## D. DANIELS. Last-Block Holders.

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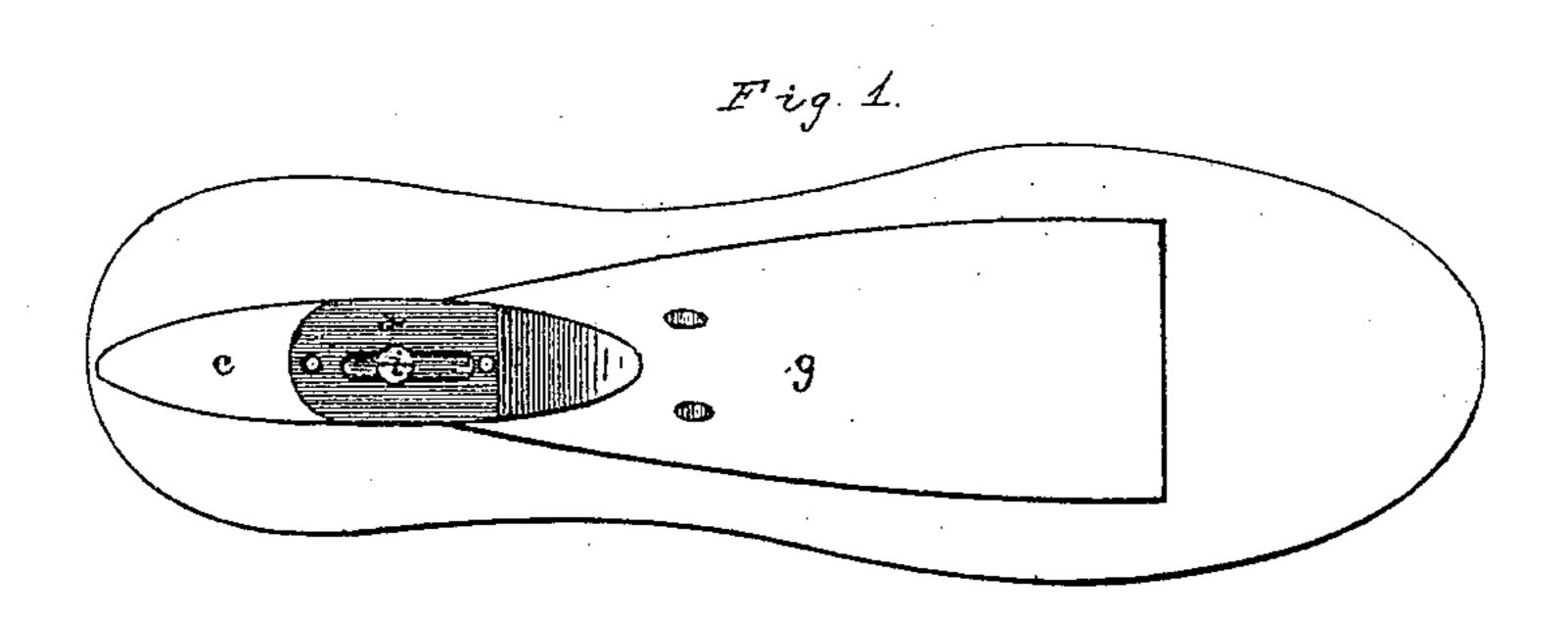


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## IMPROVEMENT IN LAST-BLOCK HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Beitknown that I, DAVID DANIELS, of Park's Corners, in the county of Boone and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Last-Block Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings which form part of this specification.

The nature of my invention relates to an improvement in last-block holders; and it consists in forming studs or projections on the under side of a slotted plate, which catch in a groove on the top of the last and block, and prevent the plate from turning and getting out of position.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a last, to which my holder is attached. Fig. 2 is a side view of the plate alone.

a represents a small slotted plate, which is adjustably secured to the top of the last c by means of the set-screw i, and which can be moved back and forth so as to be made to catch over the edge of the block g, and hold it firmly in position. Stamped, or otherwise formed, on the bottom of this plate are one or more projections, e, which fit in a groove formed in the top of the last, and the end of the block, and thus prevent any lateral motion either to

the block or plate; but these projections may be dispensed with, if so desired.

By means of this device the last and block can always be kept together, and thus save the time that has always to be lost in hunting for the proper block; it also prevents the necessity of using tacks or nails for securing the block in place, and by which both block and last are injured.

While the last is in the boot the work and pressure upon it only serves to make the holder secure the block more firmly in position; and when it is desired to loosen the block, it is only necessary to press against the front end of the plate with a rasp or other tool, and slide it back.

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

As a new article of manufacture, the slotted plate a, having the projections on its lower side so as to hold it in the proper position, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 3d day of April, 1873.

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