

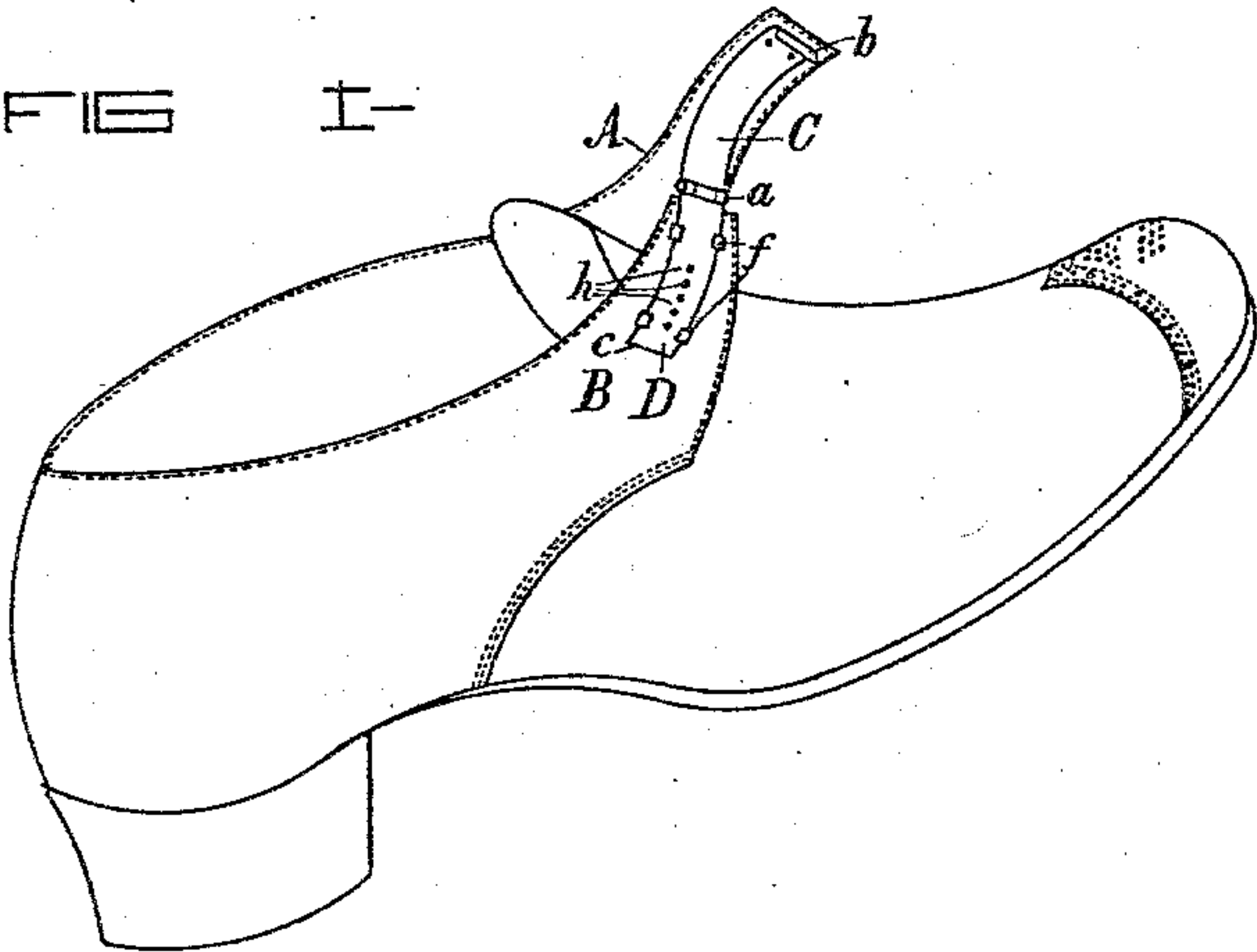
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