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Fig. 1.

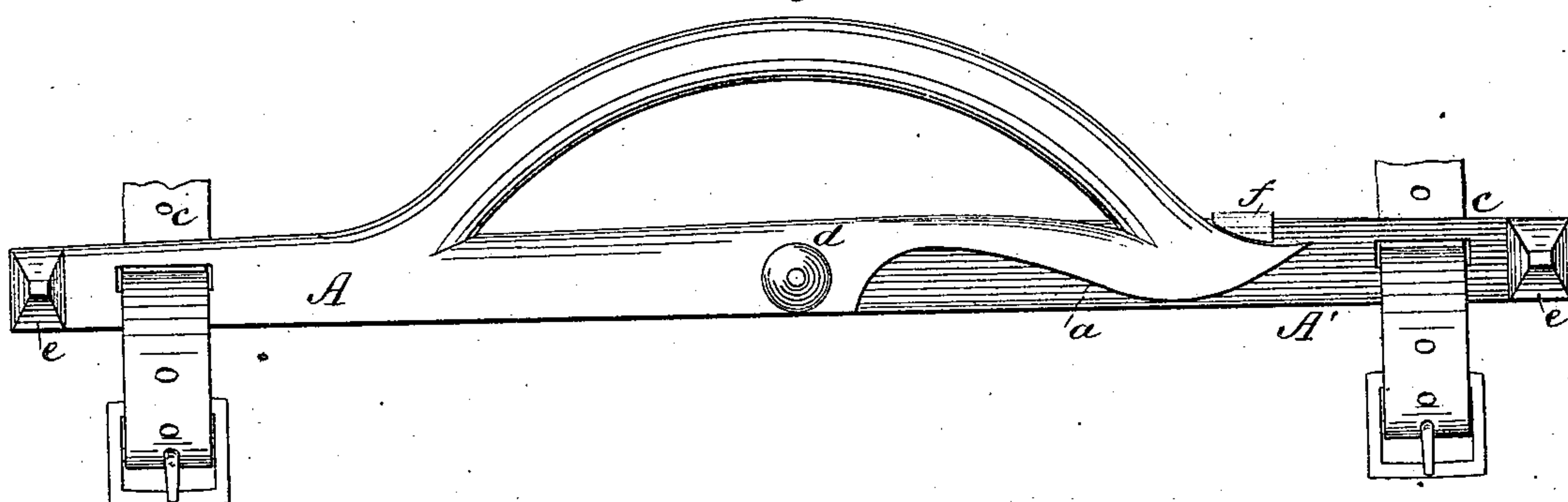


Fig. 2.

