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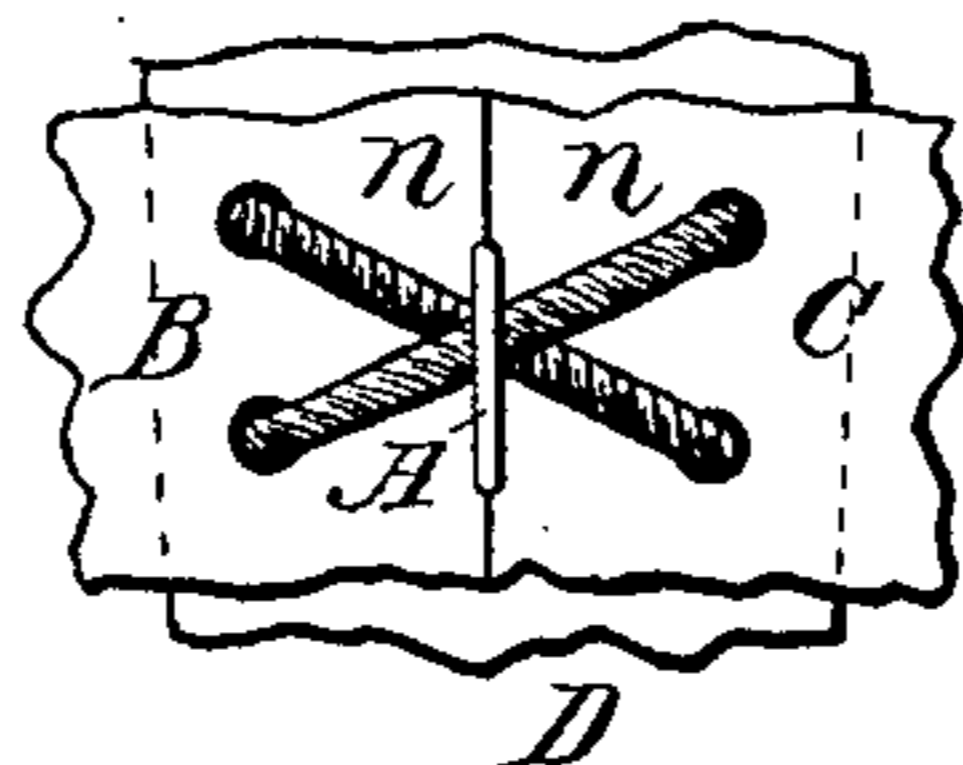
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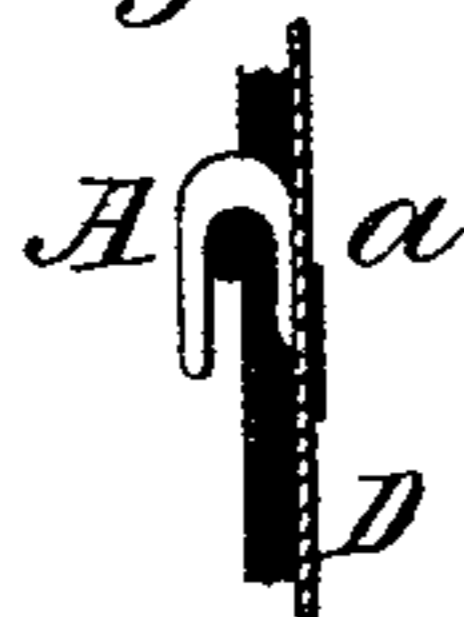
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## TONGUE OF BOOTS OR SHOES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, CHARLES HAGGERTY and WILLIAM H. KING, both of Webster, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Attachment for the Tongues of Shoes or Boots, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention is designed to prevent the tongues of shoes, &c., from working or sliding down in front or at either side; and it consists in the use of a hook or device attached to the tongue near the upper part, to project between the edges of the "counters" or sides and cause them and the lacing to keep the tongue in place. We make a hook small and slender, not to take too much space or prevent the other parts from coming nearly together, and yet sufficiently strong to hold and not be broken in lacing or tying, while the cords crossing below it keep the tongue up and in a central position, though the sides should not happen to come together.

The accompanying drawings show the application of a hook (which we think the most preferable form) to a tongue as embodying our invention.

Figure 1 is a front view of the hook and adjacent parts as in use. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section of the same. Fig. 3 shows two views of the hook separate, and Fig. 4 some different forms of construction of the hook.

A is the hook, which we fasten near the top of the tongue D, in a central position, so that the lacings *n n* may cross under it, as in Fig. 1.

The construction of the hook may be varied for different styles, &c. Fig. 3 shows one form made solid, having the bend flattened to increase its strength and stiffness there, and the back flattened for a good support and clinch in the tongue. Fig. 4 shows two views, *ff'*, of a hook of double wire, with the ends separated, and pointed to be easily inserted, and at *d* is one with the well-known eyelet form of fastening. We consider it better to flatten the bend of the hook, though not absolutely necessary, and a ring or stud might be used in some cases, instead of a hook, and operate in an equivalent manner in keeping the tongue in place.

We do not claim the precise form and construction of the hook as shown at *ff'*, Fig. 4, and are aware that holes have been made and the strings passed through the tongues to keep them in place. This we do not claim.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to patent is—

A boot or shoe tongue provided with a hook or projection near its upper end, adapted to project from the surface of the tongue between the lacing-edges of the boot or shoe and catch the lacing-string, whereby the tongue is held in place, substantially as shown and described.

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