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JOHN DURHAM, OF CHERRY GROVE, OHIO.

BOOT JACK.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 30,913, dated December 18, 1860.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, John Durham, of Cherry Grove, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Bootjack; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the open jack. Figs. 2 and 3 represent by sectional and perspective views of the closed condition

thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate cor-15 responding parts in the several figures.

The subject of this invention is a boot jack, whose fork or crotch is adapted when not in use to be folded compactly down within its frame and be covered by a lid which serves also to hold the crotch in its open or extended position when required for use.

A, is a triangular open frame having a crotch B, hinged (b,) to its front portion and a lid C, hinged (c) to its rear portion.

The shank of the crotch has a jog or shoulder b', which when the crotch is extended and the lid shut, bears against the front edge of the latter so that a foot of the operator placed upon the closed lid secures the open 30 position of the crotch.

a, are screw holes for attachment to a

floor.

This instrument when folded is in an extremely compact form either for portable 35 use or as a fixture on the floor.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Let-

ters Patent, is—

The combination of the frame A, with the 40 folding indented crotch B, b b', and the lid C, c, adapted to hold the crotch to its open position and to cover it in its closed position, substantially as set forth.

In testimony of which invention, I here- 45

unto set my hand.

JOHN DURHAM.

Witnesses:

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