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SHOE-FASTENING.

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Fig. 1

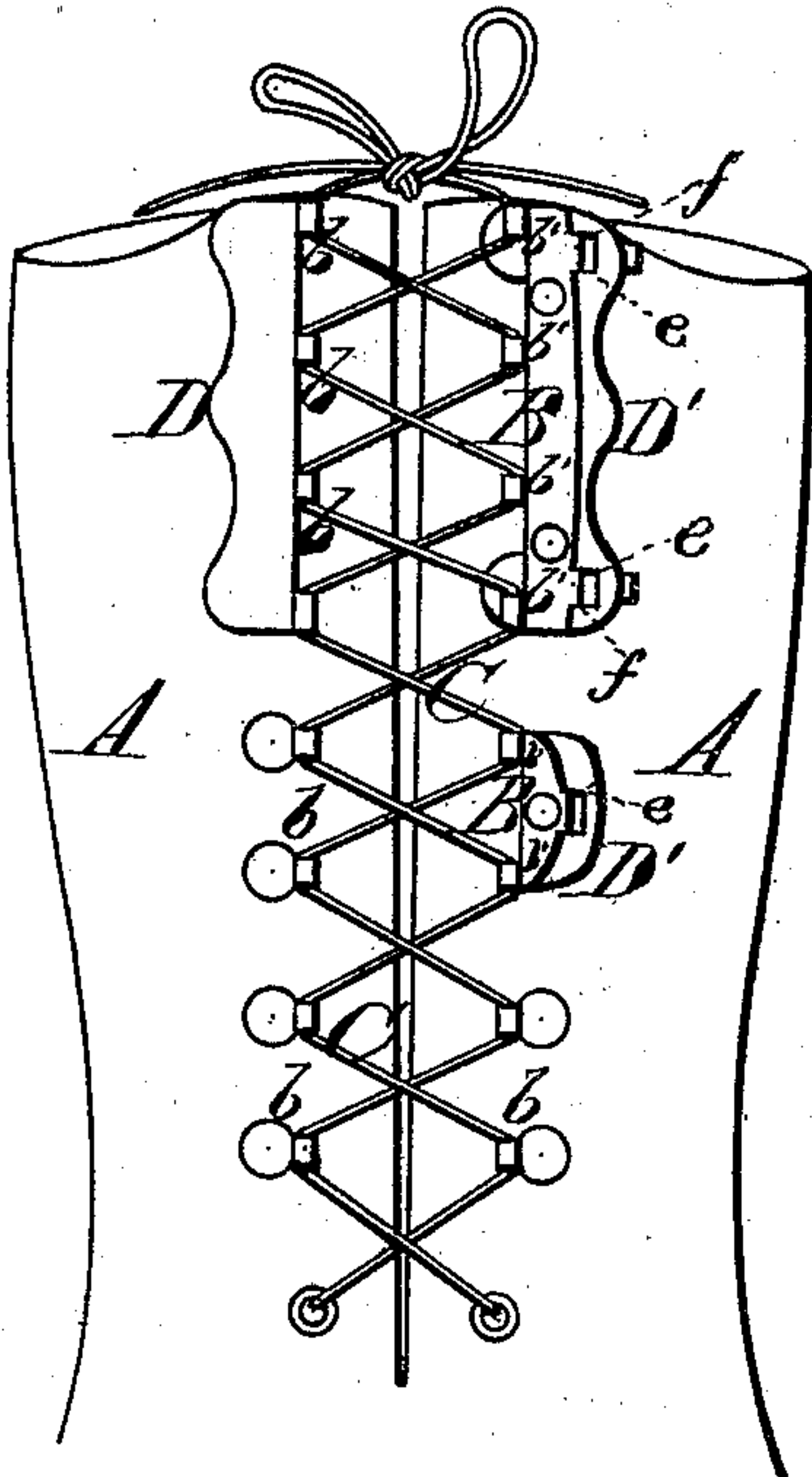
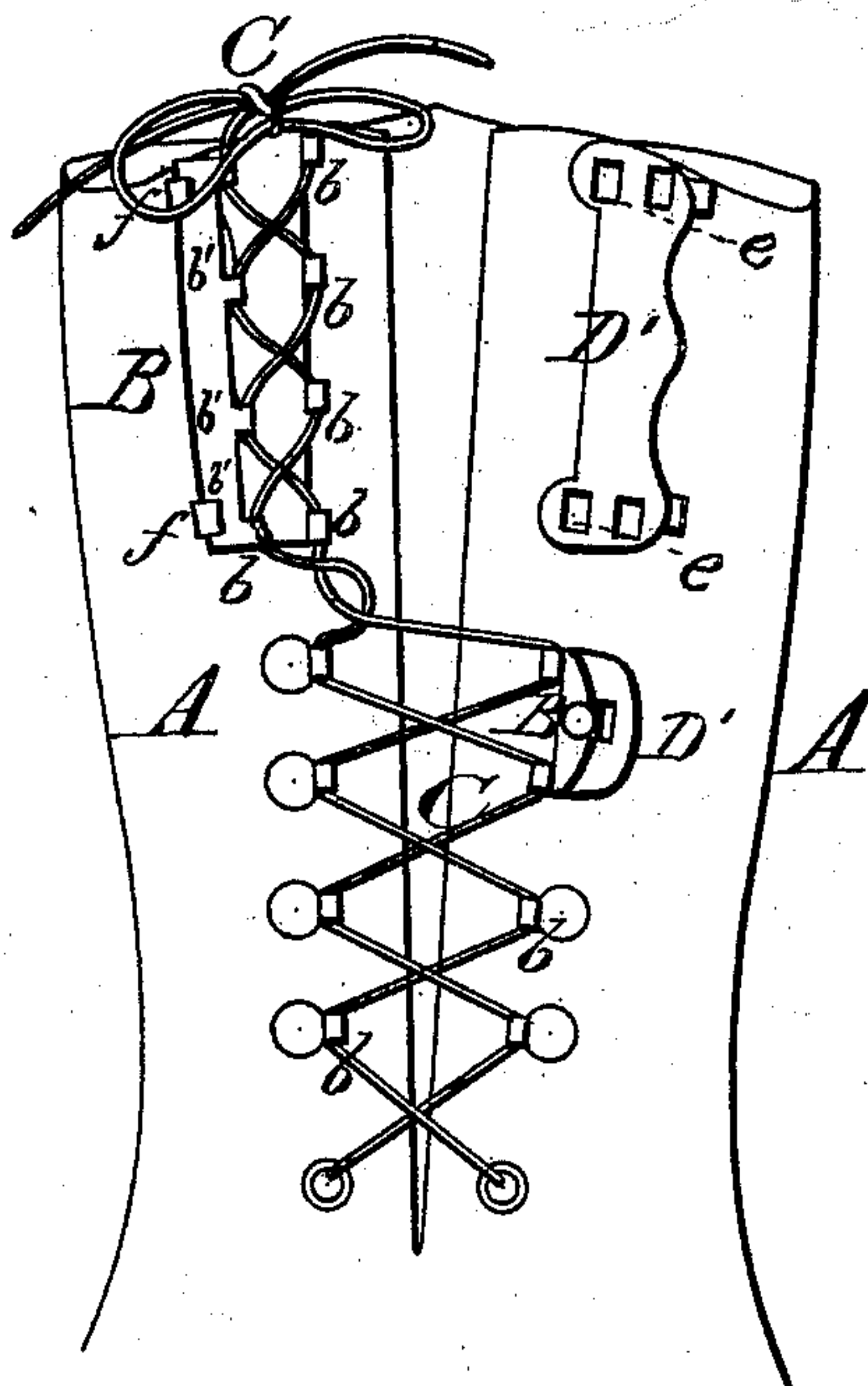


