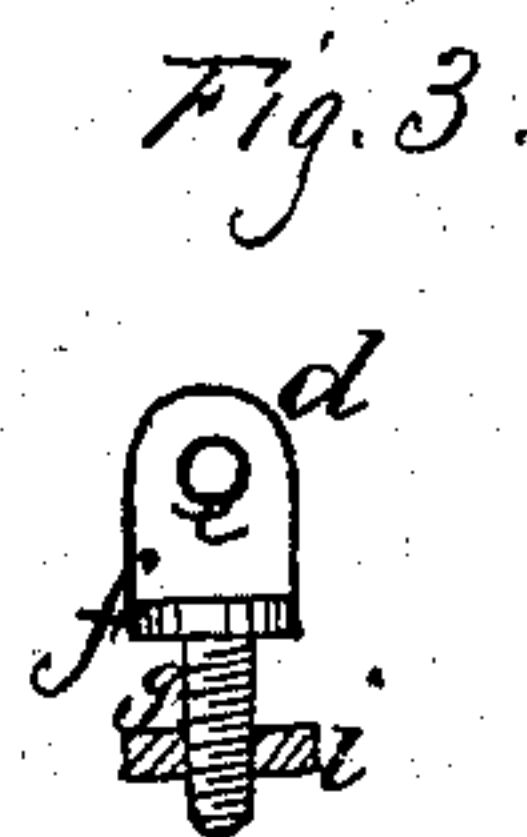
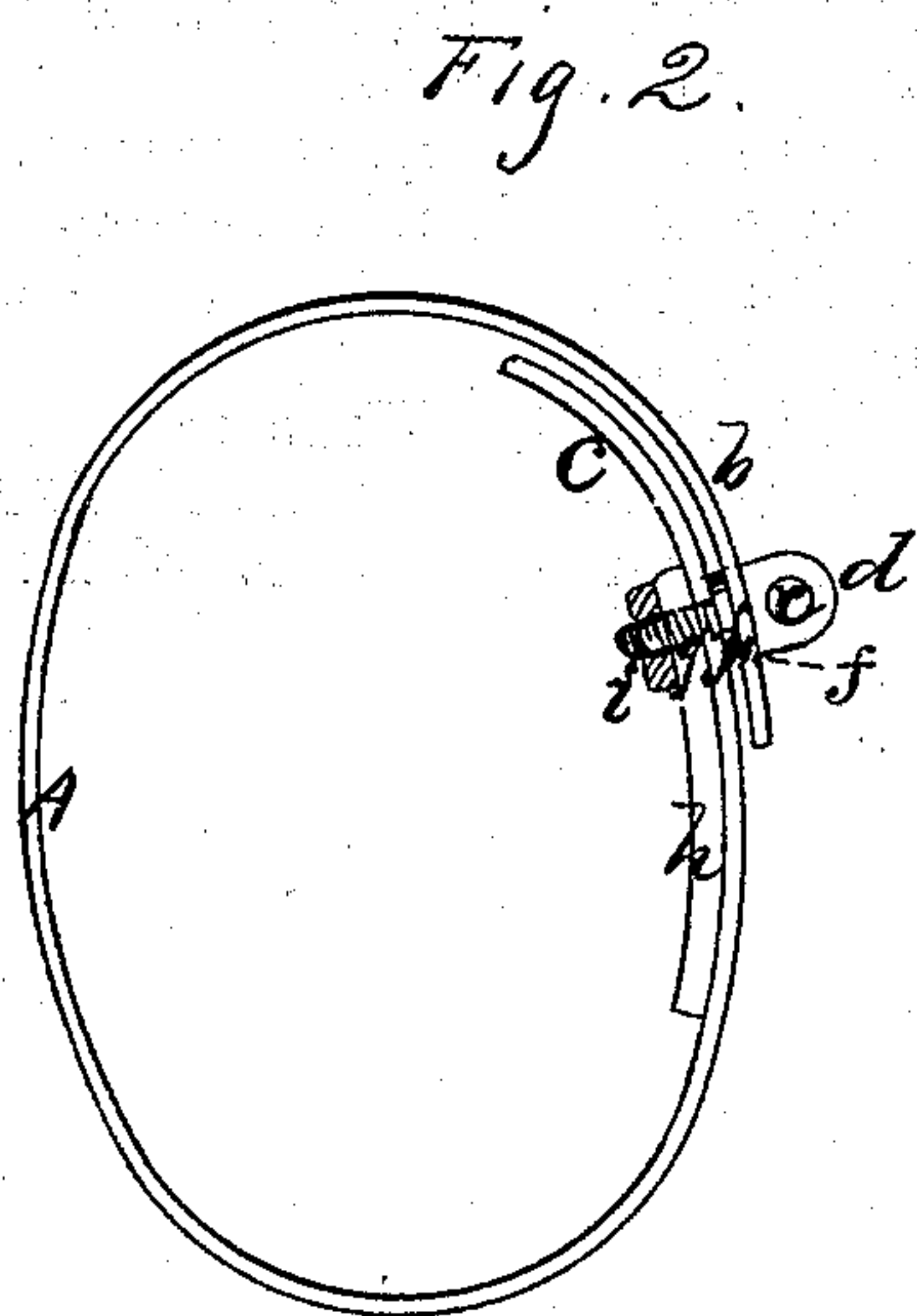
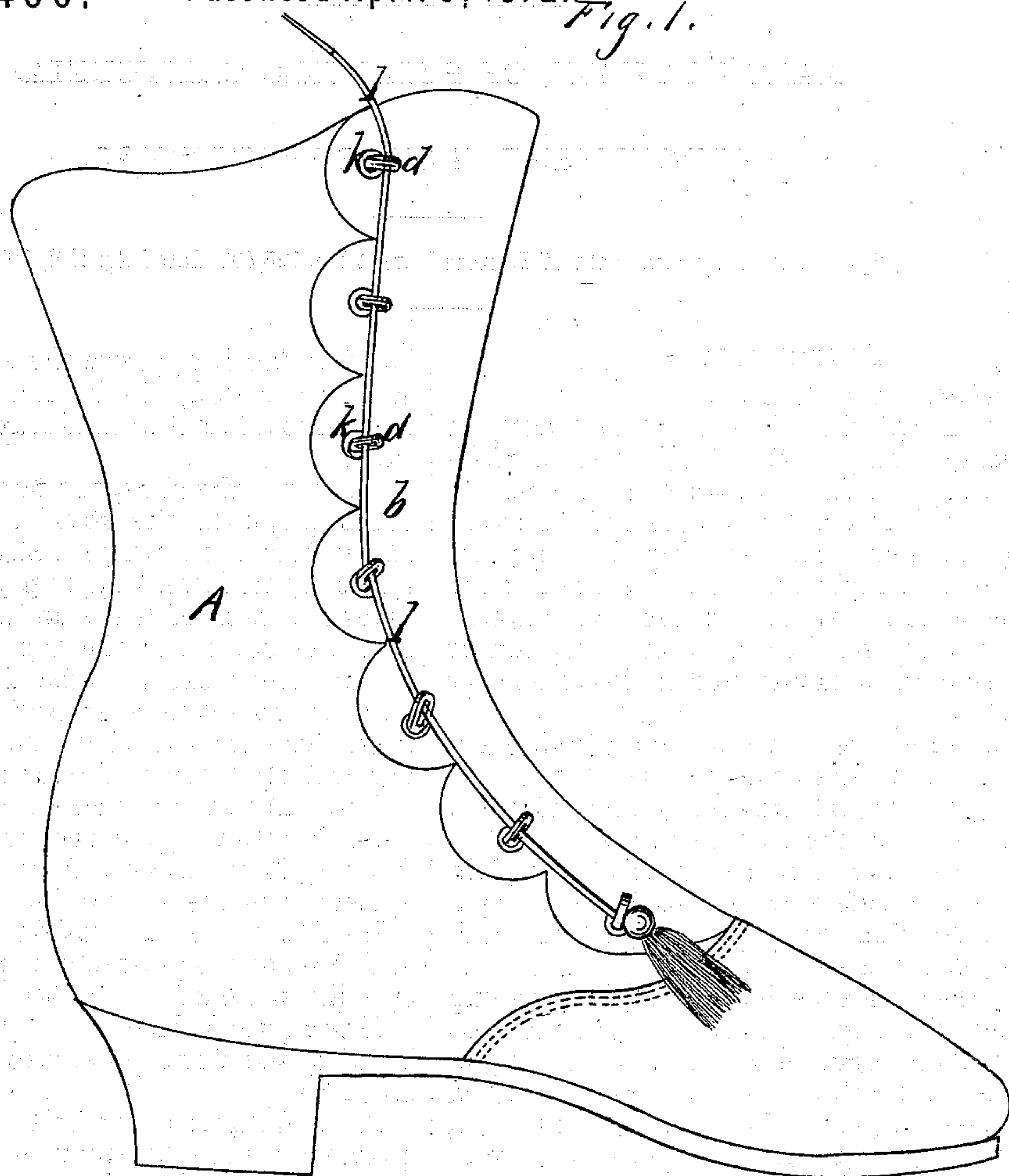


