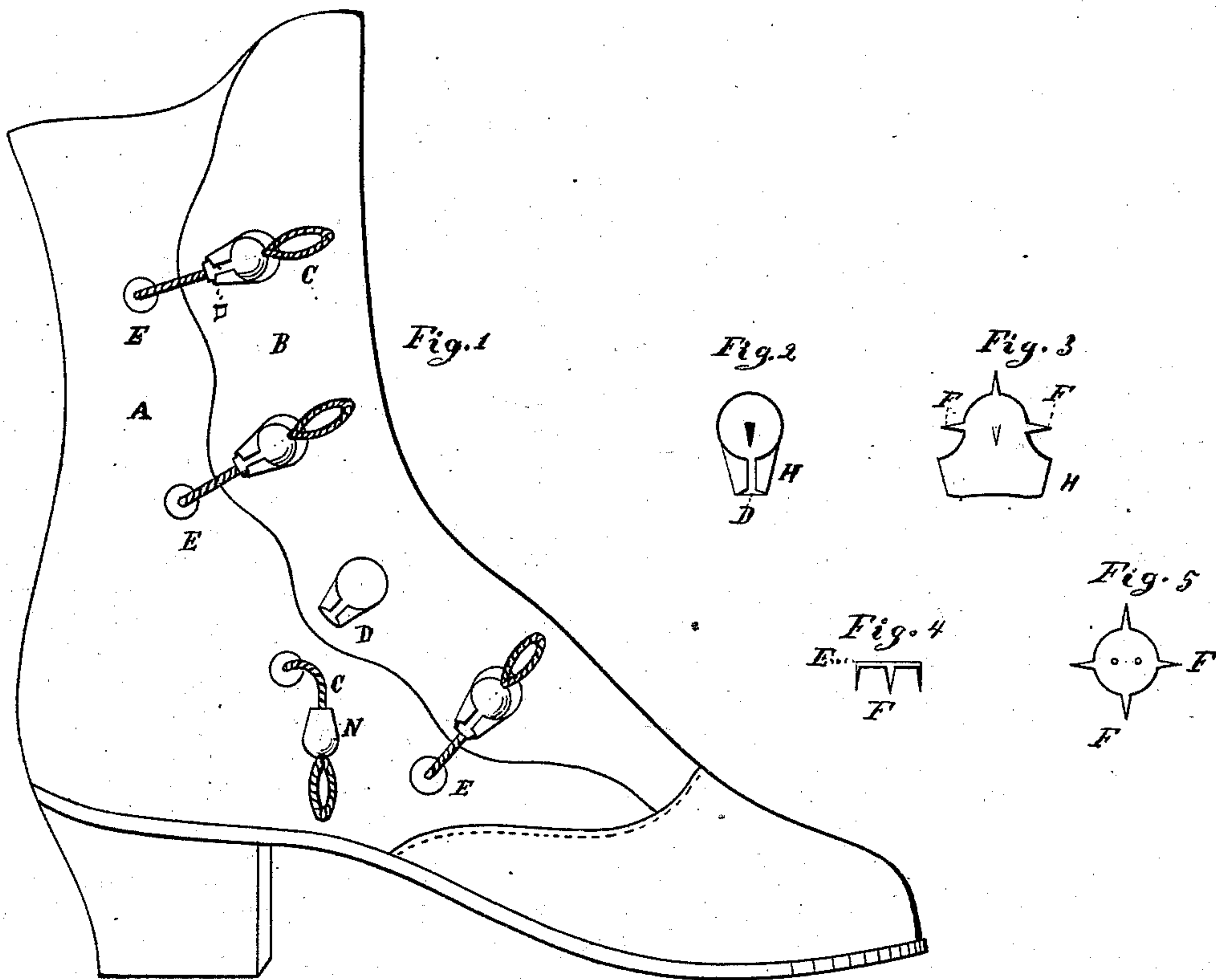


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOE-FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW SORG, of Kalamazoo, in the county of Kalamazoo and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Devices for Fastening Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide fasteners for shoes which will take the place of the buttons and button-holes in common use. They may be used on overshoes, thereby dispensing with buckles.

The fasteners being ornamental, a shoe provided with them presents a showy and attractive appearance; and its greater convenience over the common button facilitates the adjustment of the shoe to the foot. Especially on children's shoes they will be found very desirable.

I construct the fasteners by blocking them out of any suitable metal or material, substantially in the form shown in Figures 3 and 5 of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification. I then bend them in the form shown in Figs. 2 and 4, the prongs F F serving to fasten them to the shoe, and the lobes or ears H forming a hole or receptacle, D, to receive and hold the cord C by its knob N, (shown in Fig. 1,) said figure being a perspective view of shoe and fasteners se-

cured to it. The cord C I secure to the plates E by means of holes seen in Fig. 5.

The knob N and cord C may be made of any suitable material, and of any color or form that fancy may dictate, as also may be the plates, Figs. 2 and 4, as long as they substantially meet the design of my invention.

My mode of arranging the fasteners on the shoe is shown in Fig. 1, but the receptacle D for receiving the cord C and knobs N may be secured to the shoe A proper instead of on the fly-piece B, and, vice versa, the plate E, to which the cords C are attached, as the judgment of the wearer may dictate.

To operate the fasteners after they have been attached to the shoe A and fly-piece B, the cord C, with its knob N, is placed in the hole or receptacle D, as shown in Fig. 1.

What I claim and desire to secure is—

The combination, with a shoe, of the receptacle-plate, cord-plate, each provided with an attaching prong or prongs, cord, and knob, when constructed and secured to the shoe, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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