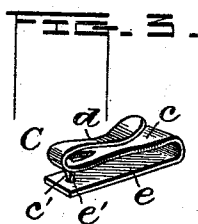
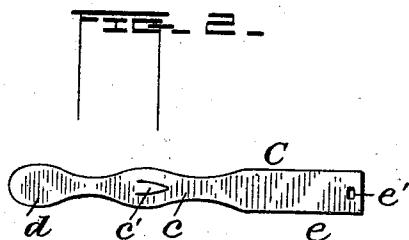
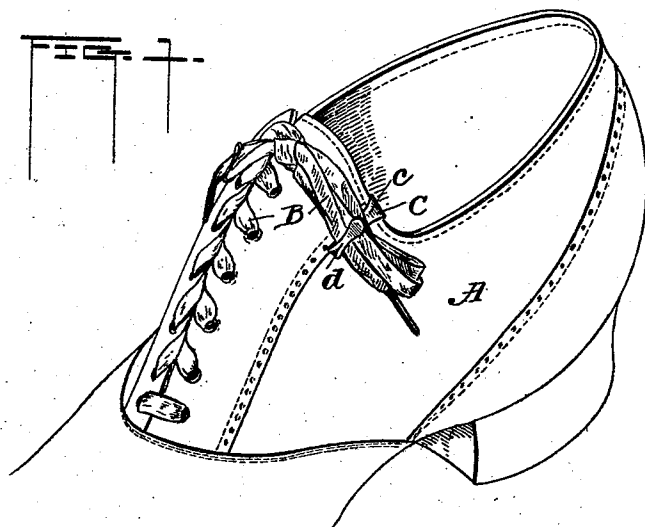


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ACHILL WALTER BRAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Salt Lake City, in the county of Salt Lake, Territory of Utah, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Loop-Holders, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to fastenings or clips for lacings, my object being to provide a construction which can be cheaply manufactured, readily applied to the shoe, and will securely hold the lace-string.

To this end it consists in the various matters hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of a portion of a shoe-upper with my fastening attached. Fig. 2 is a front view of the blank from which my fastening is formed, and Fig. 3 is a perspective of the fastening.

In the drawings, A represents a shoe-upper, B a lace-string, and C the fastening which forms the subject-matter of the present application. This fastening is preferably formed from a single sheet of spring metal, and consists of a body portion *c* adapted to lie against the upper, a spring-retaining finger *d* curved backwardly toward the body *c*, and a back plate *e*. As above suggested, these parts are all formed from a single blank, as shown in Fig. 2, the body *c* being the central portion, while the lower portion is bent upwardly and backwardly to form the finger *d*, and the upper portion is bent downwardly to form the

back plate *e*, thus producing small arches at each end of the body *c*. The blank has stamped out or otherwise formed upon it an opening *e'* in the plate *e* and a pin *c'* in the body *c*.

The application to the shoe is apparent. The upper is inserted between the body *c* and the back plate *e*, the natural tendency of the metal to clamp the leather being supplemented by the pin *c'*, passing through the upper and entering the opening in the plate *e*, where it is clinched, while the finger *d*, preferably curved a little backwardly, forms with the body *c* a clamp between which the shoe or other lacing is caught. The construction is extremely efficient and at the same time is cheap and simple.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A loop holder formed of a single sheet of metal comprising a body portion *c* provided with a pin *c'* struck up therefrom, an arch at one end of the body portion, an exposed back plate *e* upon said arch, said back plate being provided with an opening *e'* for the reception of the pin *c'*, a second arch at the other end of said body portion, and a retaining finger *d* upon said second arch; substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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