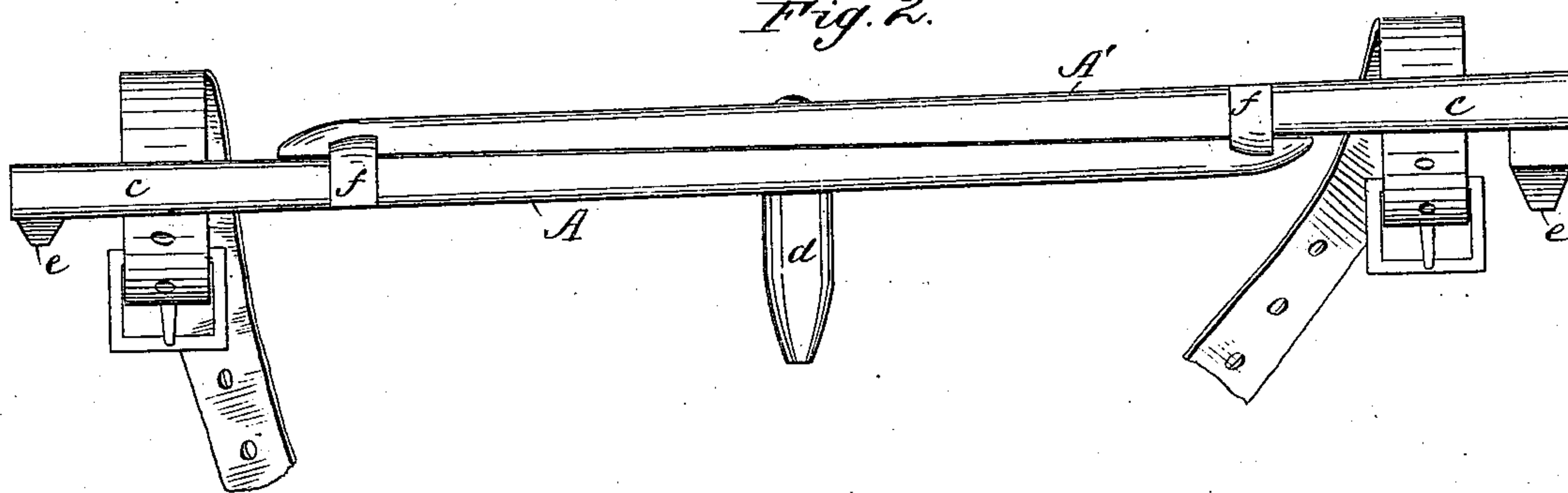
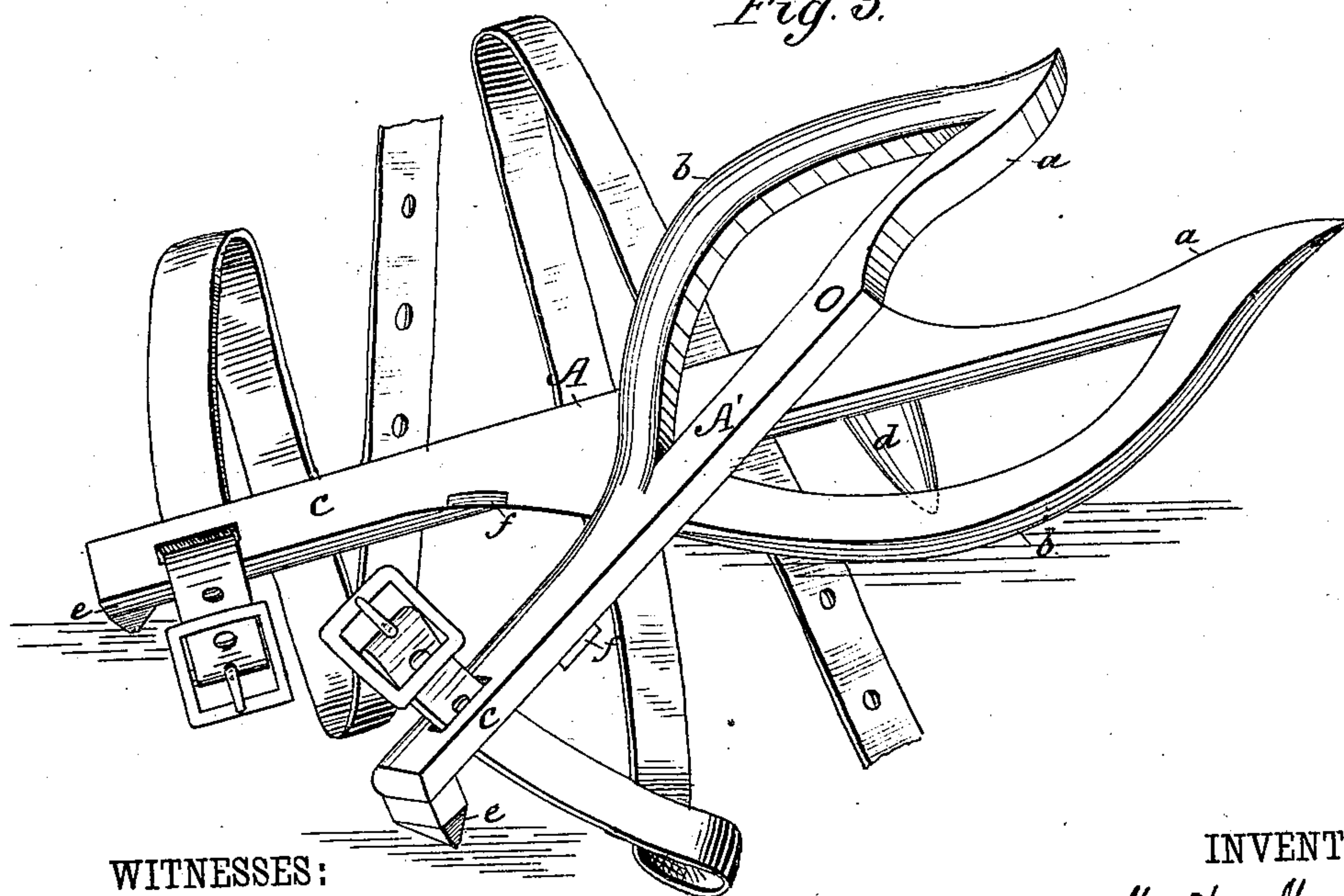


