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IMPROVED DEVICE FOR HOLDING BOOTS AND SHOES.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, Henry T. Dillon, of Big Lick, in the county of Roanoke, and in the State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Device for Holding Boots and Shoes while stitching or pegging; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, A represents a vertical standard, provided at the top with horizontal and vertical shanks, d d', and also having a joint near the base, as shown at h, in Figure 2. B represents an adjustable vertical standard, provided with a suitable lateral face, adapted to and intended for a side rest for the toe of the last. C also represents an adjustable vertical standard, which is provided with curved convex face at the top, for the purpose of a rest for the toe of the last on its top, and also having a ratchet on its side, near the bottom, as shown at f in Figure 3. D represents the bed or base-plate, constructed of wood, stone, or metal, as may be desired, by which the vertical standard A is supported, by means of a cylindrical shank, which admits of a rotary motion, also to support the adjustable standards B and C, and the stationary standard A. R represents a lever, pivoted to the standard A, and is used to turn the same. M represents a double ratchet-bar. N represents, in fig. 2, a stationary standard, which, in combination with the adjustable collar c, is designed as a support or brace to the rotating and jointed standard A. O represents a lever, pivoted to the standard A, and which may for convenience be closed or brought up parallel with and close to the side of the standard A.

For stitching, the standard C is removed, and the last, which should be provided with a suitable hole in its top, is placed on the horizontal shank of the standard A; then, by moving the lever R horizontally toward the standard B, the toe of the last is pressed firmly against the face of the standard B, and fastened by means of the ratchet M. To reverse the last for sewing the opposite side, the lever R is disengaged from the ratchet M, and the standard B is removed to the opposite end of the base, D, and without taking the last from the shank d, it may be turned over and secured in like manner as before.

For pegging, remove the standard B from and insert the standard C to the base, D, and remove the collar c; then place the last on the vertical shank of standard A, the toe resting on the face of standard C; it is then pressed firmly on said face, and secured by bringing the top of the lever O to the side of the standard C, and then held in place by the ratchet f.

The standards B and C are further provided with square tenons at the bottom, of the size to fit into the square mortises in the face of the base, D, with which it is provided, thereby allowing the said standards to be removed or changed from side to side at will. The standard A is provided with a hinge, h, that its top may be moved backward and forward by means of the lever O.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is-

- 1. The standard A, provided with two shanks d d', the levers R and O, and the hinge h, supported by the brace N, by means of the collar c, as constructed, and for the purpose specified.
- 2. The standard A, in combination with the ratchet M and the adjustable standard B, as and for the purpose set forth.
- 3. The standard A, when used in combination with the standard C and its ratchet f, as is herein fully set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 16th day of November, 1867.

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