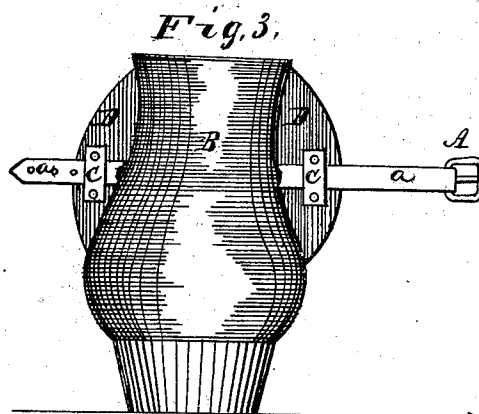
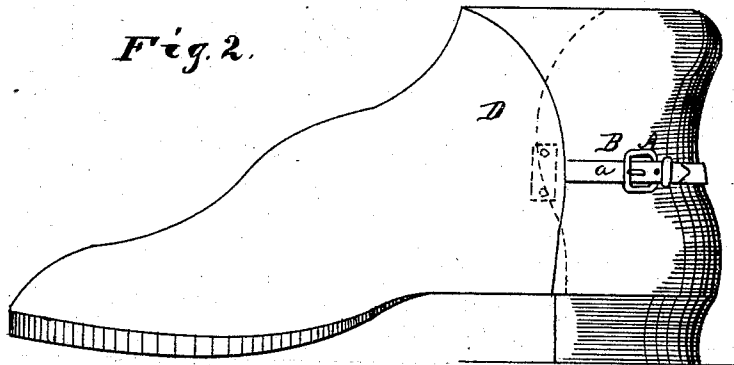
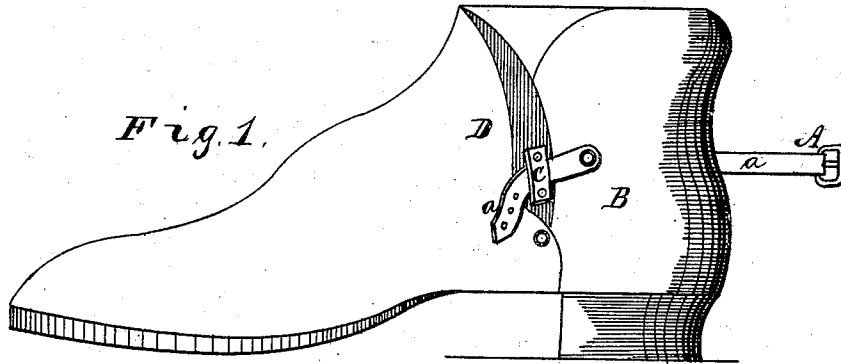


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOE-FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM JOHN McKEE, of city of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in regard to Shoe-Fastening; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention consists in an improved fastening for the style of shoe having side openings, and is designed to produce a neater fit of the shoe and prevent the foot from slipping up and down in walking.

Figure 1 shows side view of shoe, with fastening open. Fig. 2 shows side view of shoe, with fastening closed. Fig. 3 shows rear view of the shoe, with fastening open.

To enable those skilled to fully understand my invention I will proceed to describe the construction and operation of the same.

The straps *a a* are attached to the outside of the back quarters of the shoe, but with the free end toward the vamp or front quarters. The front quarters are provided on their inner sides with the loops *c c*. The fastening-straps are passed through the loops, and the

longer strap *a*, which has an ordinary buckle, *A*, attached, is brought around to the side of the shoe and secured in the usual manner. It will be seen that by this construction both pressure and draft are combined, the shoe is better braced to the foot, and the heel is prevented from slipping up and down in walking. The loops are attached to the quarters a little below the points at which the straps are secured, so that in drawing the straps the draft is in a measure in a diagonal direction, tightly closing the front quarters over the back quarters, producing a neat fit over the instep, and preventing the foot from slipping up and down in walking.

Having thus described my invention I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A shoe-fastening, consisting of the loops *c c*, attached to the inside of the front quarters of a shoe, and the straps *a a*, attached to the outside of the back quarters in a line slightly above the loops, and adapted to operate substantially in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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

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