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Shoe-String-Fastener.

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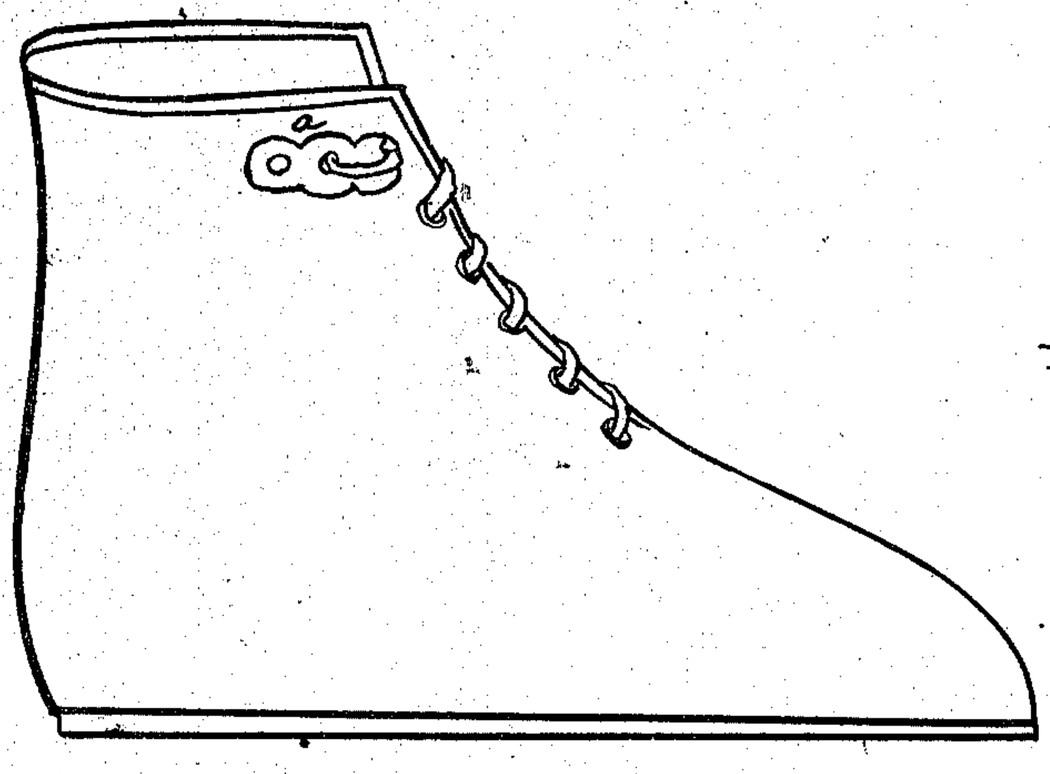
Fig. 1.



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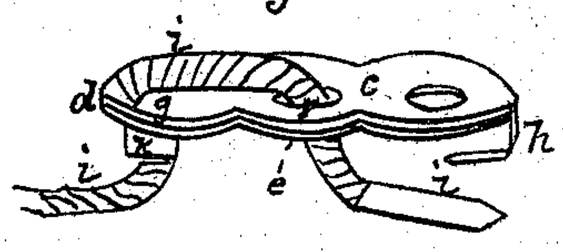

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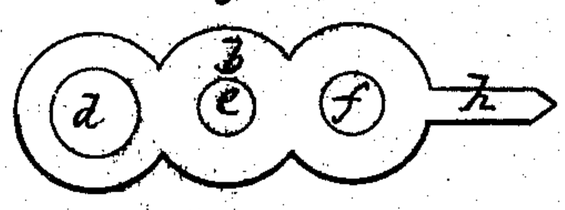

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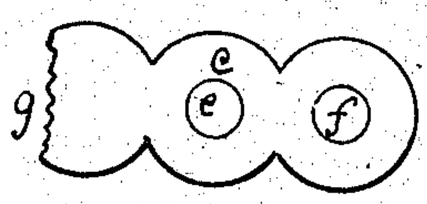

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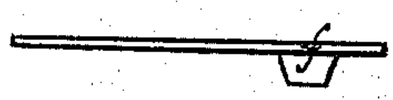

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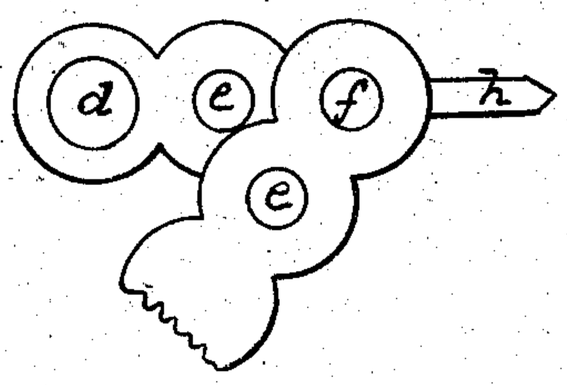

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IMPROVED DEVICE FOR FASTENING SHOE-STRINGS.

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, SIMON B. PARKER, of Springfield, in the county of Hampden, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Device for the Purpose of Fastening Shoe-Strings or Lacings; and I do hereby declare that the same is fully described and represented in the following specifications and the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the shoe, with a fastener at the eyelet.

Figure 2 is a side view, showing the fastener off of the shoe, but with prong bent at one end, and eyelet inserted in hole at the other, and shoe-string fast.

Figure 3 is a view of the bottom section with prong straight.

Figure 4 is a view of top section or lever.

Figure 5 is a side view of top section or lever, showing a flange struck from the plate.

Figure 6 is a view of the top and bottom sections riveted together, by means of a flange in the top section.

In the use of my invention, when fastened on the shoe, as in fig. 1, *a*, the shoe-string or lacing is passed from the inside of the shoe, through the eyelet, to the outside; then over the end of top section *g*, which forms a lever, thence to hole in centre *e*, through lever and bottom section, which binds the string, and, at the same time, locks the two sections together, preventing them from slipping or turning, thus keeping the string firmly bound, and preventing it from drawing back, but allowing the string to be drawn through from the inside to the outside without moving the lever, the same forming a click, which prevents the string from returning, except by pushing the lever to one side. Fig. 3 shows the bottom section, with hole *d* cut through to receive the eyelet, which fastens one end to the shoe; also, hole *e* cut through the centre for the passage of string, and hole *f*, produced by raising a flange, (see side view, fig. 5, *f*,) for the purpose of riveting the top section or lever and bottom section together. Fig. 6 shows the two sections riveted together, top section or lever turned aside.

It will be seen that the top section or lever is shorter than the bottom section, the end *g* not quite covering the hole *d*, fig. 6.

It is a well-known fact that ladies, gentlemen, and children who wear shoes and use strings or lacings, are constantly annoyed by the untying and knotting of their shoe-strings. Now, my invention will prevent this trouble, and, I think, save many angry words and wry faces.

I claim, in my invention, a movable binding and locking-lever, C, for the purpose of fastening shoe-strings, and preventing the same from untying.

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