

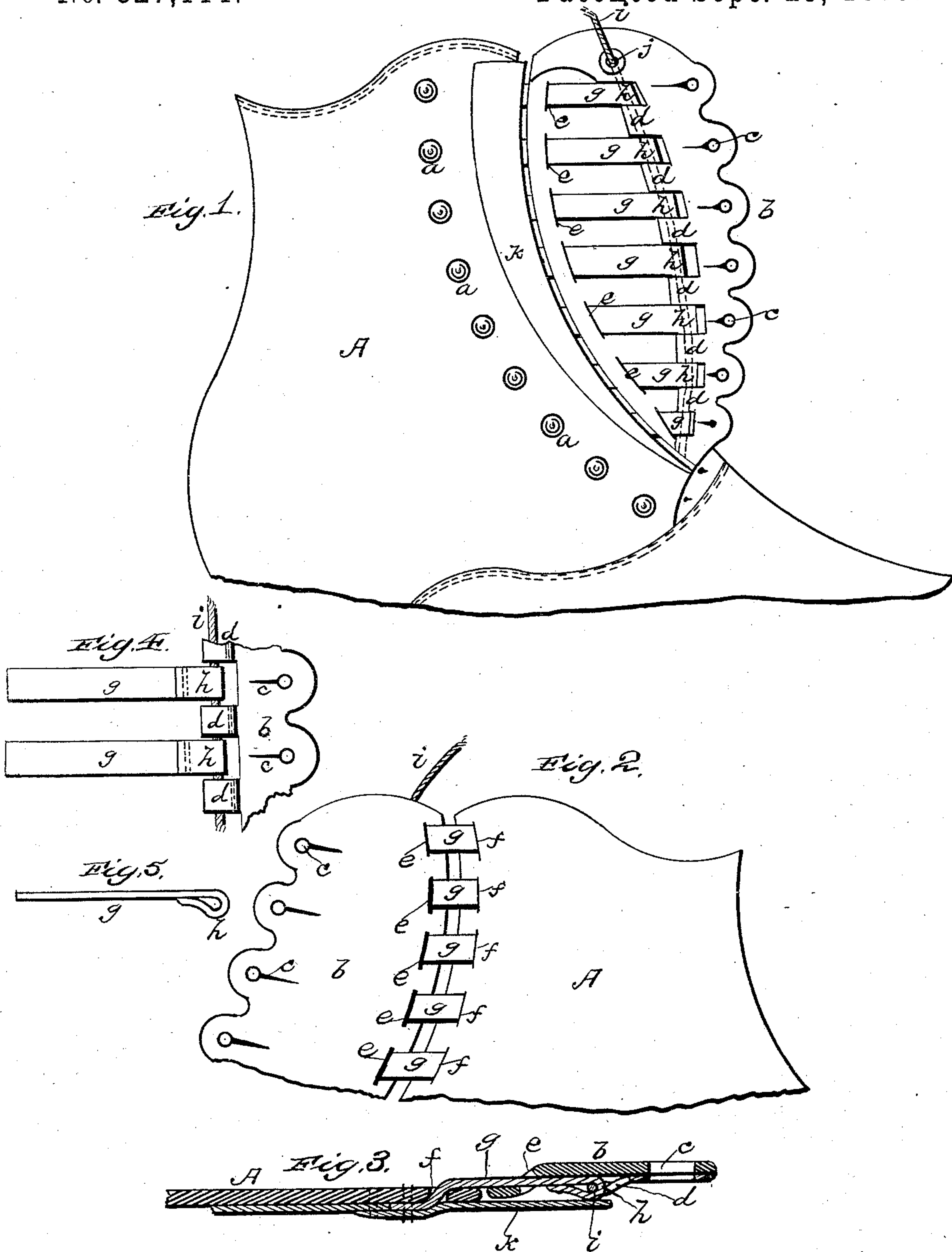
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WARREN G. SLATER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fremont, in the State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Uppers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention has relation to improvements in shoe-uppers; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of devices, as will be hereinafter more fully explained, and particularly pointed out in the claim appended.

The annexed drawings, to which reference is made, fully illustrate my invention, in which Figure 1 represents a side view of the shoe-upper with the front open, showing the inside thereof and Fig. 2 is a detail face view. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of one side only of the upper, and Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates the shoe-upper, which is provided with the usual buttons, *a*, and the overlapping fly-buttoning portion *b*, having the button-holes *c*, corresponding to the number of buttons on the upper. This fly portion is separated from the main part of the upper in front of the same, and it is provided on its inner side with loops *d*, which form a part of the inner facing of the strengthening-strip of the button-holes, and said fly portion is further provided with openings or slits *e*, opposite to the loops above mentioned, but are arranged alternately therewith, as shown in the drawings. Directly opposite to these slits or openings are arranged similar openings, *f*, in which extends one end of a series of straps, *g*, the ends therein being stitched to the upper proper. These straps extend from the upper through the slits *e* to the inside of the fly, and are provided at their free ends with

loop *h*, to receive a cord or shoe-string, *i*, which latter also passes through the loops *e*, and is secured at its lower end to the upper, the free end thereof passing through an eyelet, *j*, on the fly, and can be readily drawn when it is desired to tighten the shoe to the foot. An inner flap is provided, as at *k*, which is stitched to the inside of the upper, and not only serves to prevent the straps and string from coming in contact with the foot, but covers the gap between the upper proper and the button-hole fly, thus preventing the stocking on the wearer's foot from being exposed.

It will be observed from the above description, and by reference to the annexed drawings, that the upper can be readily adjusted to fit the wearer's foot by the cord *i* yielding, should the foot be larger than the upper, or said cord drawn taut to fit the shoe to a smaller foot, as the case may be, without removing and replacing the buttons; at the same time it is neat in appearance, durable and easy to the foot, and cheap to manufacture.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described shoe-upper, adapted to be adjusted to the wearer's foot, consisting of the upper proper, the inside flap, the looped straps stitched at one end to the upper, and the inside facing provided with the loops, said strap-loops and facing-loops adapted to receive a cord, one end being secured to the upper and the other end left free, whereby the upper may be adjusted on the wearer's foot, as described and shown.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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