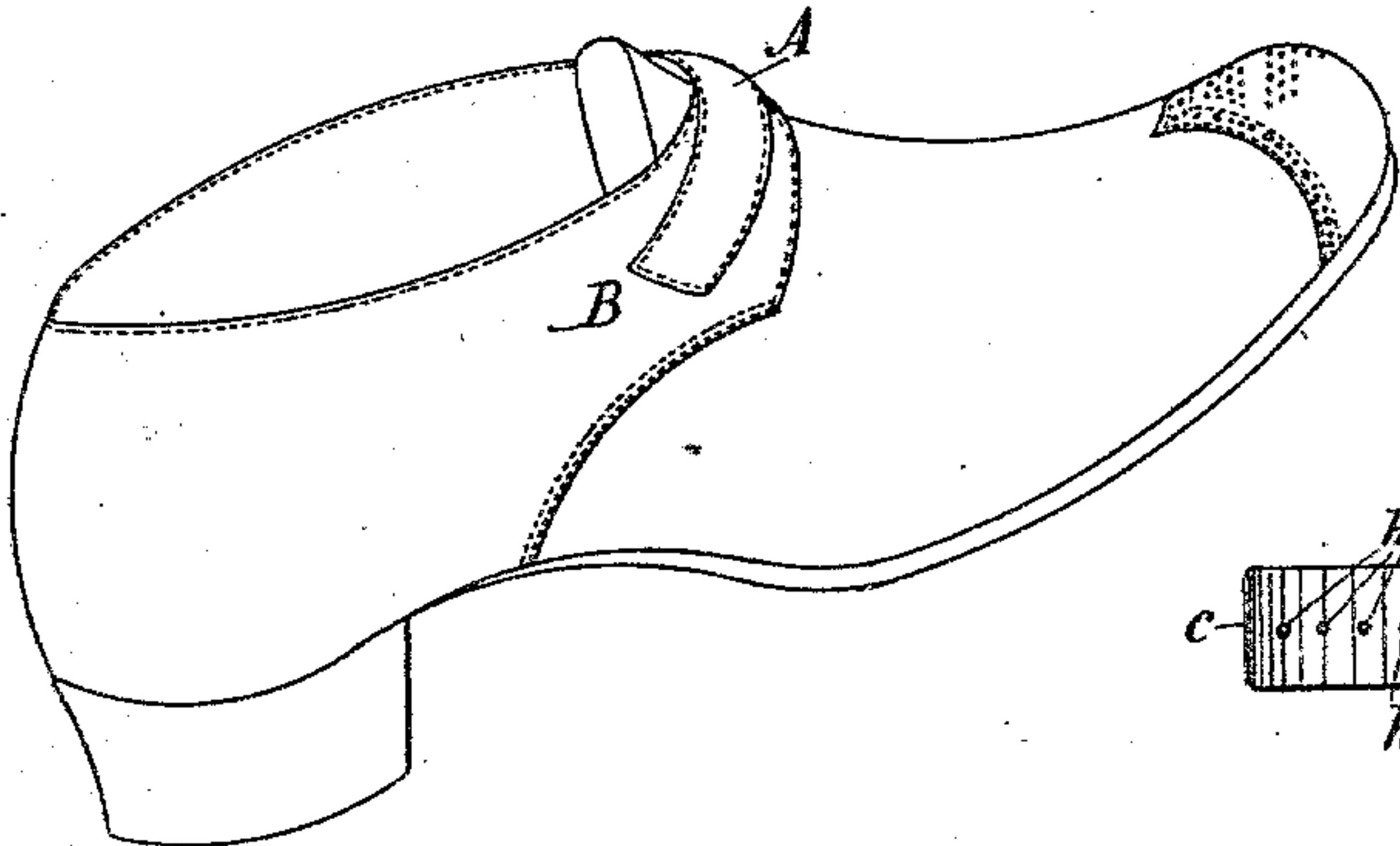