Fig. 3.



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## SHAWL-STRAP HANDLE AND BOOT-JACK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARK W. MARSDEN, of Connellsville, in the county of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Combined Shawl-Strap Handle and Boot-Jack; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device adjusted for use as a shawl-strap handle. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view, in perspective, of the device adjusted for use as a boot-jack.

My invention is designed to supply a want felt by travelers who, after having arrived at a stopping-place, frequently find themselves with wet or swollen feet and without means for pulling off their boots. With a view to providing for this want with an economy of space and without adding to the baggage the additional weight of an independent boot-jack, my invention consists in constructing the metal hand-hold of a shawl-strap in two sections, which may be folded in one position to fulfill the office of the handle of a shawl-strap, which is a necessary part of the baggage, and which hand-hold may also be folded into another position to form a perfect and adjustable boot-jack, as hereinafter fully described.

In the drawings, A A' represent the two sections of the device, each of which is of a shape corresponding to the other, and is formed with a curved face, *a*, a bowed hand-hold, *b*, and an extension, *c*, having a hole, through which the shawl-strap is fastened. These two sections A and A' are strongly jointed together at *d*, and have at this point a pin or lug projecting at right angles, to constitute, when the device is used as a boot-jack, a fore leg or support to elevate the forks of the boot-jack from the floor.

Upon each end of the extensions *c*, carrying the shawl-strap, are also formed pointed bearing-lugs *e e*, which rest upon the floor, and when pressed down by the foot prevent the two sections A A' from spreading while the boot is being drawn from the other foot. One of these lugs is made longer than the other, to compensate for the lap of the sections and cause the boot-jack to set level on the floor.

Upon one or both of the sections, also, there is a stop-lug, *f*, which, when the device is used as a shawl-strap, prevents any upward bending of the pivotal joint. In making the pivotal joint it may enter the former with an independent screw turning into a screw-socket in the leg *d*; or the leg *d* may be made with a shoulder and a screw-threaded end, which passes through one section and screws into the other; or any other suitable means of jointing these sections may be resorted to.

The two sections A A' are made chiefly of cast-iron, and rendered malleable, and japped or otherwise finished, and their adjacent sides are flat, while their external sides are rounded to form an easy hand-hold.

The different uses of this device are illustrated in the several figures. Thus, in Figs. 1 and 2 the device is arranged as a shawl-strap handle, while in Fig. 3 the sections are bent together upon each other until the curved faces *a* form a seat for the boot-heel—a seat, it will be perceived, which is adjustable to any size of boot-heel and depending only upon its angle of the sections.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. A combined shawl-strap handle and boot-jack consisting of the jointed sections having each a curve to form the boot-jack seat, a bend or bow to form the handle, and an extension to carry the shawl-strap, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The two jointed sections A A', constructed with a curve, *a*, handle *b*, and extension *c*, and provided with one or more stop-lugs, *f*, as and for the purpose described.

3. A combined shawl-strap handle and boot-jack composed of two jointed sections, A and A', constructed substantially as described, and having a leg or support, *d*, located at the joint or pivotal point, as and for the purpose described.

4. A combined shawl-strap handle and boot-jack composed of the jointed sections A A', constructed substantially as described, and having lugs *e e* of different lengths on their strap ends, as and for the purpose described.

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