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Boot-Jacks.

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Fig. 1

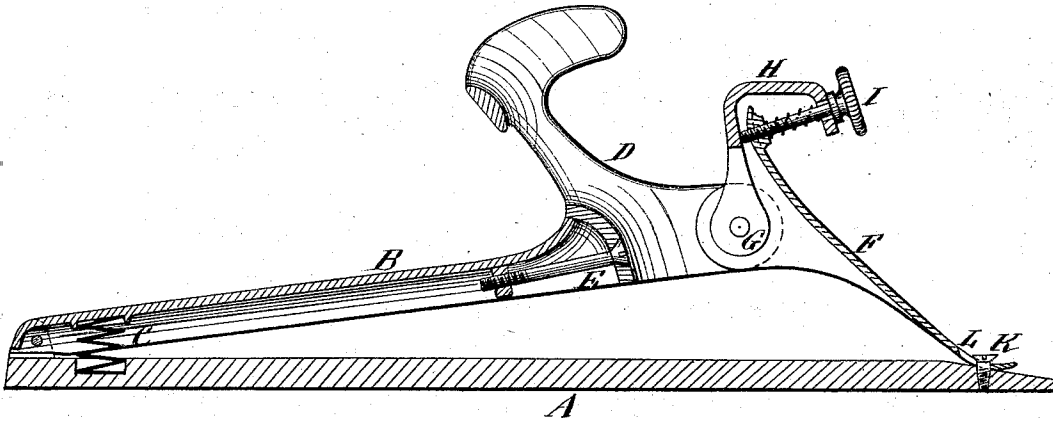
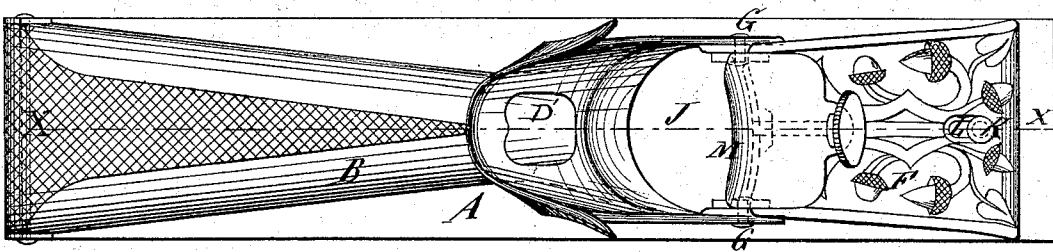


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOT-JACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER H. BAKER, of Virginia City, in the county of Storey and State of Nevada, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boot-Jacks, of which the following is a specification:

The invention will first be fully described, and then pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal section of Fig. 2, taken on the line *xx*. Fig. 2 is a top view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the bed-plate, which is preferably made of wood, but it may be made of metal. B is a spring plate or casting, which is hinged at the back end to the bed-plate A. C is a spring beneath the casting B, which raises and supports it in an inclined position, as seen in Fig. 1. This casting B is made in two parts, B and D, fitted together and held by the screw E, so as to form a single piece, and it may be cast in a single piece, if desired. The forward portion, D, is inclined back and is curved to receive the back portion of the boot, and has an opening, D'. F is the catch-plate, which is hinged to the part D by the pivots G G. The front end of the plate F is pro-

vided with a slot, L, through which passes the screw K that attaches the plate to the bed A, and on which it slides when the plate B is forced down by the pressure applied thereto.

In drawing off a boot, the heel thereof is placed in the opening J, between the parts D F, and pressure applied to plate or lever B by the other boot, which causes said heel to be gripped or clamped more or less tightly, according to the degree of the pressure. While the boot is thus held the foot may be withdrawn.

I have incidentally illustrated in the drawing a supplementary heel-holding device, which may be adjusted for enlarging or diminishing the size of the opening. Said device consists of a bent pivoted plate, H, and thumb-screw I.

What I claim is—

The combination of the parts B, D, and F, pivoted together, and one hinged to bed A, the other provided with a slot, L, to receive the fixed stud K on which it slides, substantially as shown and described.

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