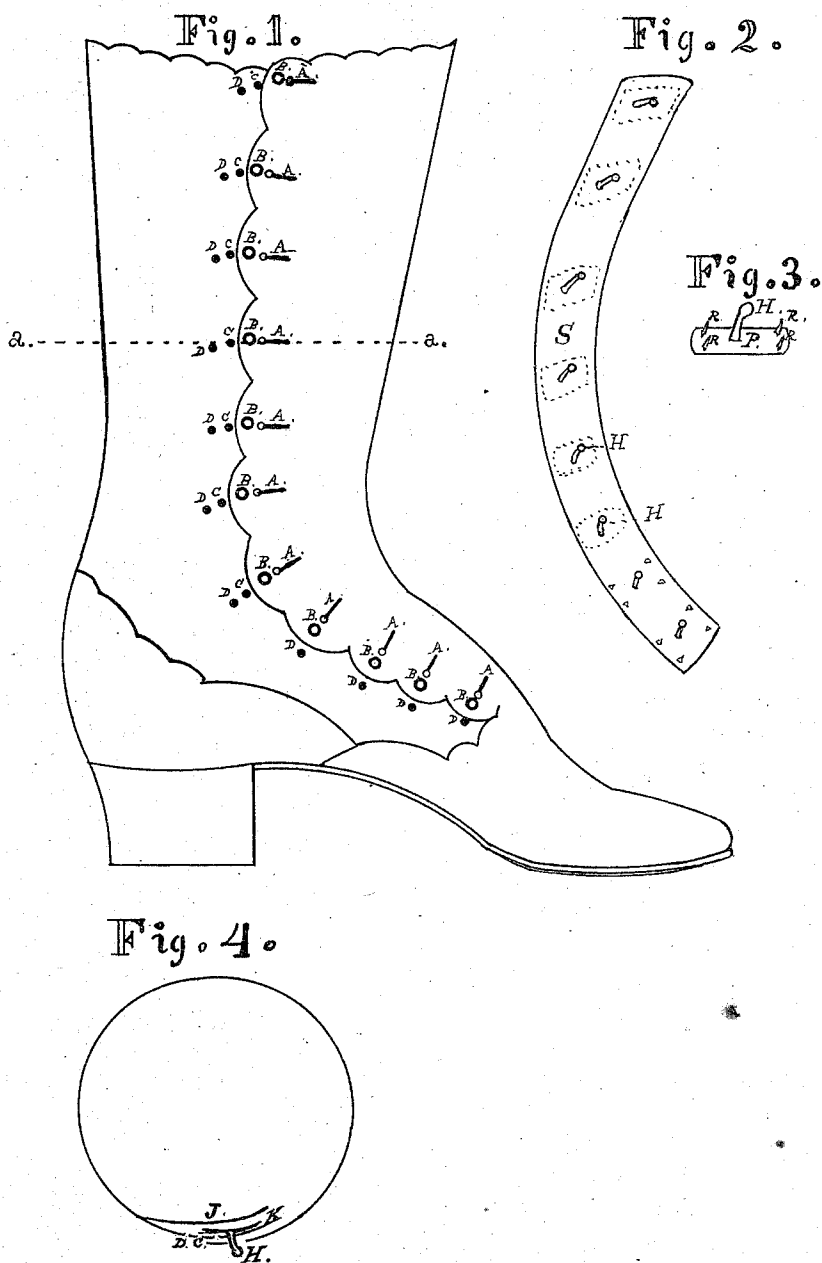


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOE-FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEOPHILUS TUCKER, of Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented an Improvement in Shoes, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of my invention will be more fully understood by reference to the accompanying drawing, and the letters marked thereon.

Figure 1 is a side elevation, showing a ladies kid foxed shoe. Fig. 2 is a button-strap designed to be placed between the outside and lining of the shoe. Fig. 3 shows a button detached from the strap. Fig. 4 shows a section above the ankle at the dotted lines *a a*.

The following is the construction of the shoe and fastening: The shoe may be made of any desired cut or style, as shown in Fig. 1, with space left between the outside *K* and the lining *J* to receive the button-strap, (shown in Fig. 2,) to which the hook-buttons *H* are attached. *D* and *C* represent perforations or holes into which the hook-buttons *H* are adjusted to accommodate the size of the foot or ankle. The hook-button *H* is attached to a broad base or plate, *P*, (shown in Fig. 3,) and inclines to suit the curve whose radius is equal to the breadth of the shoe front or piece that laps over in buttoning. This plate is attached to the straps by means of the hooks or clinches *R R R R* shown in Fig. 3.

It will be seen that the button or hook *H* is

not intended as an ordinary button to hold by means of its breadth bearing upon the sides of the button-hole, but by its position, being held by the broad base or plate *P*, it acts as a hook, while it has the appearance of a small button, its position is to lean forward, inclining so as to keep the shoe about as tight when the flap or front piece is brought over the shank close down to the inner flap or front piece as when it passes over the outer end or button. When the shoe is placed upon the foot the buttons or hooks are adjusted, through the perforations *C* or *D*, to suit the size of the foot and ankle. The front of the shoe may be left open, so that the strap may be withdrawn at any time, and be placed in another shoe when the shoe is worn out, or the strap may be inserted in shoes which have been made for the ordinary button.

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

1. A shoe, having the front composed of the outside *K*, with two or more series of perforations, the lining *J* forming a pocket to receive the adjustable button-strap, substantially as set forth.

2. The series of hook-buttons *H*, attached to the broad base *P*, and curved forward, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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