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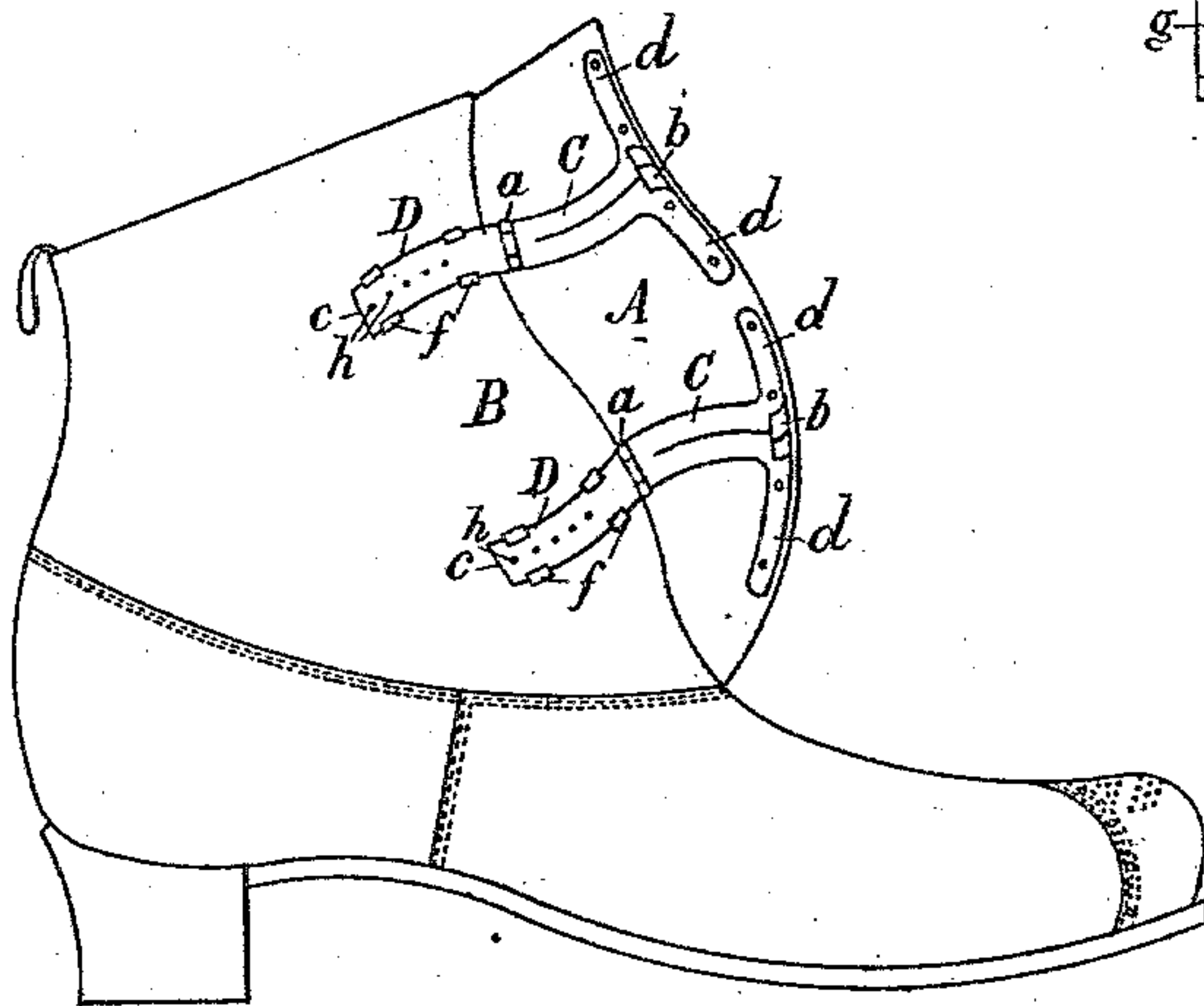
- FIG I -



