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*Fig: 1*



*Fig: 2*



*Fig: 3*



*Fig: 4*



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## IMPROVED LASTING-TACK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LUTHER F. THAYER, a resident of Randolph, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improved Lasting-Tack; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 denotes a side elevation, Fig. 2 an edge view, and Fig. 3 a perspective view, of it. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the ordinary lasting-tack, on which my invention is an improvement.

Lasting-tacks are used for confining the upper-leather of a shoe to a last during the process of "lasting" such leather. As usually constructed, these tacks have cubical or prismatic heads, as shown in Fig. 4. The form of these heads is very objectionable, for while connecting the upper leather to the sole of a shoe the thread used in the sewing of the two together is apt to catch or be caught on and by such heads of the lasting-tacks. In order

to prevent this from taking place I make the tack with its head curved on its upper surface and flat on two opposite sides, substantially as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, in which *a* denotes the head, and *b* the body or shank of the tack.

By making the tack-head with two flat and parallel or nearly parallel sides, it can readily be seized by pinchers, in order to draw it from a last.

By having the head curved, as shown in Fig. 1, a thread-loop will easily slip from the head, and not catch or hold on it during the process of sewing the leather held by the tack.

I claim as my invention—

The improved lasting-tack as made with its head round or curved, and having flat sides arranged with respect to the same, in manner substantially as described.

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