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SPECIFICATION.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON LAWSON, of Petaluma, county of Sonoma, State of California, have invented an Improved Shoe-Fastening; 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 a simple and cheap device for fastening shoes, by which the shoe can be speedily and effectually secured upon or removed from the foot, as desired.

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

A represents a shoe, having the overlapping flap *b* and the under flap *c*. In order to fasten these flaps together when the shoe is upon the foot—or in other words, in order to fasten the shoe—I employ a short metal standard, *d*, having a hole, *e*, through it. At the base of this standard is a flange, *f*, and upon the opposite side of the flange is a screw, *g*. The screw *g* is passed through a hole in the under flap *c*, and also through a stiffening, *h*, where a nut, *i*, is screwed upon its end, so as to bind the flap and stiffening between the flange and nut, and thus secure the standard firmly to the flap. The nut *i* and screw *g* may be dispensed with, if desired, and a simple bolt be used instead, which can be headed on the inside of the flap. Near the edge of the over-

lapping flap *b*, opposite the standards *d*, I insert an eyelet, *k*, which should be of the proper form to allow the standards to pass through them.

To fasten the shoe, the flap *b* is drawn over the flap *c*, until the standards pass through the eyelets, after which a string, *l*, which has a knot at its lower end, is passed through the holes *e* in each of the standards successively from the bottom to the top. The upper end of the string can then be tied or secured in any convenient manner, and the shoe is fastened. The knot prevents the string from passing entirely through the lower hole.

The unfastening is accomplished by simply loosening the upper end of the string and drawing it downward, and then stripping the eyelets from the standards.

By this means I provide a cheap, simple, and effective shoe-fastening, which can be speedily fastened or unfastened, as desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A shoe, A, with eye-bolts *d*, secured to the quarter or flap *c* by means of a nut or head, *i*, and the eyelets *k* in the fly *b*, the whole being arranged and operated in connection with the string *l*, as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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

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