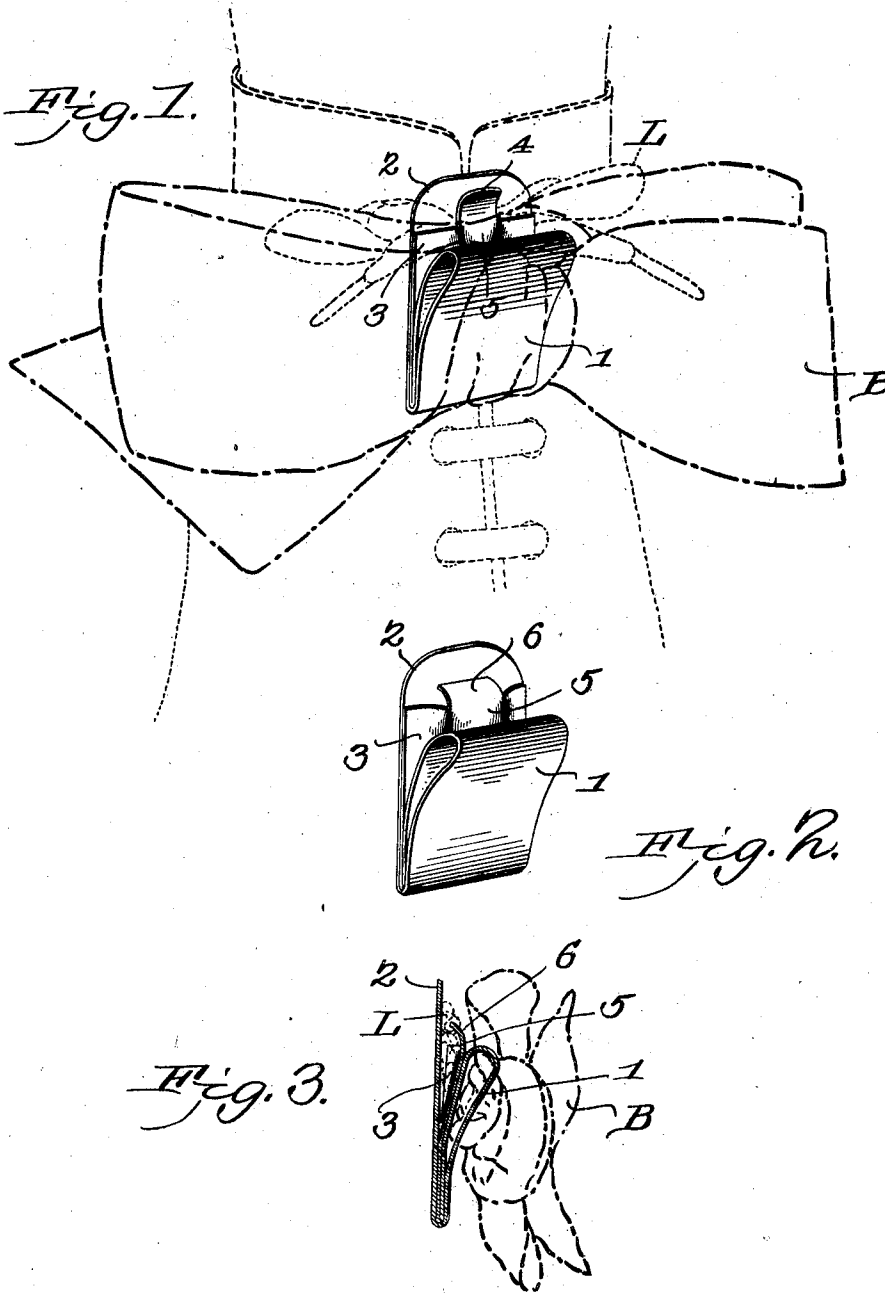
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOWARD H. PETTY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pomona, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Combined Shoe-Lacing Fastener and Bow-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined shoe-lacing fastener and bow-holder.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and thoroughly effective device which when positioned over the knot of the shoe-lacing will positively prevent the same from coming untied and will also provide a ready means whereby a bow may be worn.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a combined shoe-lacing fastener and bow-holder, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a perspective view exhibiting one form of the device applied to a shoe-lacing and with a bow combined therewith, the shoe-lacing and bow being in dotted lines for purpose of clearness of illustration. Fig. 2 is a perspective detail view of a slightly-modified form of the invention. Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view through the device shown in Fig. 2, exhibiting the same combined with a shoe-lacing and bow.

The device is constructed, preferably, of a strip of spring metal, such as thin sheet-steel, brass, or the like, and is bent upon itself to form a bow-holding loop 1 and then again doubled upon itself to bring the terminals of the strip in rear of the loop when the device is positioned, and to present shoe-lacing-clamping members 2 and 3. The member 2 is provided with a rounded upper terminal in order to eliminate any danger of cutting the shoe-lacing L, and the member 3 is provided intermediate of its width with a lip or tongue 4 and with a hollow boss 5, the concave face

of which opposes the member 2 and provides a socket to receive the knot of the shoe-lacing. The tongue 4, as clearly shown, is curved away from the member 2, thus to form in conjunction therewith a throat through which the knot of the lacing slips.

In positioning the device upon a shoe-lacing, after the same has been tied the member 2 is slipped back of the knot, thereby bringing the knot into the throat formed by the tongue 4 and the member 2. Upon the loop 1 being grasped and drawn upward, the members 2 and 3 will be forced apart, thereby permitting the knot to pass between the two members and into engagement with the socket 5. It is to be understood, of course, that the bow B is permanently combined with the loop 1 so long as it is in a condition to wear. In other words, the bow is not disturbed each time that the device is removed from the shoe-lacing.

In the form of the invention shown in Figs. 2 and 3 the only difference in construction is that the tongue 6 is flexed inward toward the member 2, and thus presents a stop which will positively prevent the device from working loose from the knot of the lacing.

The improvements herein defined, while simple in character, will be found thoroughly efficient for the purpose designed and may readily and easily be manufactured without the necessity of the employment of expensive machinery for the purpose, and will operate positively to prevent the knot of a lacing from untying.

I claim—

A device of the class described comprising a single piece of metal bent double to present a bow-receiving loop and a pair of shoe-lacing-knot-engaging elements, one of the elements being provided with a tongue and with a depression to receive the knot of the lacing.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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