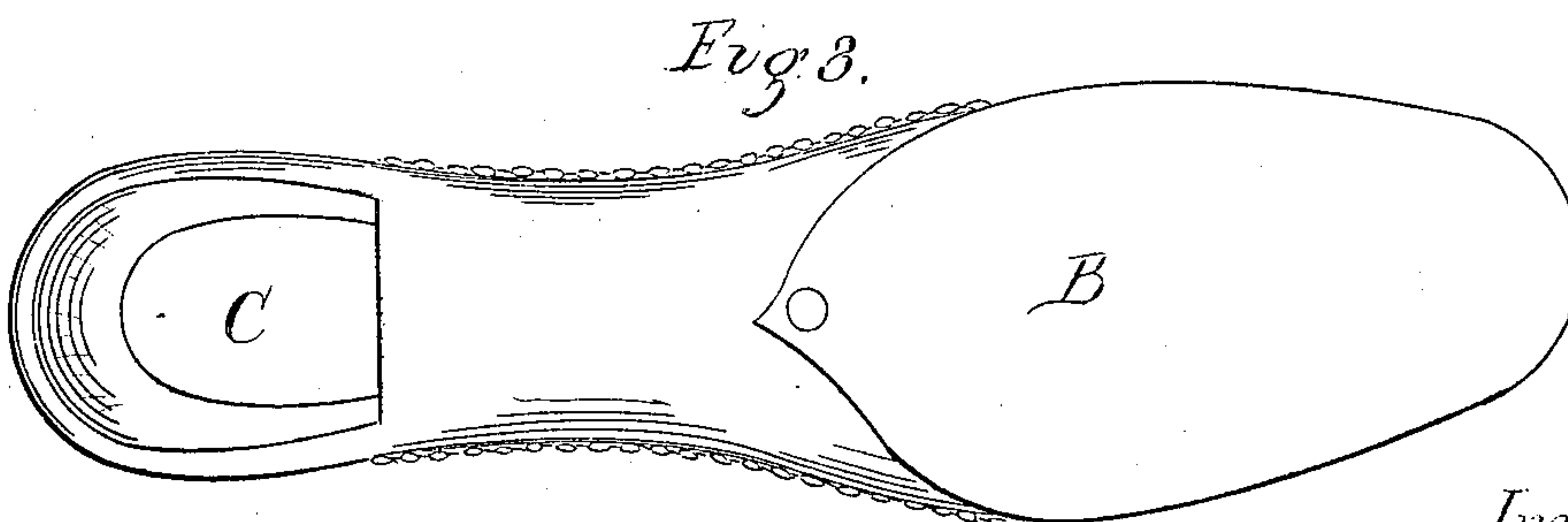
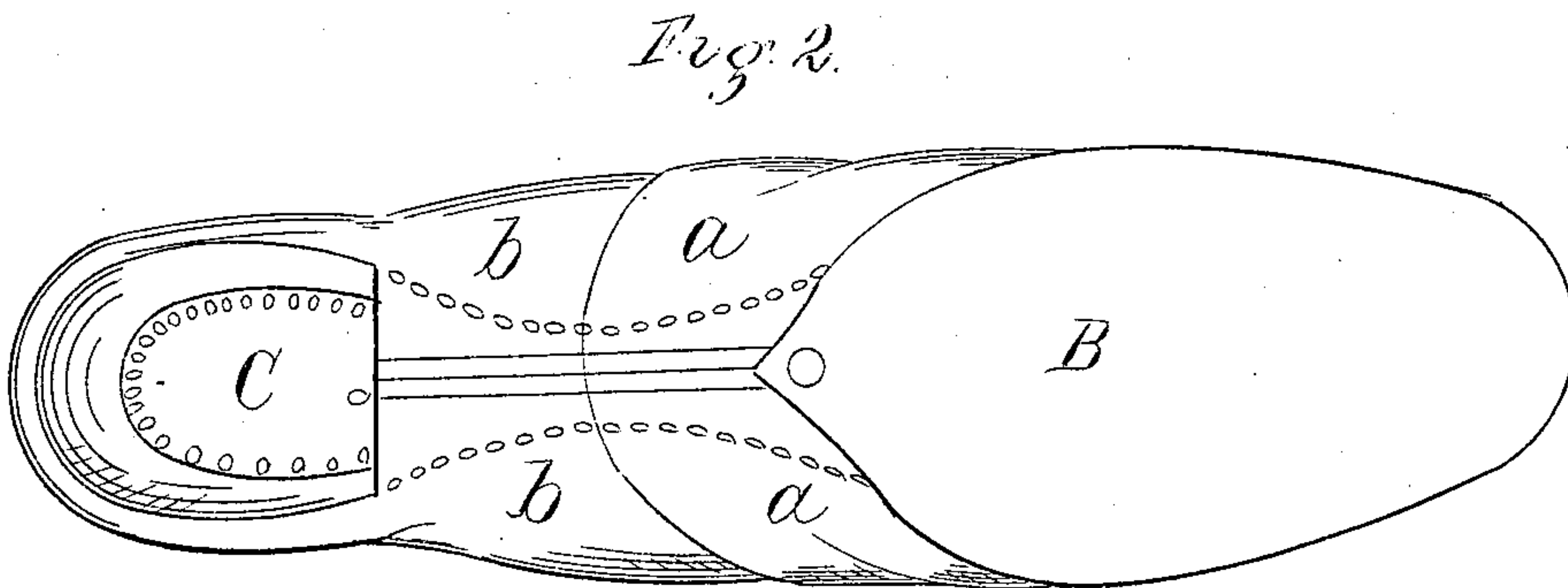
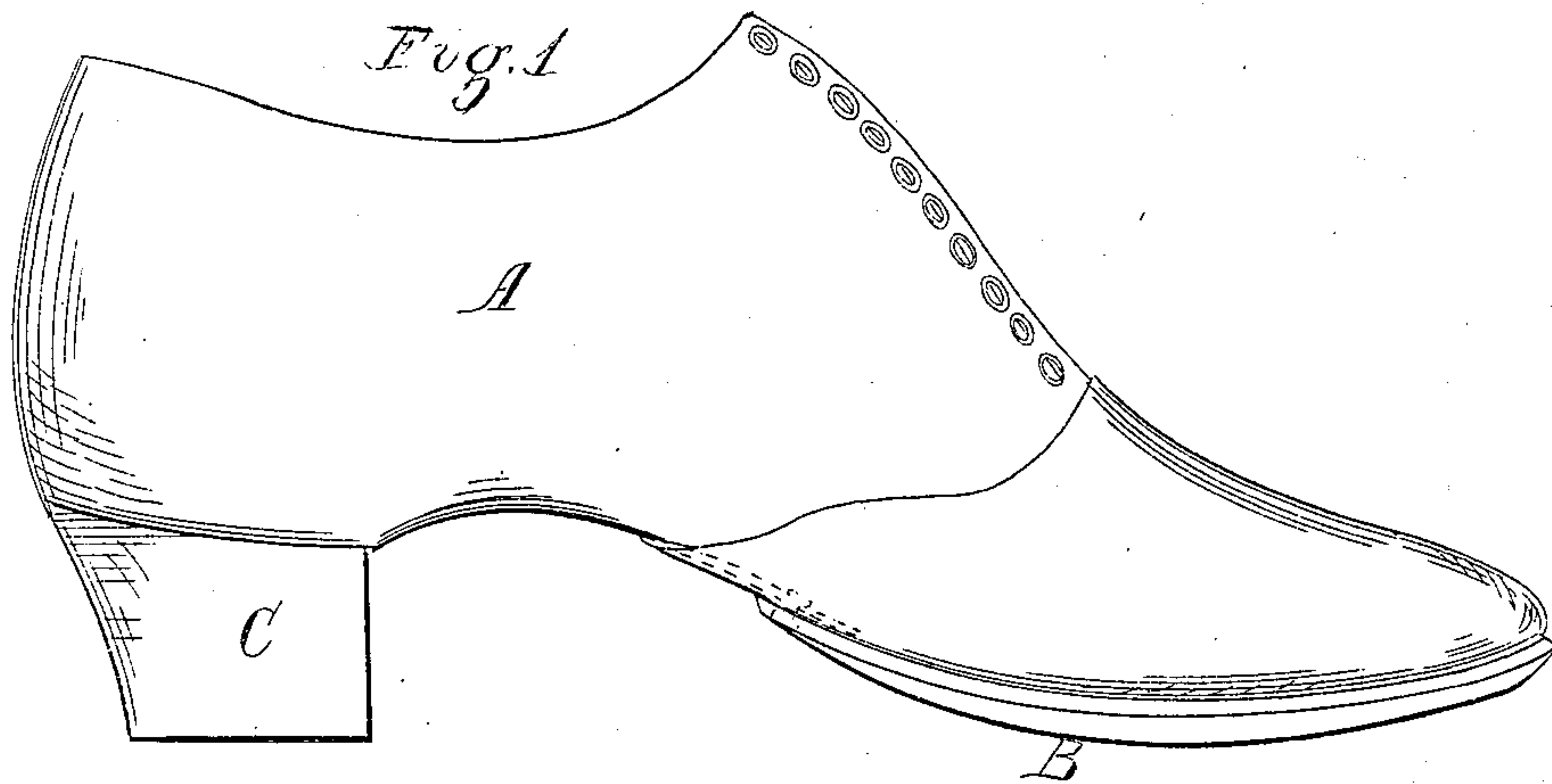


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOES.

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, WILLIAM S. FOSTER, of Montgomery, in the county of Montgomery, and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my shoe, and

Figures 2 and 3, bottom views of the same, showing the different modes of securing the soles.

Similar letters indicate like parts in all the figures.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing boots and shoes by forming that part of the sole which comes in contact with the hollow of the foot, by the extension of the uppers and quarters, as hereinafter fully set forth.

To enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains, to make and use the same, I will now describe its construction and operation.

In the accompanying drawings—

A represents a shoe, B the sole, and C the heel of the same.

The sole-leather, C, only extends to the hollow of the shoe, as seen in figs. 2 and 3, and that part of the sole is formed by the extension of the uppers *a a*, and the quarters *b b* to the centre of the hollow of the shoe, at which point they are either sewed or pegged to the inner sole of the shoe, or they may be made to lap, and sewed at their edges, as seen in fig. 3, by which the seam in the centre is avoided.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The extension of the uppers or quarters, or both, in boots or shoes, and uniting them at the bottom, so that the shank of the sole will be dispensed with, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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