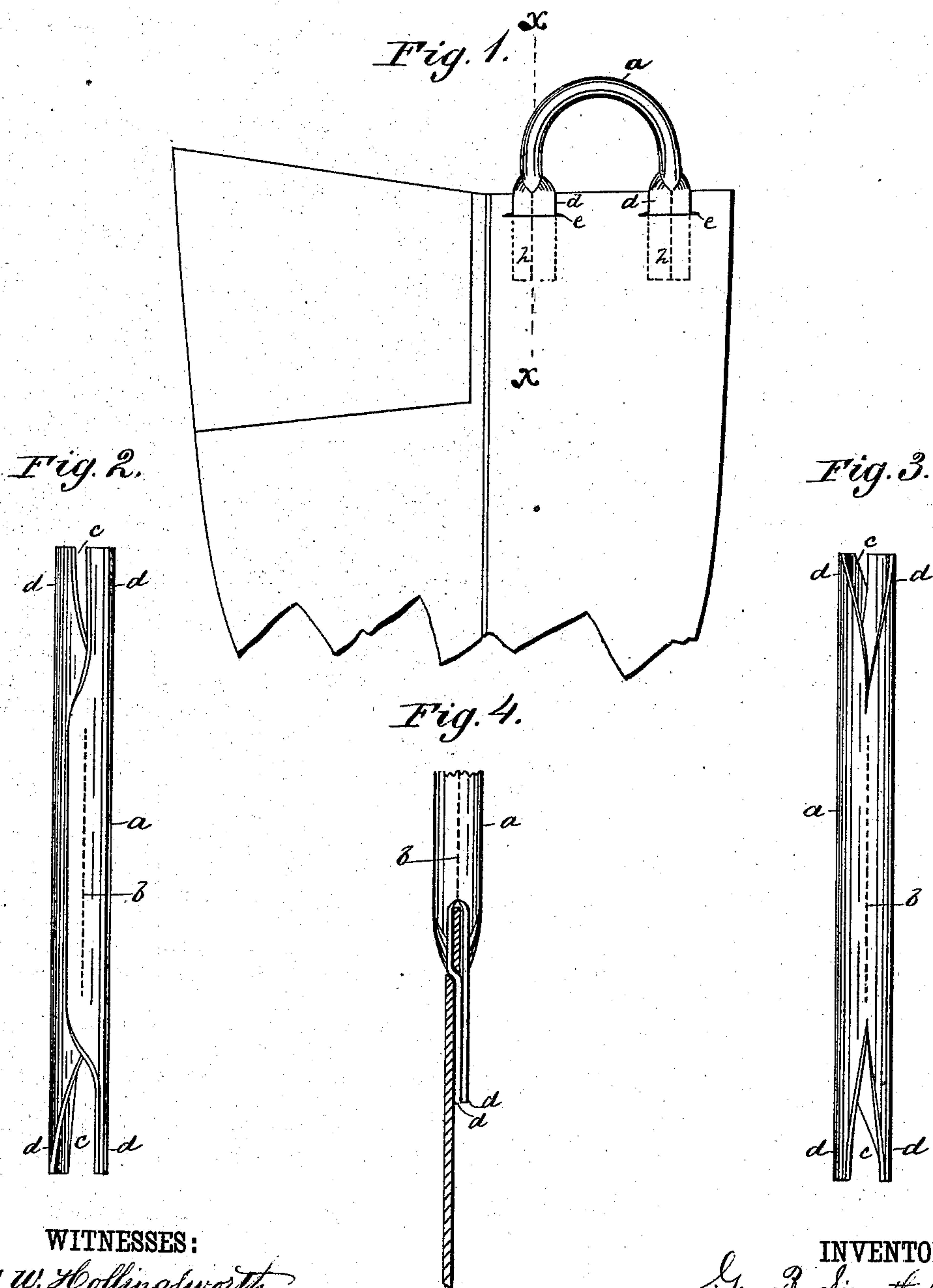


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. SIEGENTHALER, of Wooster, in the county of Wayne and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Boot-Strap; 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—

10 Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved boot-strap secured to the leg of a boot. Fig. 2 is a bottom view of the boot-strap. Fig. 3 is a top view of the same; and Fig. 4 is a sectional view in the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

15 My invention relates to improvements in boot-straps for leather boots; and it consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of the parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

20 In the accompanying drawings, *a* represents a strip of leather, the longitudinal edges of which are folded on its body from each side and the folds and body sewed together by a central line of longitudinal stitches, *b*, extending a short distance on each side of the middle of the strip *a*, to form that part of the boot-strap through which the fingers are inserted in drawing on a boot. Slits *c* are then made in the ends of the body of the strap from near the ends of the line of stitches *b*, and in line therewith, to the ends of the strap, thus forming two projecting tongues, *d d*, at each end of the boot-strap *a*, the planes of which are at right angles to the flat middle part of the boot-strap.

35 The boot-strap *a* may be secured to the boot by cutting two slits, *e*, in line with each other near the upper edge of the leather boot-leg and inserting the outer tongues, *d*, through the slits *e* from the outside, the tongues straddling the boot-leg and lying in contact with each other on the inside of the boot-leg, to which they are sewed and to each other by a single line of vertical stitches, *h*.

45 The tongues *b* of the boot-strap may also be secured to the inside of boot-leg by placing

the tongues of each pair in contact with each other and sewing each pair to the inside of the boot-leg by a single line of vertical stitches passing through the tongues and boot-leg, a suitable covering being, if desired, sewed to the inside of the boot-leg over the tongues.

By this construction of boot-strap it will be seen that a stiff arched leather standing loop or strap formed of a single piece of leather is obtained, always open for the insertion of the fingers when it is desired to draw on a boot; that the strap is much stronger than in the ordinary construction and not so liable to break, and that the plane of the tongues is at right angles to the flat arched part of the boot-strap, by which construction the strap can be more readily sewed to the boot-leg and a better hold can be had on the arched part of the boot-strap, as more fingers of the hand can be inserted in the loop than in the usual construction. The boot-strap is also more securely attached to the boot-leg than in the ordinary construction, as there are two tongues on each end of the boot-strap sewed to the boot-leg.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a boot-strap, *a*, consisting of a strip of leather having its central portion folded to form three thicknesses and its folds suitably secured in place, and provided with the end slits, *c*, forming two tongues, *d*, at each end of the boot-strap, the planes of which are at right angles to the flat middle portion of the strap, as set forth.

2. The combination, with a boot provided with the slits *e e* in its leg, of the boot-strap *a*, constructed as set forth, and secured to the boot-leg by the vertical rows of stitches *h* passing through the tongues and boot-leg, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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