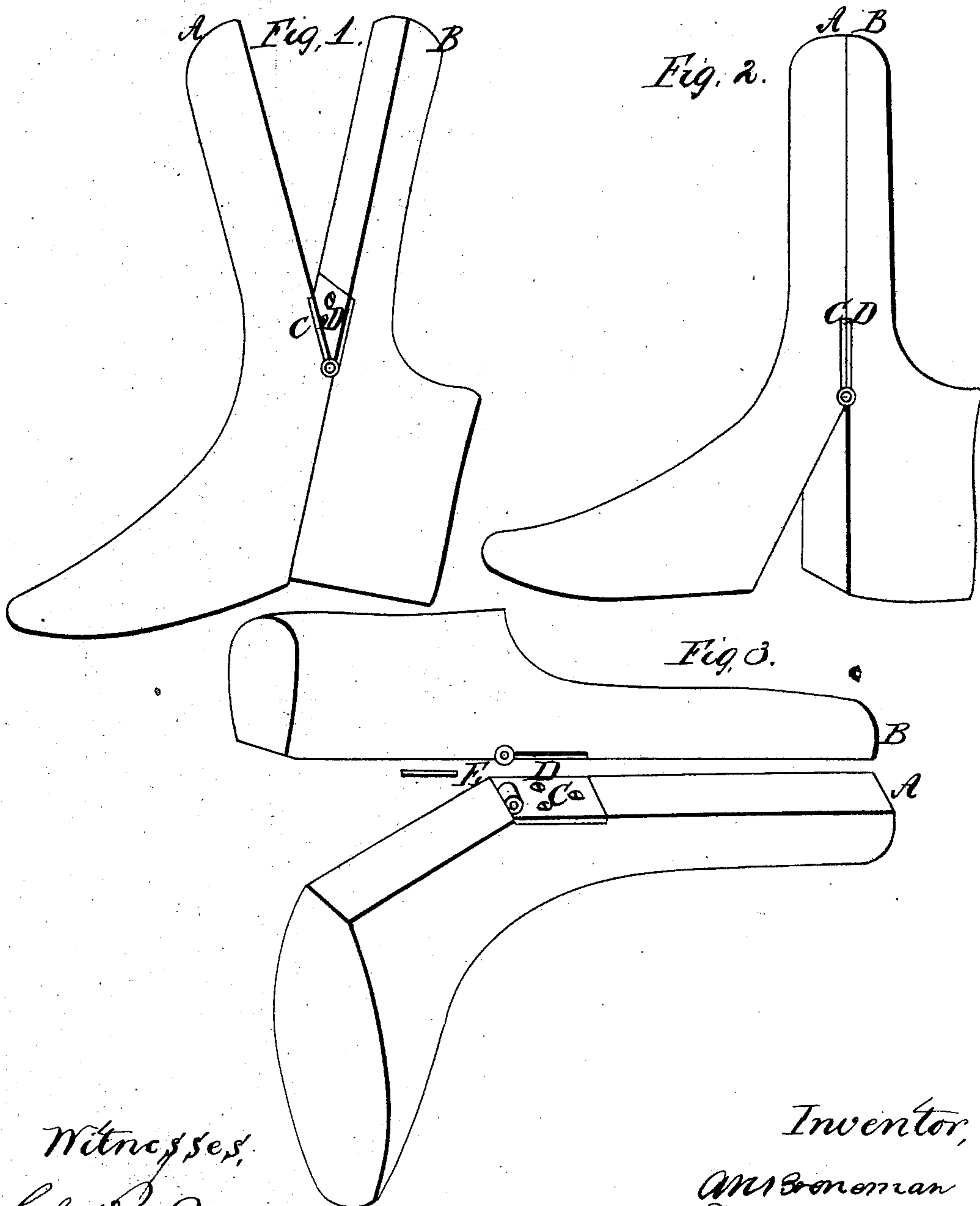


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IMPROVED SHOE-HOLDER.

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, ABRAHAM N. BRENNEMAN, of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new implement or device for holding shoes, called a Shoe-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 shows the combination of its parts closed in the foot, for being introduced into a shoe.

Figure 2, the same with the foot portion spread out.

Figure 3 shows the parts separated, with a part of the hinge on each, and the pin withdrawn.

The nature of my invention consists in providing a series of holders, say four or five, one of which can be selected at a glance, inserted with ease, and at once adapted to the shoe, without the vexatious loss of time incurred in selecting the proper last from a large collection; besides the handles, for dressing up shoes, for patching, or otherwise repairing the upper parts of shoes, afford a facility in handling them so as to answer a much better purpose than a common last.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will state simply that it is composed of two parts, of solid, close-grained wood, A B, as shown, united by a hinge, let into the joining faces of the wood, each portion of the hinge separately, so that when the pin is inserted into the joints of the hinge, both pieces are united, being shaped somewhat like a brogan or high-cut bootee, with a prolongation to each part on the faced sides, forming the combined handle. The triangular piece cut out below the hinge from the front part A, including nearly the whole of the shank, gives great play and adjustability to the parts, and affords a leverage for a tight grip, as well as for filling out the shoe thoroughly, so admirably adapted for numerous purposes of daily use in the trade, that I find, after using it for upwards of twenty months past, to be indispensable. Its extreme simplicity is only surpassed by its utility, and simple as it is, I believe it quite as novel, and my experience has taught me the value of it, which will be fully appreciated by every dealer in the shoe business. As a combined implement, the drawings so clearly show the construction as to enable any mechanic to make it.

I am aware that there are contrivances for holding shoes, but I am not aware of any implement constructed in the manner shown, ever used, before invented by myself and introduced in my business.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The construction and combination of the front piece A and back piece B, united by a hinge, C D E, in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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