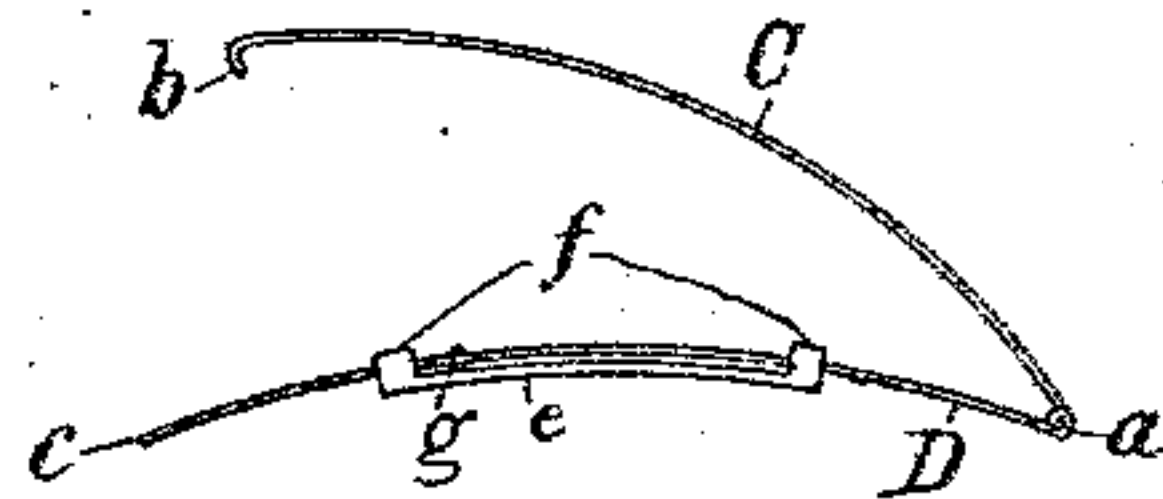
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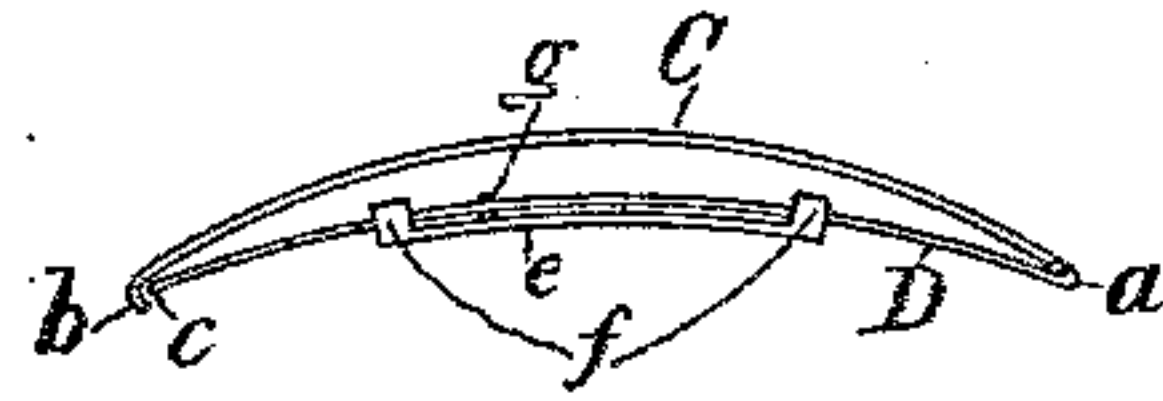
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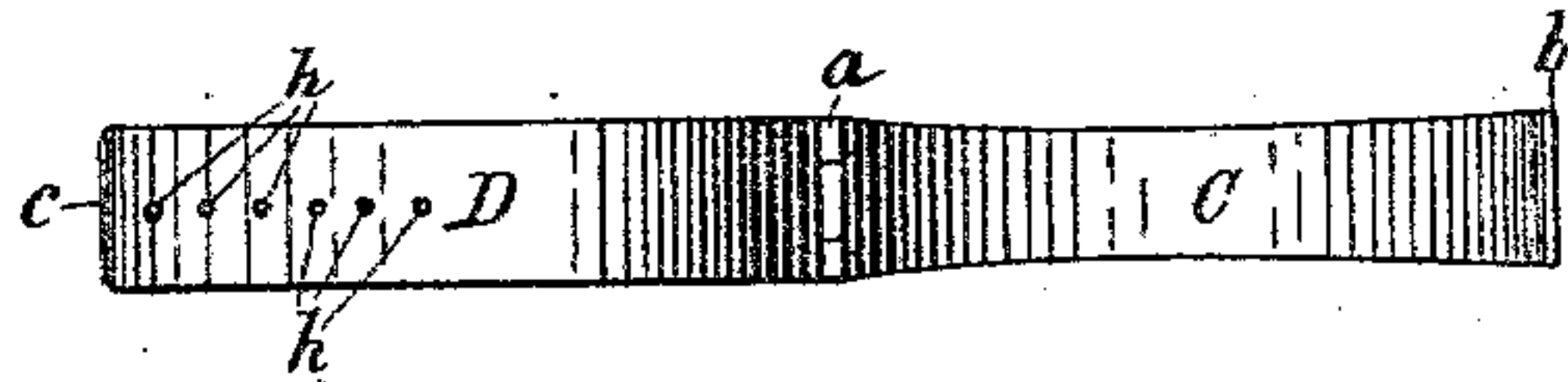
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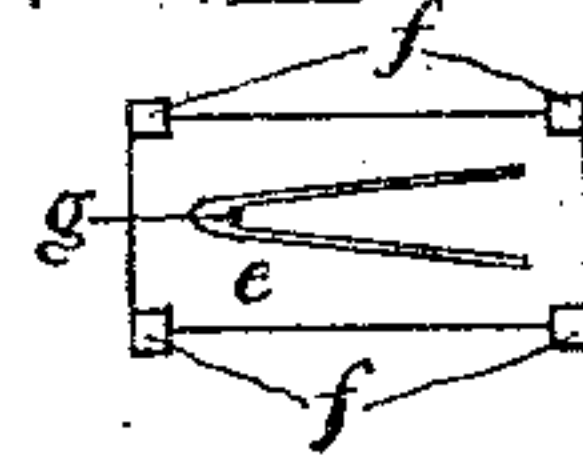
- FIG V -



