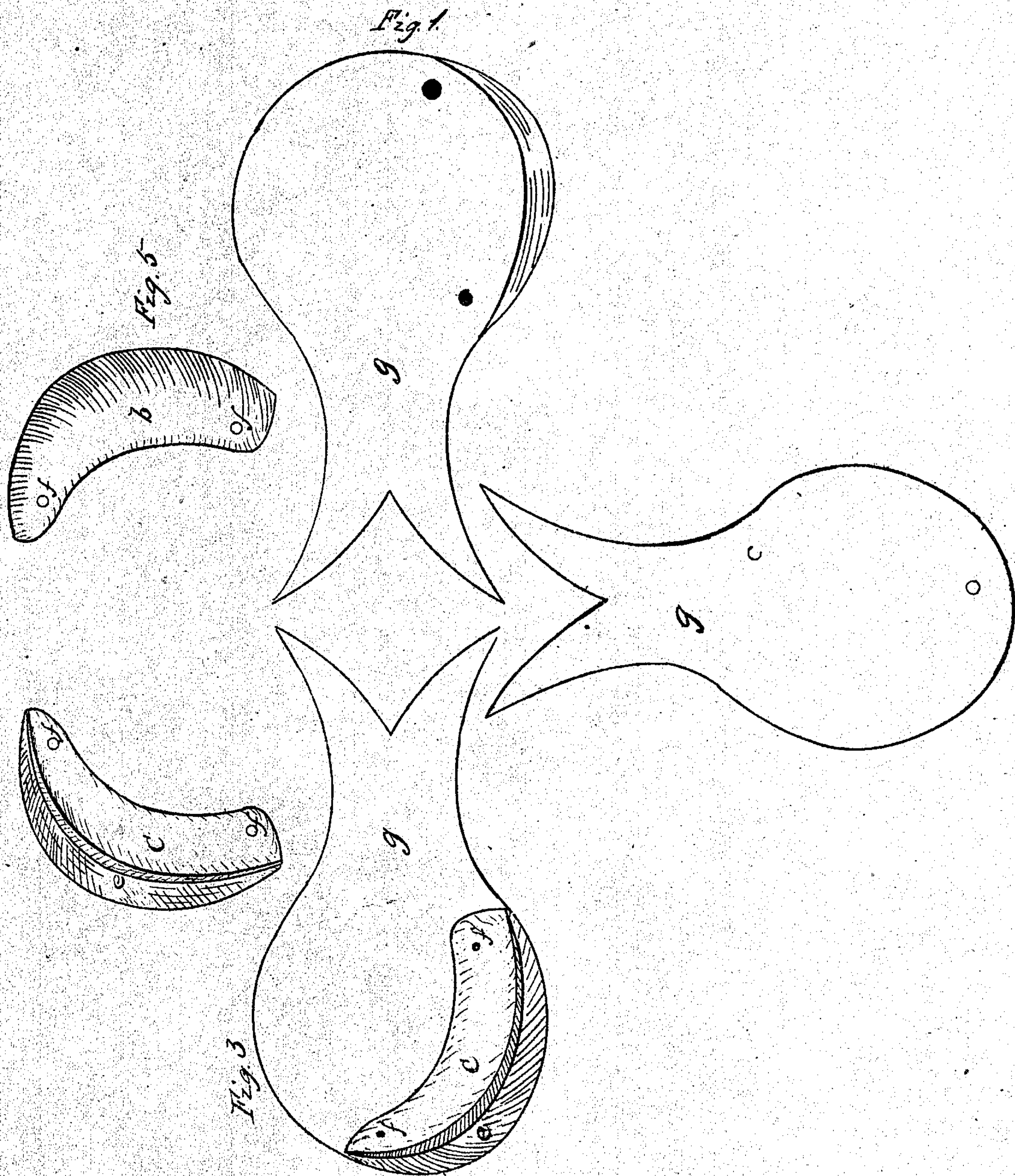


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IMPROVED HEEL-SEAT FOR BOOTS AND SHOES.

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, GEORGE I. MASON, of Lewistown, in the county of Fulton, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improved Heel-Seat with Sole attached; 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 new and useful heel-seat, for the preventing the heels and soles of boots and shoes from greater wear on the one side, when so inclined, than on the opposite side of the same boot or shoe, which will be now described, as well as the manner of its use, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are plan views.

Figure 3, an inverted view of figs. 1 and 2.

Figure 4, an inverted view of the heel-seat.

Figure 5, a view of upper side of the heel-seat.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

a, in the drawing, fig. 1, represents the form of the heel-seat with sole attached, its form being that of a crescent, being made of any suitable material, and of convenient size to conform to the boot or shoe worn. The form of the upper surface, fig. 5, being a concave inclined plane, the nether surface *c*, fig. 4, being convex, forming a thin edge with the upper surface on the inside rim of the crescent, the outer or thick side or edge *d* is extended beyond the nether surface, forming a thin or feather-edge, *e*. *ffff* represent rivet-heads attaching the soles to the heel-seat. The sole *ggg* may be made of any suitable material, and of full length, and may be worn as an insole to the boot or shoe.

The use of the heel-seat with the sole attached is, that it may be worn on the inside of the boot or shoe, and under the heel of the foot, on the side of the boot or shoe that is most worn and inclined to "run down," which will have the effect to bring the bearing or weight of the person on the opposite side from that which is thus worn off, causing the wear of the boot-heel and sole to become nearer equal and perpendicular. The lower edge of the thick or outer side, falling below the under surface of the heel-seat, will find a resting-place between the insole and upper leather of the boot or shoe when used, thereby holding the heel-seat, with sole attached, in its proper position. The heel-seat, with its sole, is made in pairs, the one for the right and the other for the left of the foot or boot, as necessity may require.

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

A heel-seat with sole attached, for the purpose specified, and consisting of the crescent form with sole attached, as and for the purpose specified.

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