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IMPROVED SHANK-LASTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ORRIN R. CLARK and FRELON H. SLYTER, of the town of Marengo, in the county of McHenry and State of Illinois, have invented a new, useful, and Improved Shank-Laster for Lasting Boots and Shoes; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view, representing the handle or lever A A.

D D represent the jaws, riveted to leather strap C, which is riveted to the handle A A at *a*. The eccentric E, when raised to the position as represented by the red lines E', allows the jaws D D to open, as represented by the red lines D'.

To operate the machine, place the upper-leather of the boot to be lasted between the jaws D D and bring down the eccentric E to

force the jaws D D to hold tight to the upper-leather, and place the round end B of lever A A on the opposite side of the boot and press upon the handle A A at H, which will draw the upper-leather over the insole smoothly to its place.

Fig. 2 is a top view of the shank-laster.

We also intend to have a steel spring placed between the jaws D D, to throw them open when the pressure is removed.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The handle or lever A A, strap C, jaws D D, and eccentric E, in combination, arranged and operated in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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