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Shoe-Lace.

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Fig. 1.

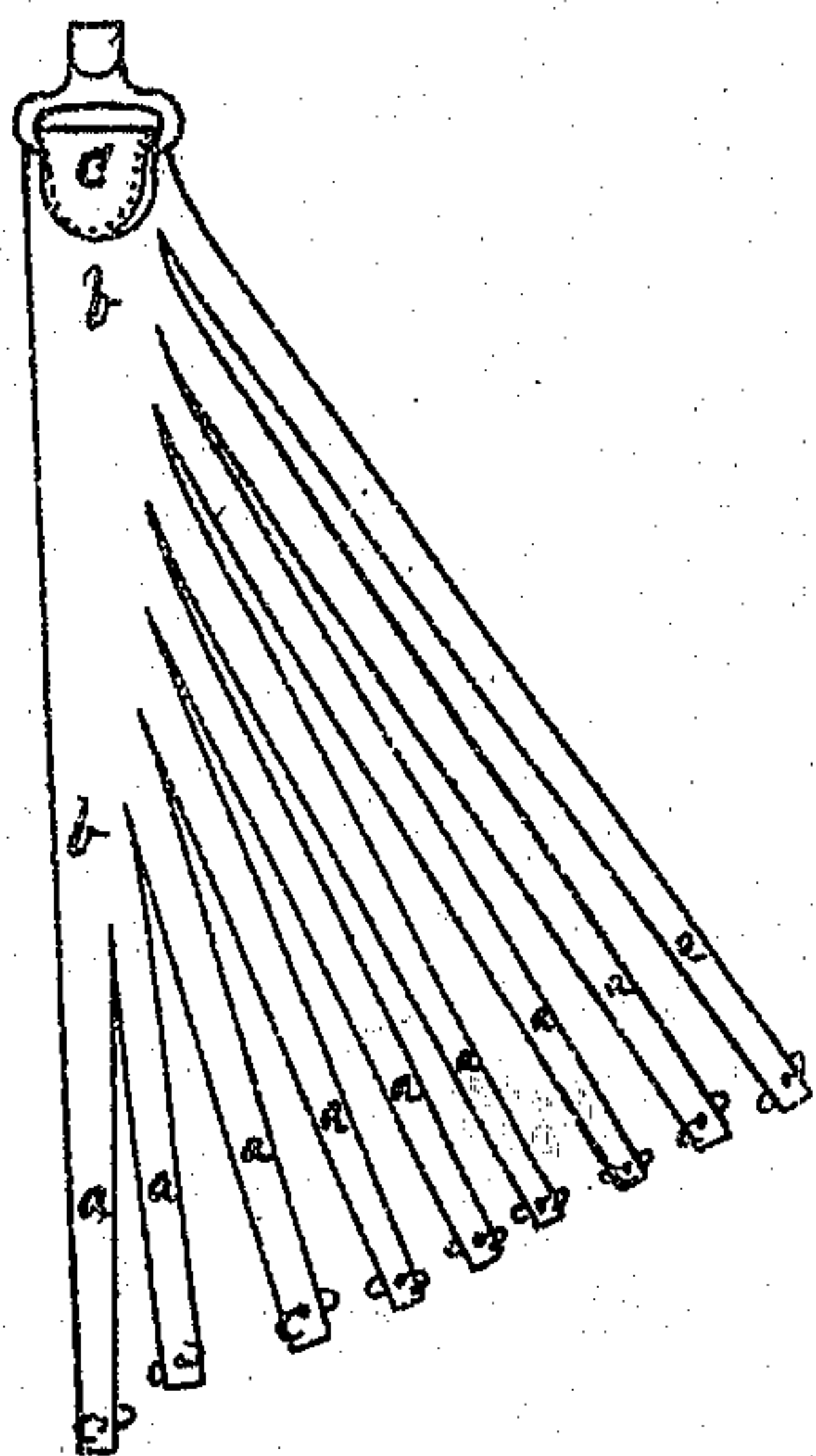
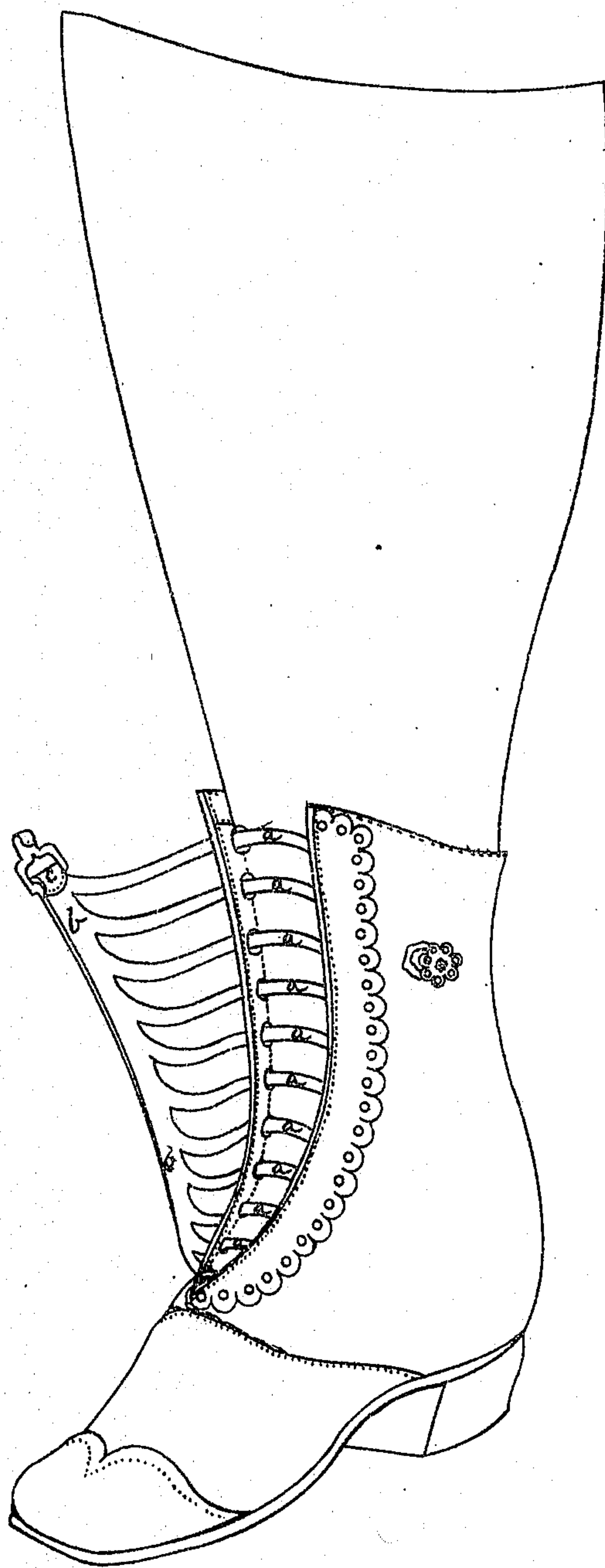


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED SHOE-LACE.

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, LEWIS RICE, of Stockbridge, in the county of Ingham, in the State of Michigan, have invented an Improvement in Boot and Shoe-Lacings; and I do declare that the following is an accurate description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and letters of reference marked thereon, being a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in using a lacing of leather, or any woven material. In making this lacing, I take a piece of leather of the proper kind, cut into the shape shown in Figure 1; then I cut the lacings *a a a*, &c., leaving at *b b* a sufficient width of leather to hold the lacings firmly together. To the ends of the lacings *a a a*, &c., I attach small hooks, or other appurtenance convenient to attach the lacings to the shoe. At the point *c*, I fasten a hook, clasp, or other device to fasten the lacings, when drawn up to the side of the shoe at *d*. In making these lacings of any woven material, the web should be sufficiently strong at *b b* to prevent the lacings from tearing out, and then weave each lacing by itself, separately.

Figure 1 shows the form of the leather, or other material, with the lacings, before attaching to the shoe.

Figure 2 shows the lacing attached to the shoe.

The same letters are used to designate similar parts in each figure.

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

As an article of manufacture, the shoe-lacing device, as described, and for the purposes set forth.

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