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Fig. 1.

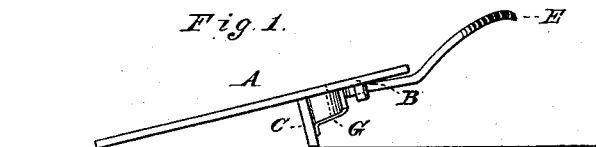


Fig. 2.

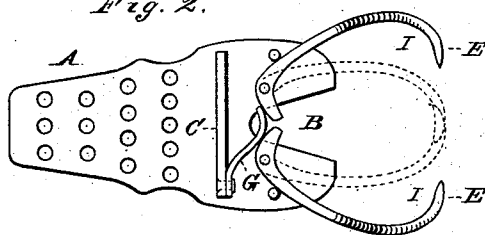
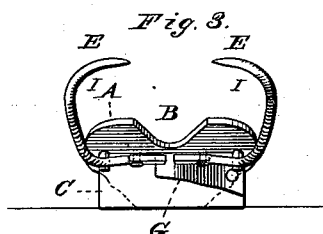


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NICKOLAUS J. SHALZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brown, in the county of Clinton and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boot-Jacks; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention, and is a side view. Fig. 2 is a view of the under side. Fig. 3 is a front or end view.

My invention relates to boot-jacks; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates the foot-plate or base of the boot-jack, upon which the boot or foot is rested when drawing a boot from the foot. This foot-plate A is in outline shaped something like the outline of the foot, and is perforated to assist in keeping it clean, dirt and dust readily passing through the perforations. In its enlarged or front end the foot plate is provided with the usual V-shaped notch, B, which engages the heel of the boot or shoe, as the case may be.

C designates the transverse bridge, which gives the foot-plate the desired angle of inclination. At opposite sides of the V-shaped notch B the under face of the inclined foot-plate or base A is provided with pivoted curved levers or clamps E, which are designed to

clamp the heel of the boot or shoe when it is desired to remove the boot or shoe from the foot. The clamps or levers E are pivoted to the under face of the inclined foot-plate A, and their rear ends are curved inwardly and meet, and are engaged by a curved spring, G, which is secured to the bridge-plate, so that said arms are normally held open. When the heel of the boot or shoe is placed in the V-shaped notch of the jack, it impinges against the inner curved ends, I I, of the lever-clamp, and causes the levers to engage the heel of the boot or shoe and hold it firmly in place while the foot is being withdrawn therefrom.

I am aware that it is not new to form a boot-jack with two spring-arms adapted to be operated by the pressure of the heel while removing the boot, and therefore do not wish to be understood as claiming such devices, broadly.

Having thus fully described this invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, the boot-jack described, consisting of the sole-plate having its forward edge notched, the transverse bridge beneath, the similar curved arms, I I, pivoted at their inner ends to the under side of the sole-plate, the stops for the arms on the under side of the said plate, and the spring G, secured to the bridge and pressing at its opposite end on the inner ends of the said curved arms, all adapted for joint operation, substantially as specified.

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

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