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOE-FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WORDEN EDMISTER, of Hunt's Station, in the county of Knox and State of Ohio, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Shoe-Lacing; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings are representations of front views of the shoe-lacing.

This invention has relation to means for facilitating the putting on and taking off of laced gaiter-boots; and the nature of my invention consists in the combination of a clasp having eyes formed on it with a lacing-string, as will be hereinafter explained.

In the annexed drawings, A A designate the two sides of the instep and ankle portion of a gaiter-boot, and *b b'* designate eyes or eyelets, which are fixed to the sides A A near their meeting edges, and which may be of the raised or inserted kind. If desired, the eyes or eyelets may be applied to narrow strips of leather, which are stitched to the sides of the shoe, or plates D D', having eyes *b b'* formed on their edges, may be used. The drawing, Fig. 1, shows one of these plates secured to one side of the shoe. B B designate

clasps, having eyes *b'* formed on their edges, through which the lacing-string C is passed. On the opposite edges of the clasps B hooks *ff* are formed, and on the backs of the clasps knobs or small buttons are secured. D' D' designate plates, which are fixed to the ankle and instep portions of the shoe, on the opposite side of the opening to that having plate D fixed to it. These plates D' have slots *e* through them, for the purpose of receiving the hooks *f* on the clasps B.

It will be seen from the above that after the shoe has been once properly laced on the foot, and the lacing-string tied, the shoe can be put on and taken off by simply detaching the clasps B from the plates D' without untying the lacing.

When short clasps are used plates D may be omitted.

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

In a boot or shoe fastening, the combination of a clasp, B D', and a lacing, C, operating substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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