- FIG VI -



- FIG VII -



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BOOKER T. M. HUNLEY, of the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain Improvements in Boot or Shoe Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a fastener of peculiar construction to be applied to shoes where a lapped edge or flap is used, and, further, to the combination of the said fastener with the shoe-upper, which is especially adapted to receive it, as will hereinafter fully appear.

In the description of my said invention which follows, reference is made to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure I is a perspective view of a low-cut strap-shoe provided with my improved clasp, the said shoe being shown as distended for the insertion of the foot. Fig. II is a similar view of the shoe, except that the shoe and clasp are shown closed. Fig. III is a side view of a high-cut shoe fitted with the improved clasp, the said shoe being shown as distended. Figs. IV and V are views of the clasp, respectively, in an open and closed condition. Figs. VI and VII are views of parts of the clasp.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts in all the views.

A is the flap, and B the portion of the quarter over which the flap A folds.

C and D are the two members of the clasp, fastened, respectively, to the parts A and B of the upper. The members C and D are hinged together at *a*, and the one D is secured firmly to the part B of the shoe throughout its length. The member C of the clasp is attached to the flap A at its end only, in order to allow of the distention of the shoe for the insertion of the foot, as will be readily understood. The member C of the clasp has a hooked end, *b*, to engage with the end *c* of the member D.

By this construction a spring-clasp is produced, and to effect the disengagement of the ends of the two members thereof it is only necessary to slightly flatten by compression the upper spring one, which has the effect of lengthening it. The end of the member C is secured to the inner side of the flap of the shoe by rivets or any other suitable devices; and where a shoe fitted with my clasp

is designed to have the appearance of a button-boot, the rivets which hold the member C may have heads corresponding in shape to ordinary shoe-buttons.

In Fig. III the clasp is shown with the member C thereof having a cross-piece, *d*, which I deem necessary in shoes of the description shown in the said figure, or where a long lapped edge is employed, and to increase the flexibility of the cross-piece it is slit, as shown; but in the application of the invention to low-cut strapped shoes, as shown in Figs. I and II, the cross-piece *d* is dispensed with.

In the attachment of my clasp to strap-shoes, the straps will have to be made longer than is usual to give the proper lap, as will be readily understood.

To admit of a change in the width of the shoe at the instep, I connect the member D of the clasp to the shoe adjustably as follows: The member D, instead of being fastened directly to the shoe, is connected to a plate, *e*, which is riveted to the shoe. The plate *e* has projections *f*, which clamp the member D, and a pin, *g*, which may be inserted in any one of a series of holes, *h*, in the said member.

It will be understood that by my manner of constructing the clasp and combining it with the shoe the clasp is entirely secreted when closed.

I claim as my invention—

1. A clasp for shoes, which consists of the hinged members C and D and the plate *e*, the member D being perforated and adapted to be longitudinally adjusted to the said plate *e*, which is provided with a pin adapted to enter any one of the said perforations, and thereby lock the lower parts of the device, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A shoe having a flap or flaps over the instep-opening; provided with the hinged clasp C D *e*, the member C being secured at its end to the outer edge of the inner surface of the flap, and the members D *e* provided with adjusting devices, substantially as described, and secured their entire length to the top portion of the adjacent quarter, substantially as specified.

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