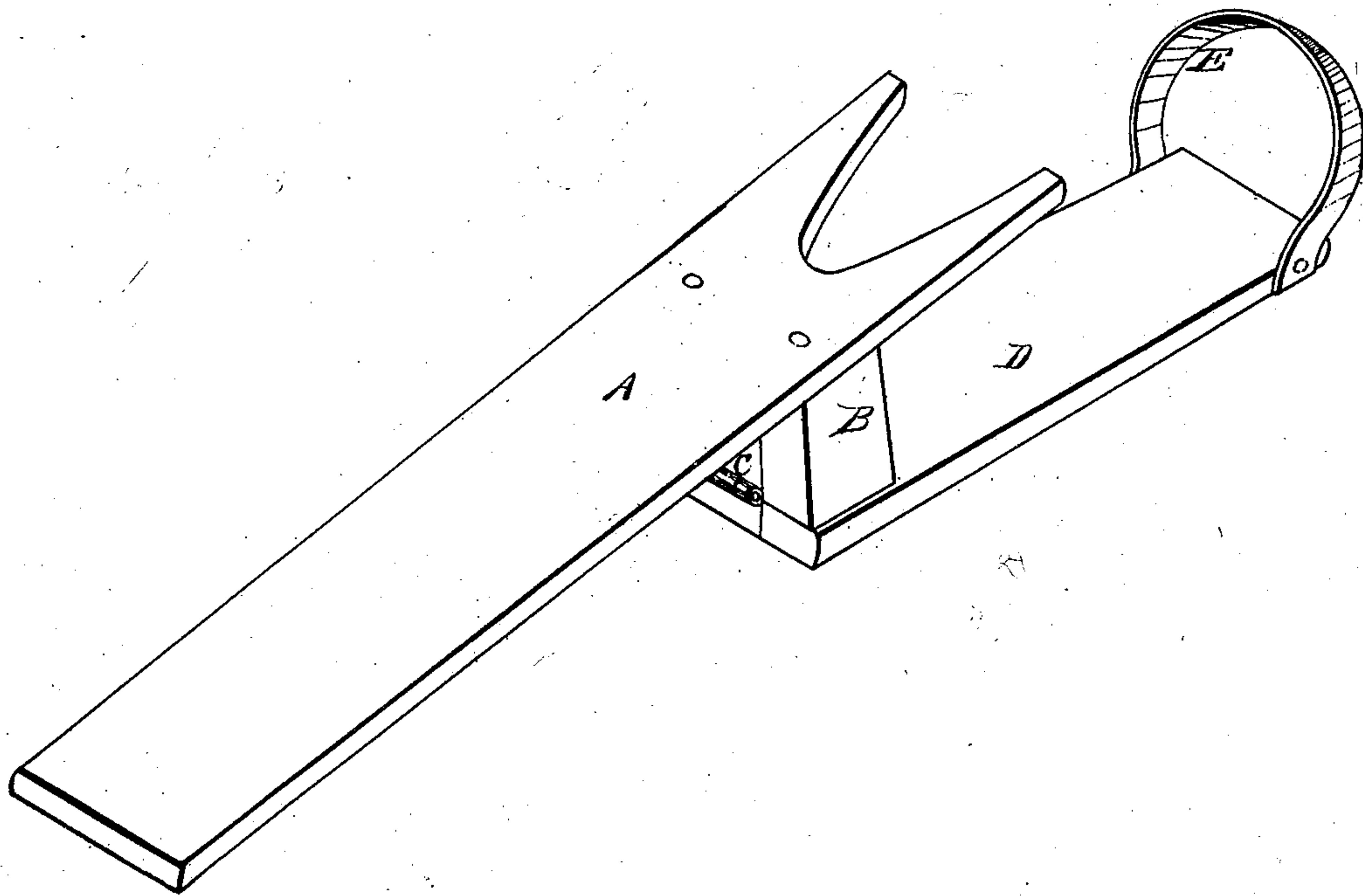


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOT-JACKS.

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, EZRA COLEMAN, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improved Boot-Jack; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawing are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention or improvements without further invention or experiment.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in boot-jacks; and

It consists in an addition to the ordinary boot-jack by which the toe of the boot is held while it is being drawn from the foot.

The arrangement is such that the boot-jack will be rendered much more convenient and useful for the purpose for which it is intended.

In order to more fully illustrate and describe my invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

A is the forked board ordinarily employed in boot-jacks, which, in this instrument, may either be made of wood or metal.

B is the block, which supports the forked end of the board A at a convenient height from the floor, to allow the heel to be placed in the fork.

This much forms the ordinary boot-jack, and in order to render it effective and convenient I secure, by means of a hinge, C, or equivalent device, a strip of wood or metal, D, to the lower part of the block B, so that it can be thrown forward in a line with the board A, the block B resting upon its end.

The strip D is made of about the same width as the block B, and of any convenient length, tapering, if desired, toward the point where the toe would come when the heel is placed in the fork.

To the extreme end of the strip D I attach a strap, E, which may be made either of leather, sheet metal, or other suitable material.

This strap has its opposite ends secured to the sides of the strip D, so as to form a band or loop suitable for receiving the toe of the boot while drawing it from the foot.

The strap is secured so as to be turned to any position desired, in order to fit a large or small foot, by means of bolts, screws, or nails driven through it into the strip D, or other equivalent device, thus allowing it to be shifted or turned as required.

In place of the strap E a curved rectangular metal toe-support might be used, secured only to one side of the hinged strip so as to allow the toe of the foot to be placed under it from one side; but I prefer the flexible strap on account of its adaptability to the foot.

This arrangement of a boot-jack is far superior to those ordinarily used.

When not in use, the strip D can be folded back upon the board A, and the strap E turned back so as to furnish a loop to hang the instrument by on a nail or pin.

I am aware that boot-jacks have been constructed with a fixed strip arranged similar to the strip D, and having a metallic cap at its end to receive the toe of the boot; but this arrangement is too stiff and inconvenient, and cannot be changed to suit the different sizes of boots.

Having thus described my invention,

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

In combination with the ordinary boot-jack, composed of the forked board A and block B, the hinged strip D, with its adjustable toe-support or strap E, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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