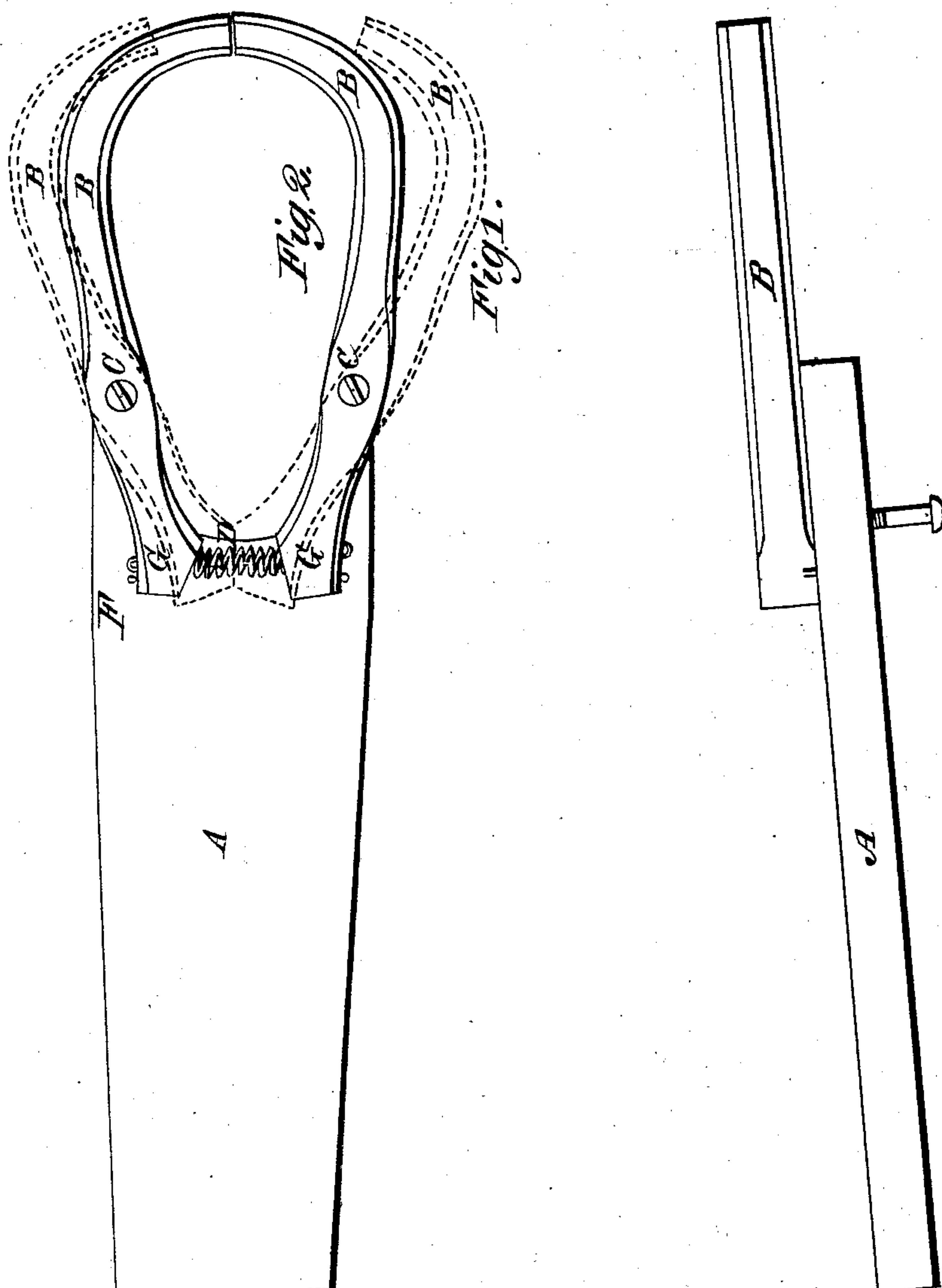


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## BOOT-JACK.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 20,307, dated May 18, 1858.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ORSON S. SIKES, of Suffield, county of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful  
5 Improvement in Boot-Jacks; and I do hereby declare that the same is described and represented in the following specification and drawings; and to enable others skilled in the art to make and use the invention I  
10 will proceed to describe the construction, referring to the drawings, in which the same letters indicate like parts in each of the figures.

The nature of improvement consists in attaching clamps to the jacks as ordinarily  
15 constructed, so that as the foot or heel portion of the boot is brought back into the jack the heel portion of the clamps open against pins or stops, and cramps the heel of  
20 the boot, while at the same time the toe portion of the clamps close over the toe of the boot, and thus holds the boot while it is being drawn off.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1  
25 shows the jack in readiness for use. Fig. 2 shows the position of the clamps when closed.

A is the jack as ordinarily constructed.

30 B, B, are the clamps, C, C, are the screws, by which they are secured to the jack.

D is a spring secured in or to the heel end of the clamps to keep the clamps open in readiness for use.

F are pins or stops placed at suitable distance apart for the heel portion of the  
35 clamps to rest against and the heel of the boot being firmly compressed therein, and the toe of the boot is held down by the toe portion of the clamps G.

In using this improvement, the foot or  
40 boot is placed into the jack in the ordinary way without the extra effort of tipping the toe of the boot forward as is necessary with those jacks which are cut out so as to receive the whole foot by inserting the toe  
45 first, and as soon as the foot is brought back into the clamps the heel portion thereof opens and the toe portion of the clamps closes and the foot is drawn from the boot with perfect ease and in a natural manner.  
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The advantage derived by the use of this improvement over others now in use is the increased ease and facility with which the boot can be taken off.

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

The arrangement of the clamps B, spring D, pins F, operating in the manner and for the purpose described.

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