

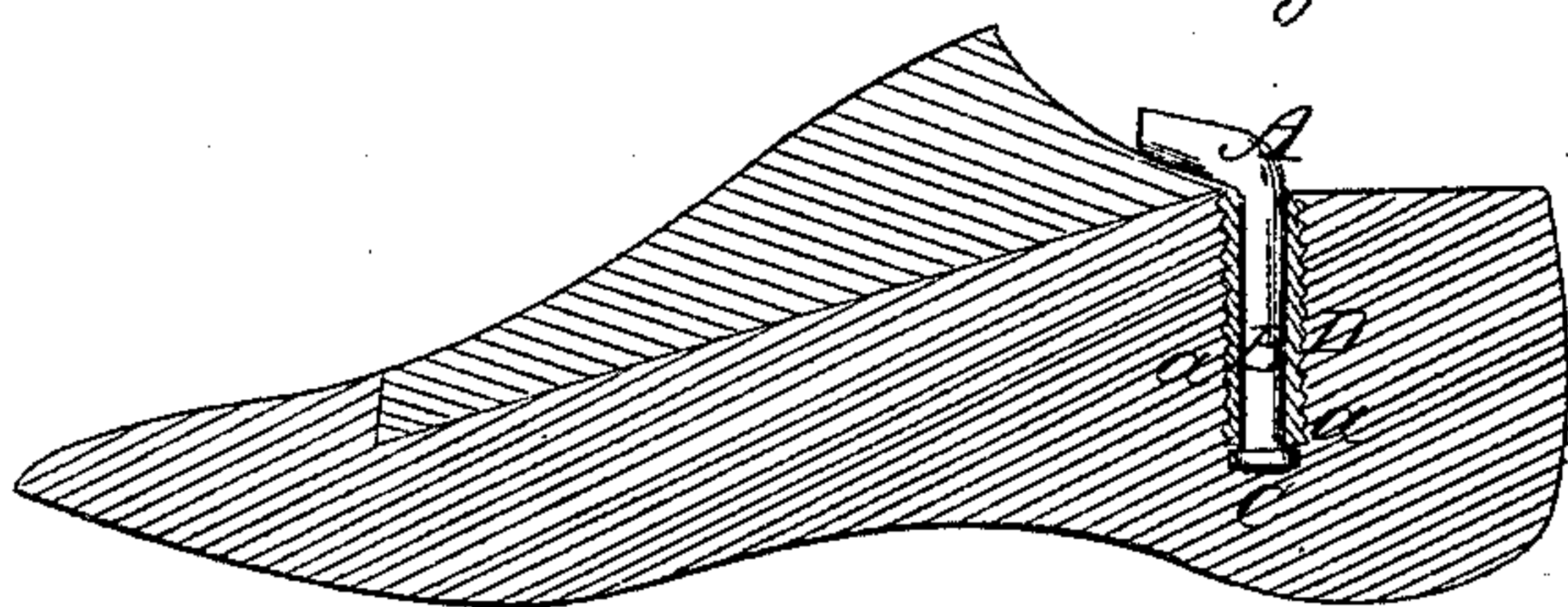
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVED FASTENING FOR LASTS.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, W. S. HUNTINGTON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved "Button-Fastening for Lasts, &c.;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The present invention relates to a button-fastening more especially intended for boot and shoe lasts, although it can be applied to other purposes, and the invention consists in hanging the button in a hollow plug, so as to freely turn therein without becoming detached, which plug, upon its outside, is provided with a screw-thread for screwing it into the part of the last or other article desired, whereby, while the button is free to be turned, it does not in the least tend to loosen the screw-plug by which it was fastened in the last, &c. In the accompanying plate of drawings, my improved button-fastening is illustrated—

Figure 1 being a vertical section through the screw-plug and a side view of the button, showing the former as screwed and thus fastened in a last, and

Figure 2 a plan view of the button-fastening detached or removed from the last.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A, in the drawings, represents the button, which terminates in a spindle or stem, B. By this stem, with a cap or head-plate C on one end, it is hung in the centre of a hollow plug provided with a screw-thread, *a*, around the outside, suitable for screwing it into a last or other article desired and proper therefor; the button end of the spindle projecting beyond one end of the screw-plug C, which, at such end, is suitably slotted across its width to allow a two-pronged or other screw-driver to be employed to insert the plug in the last.

A button-fastening constructed as above described, when attached to a last or other article desired, is perfectly secure, and whether more or less used in no manner is it loosened in its place or seat—a very important advantage, as is obvious.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The button-fastening for lasts, constructed as described, consisting of the spindle B revolving freely in hollow screw-plug D, which is screwed into the last, the lower end of said spindle projecting beyond the said plug as herein set forth.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 31st day of January, 1867.

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