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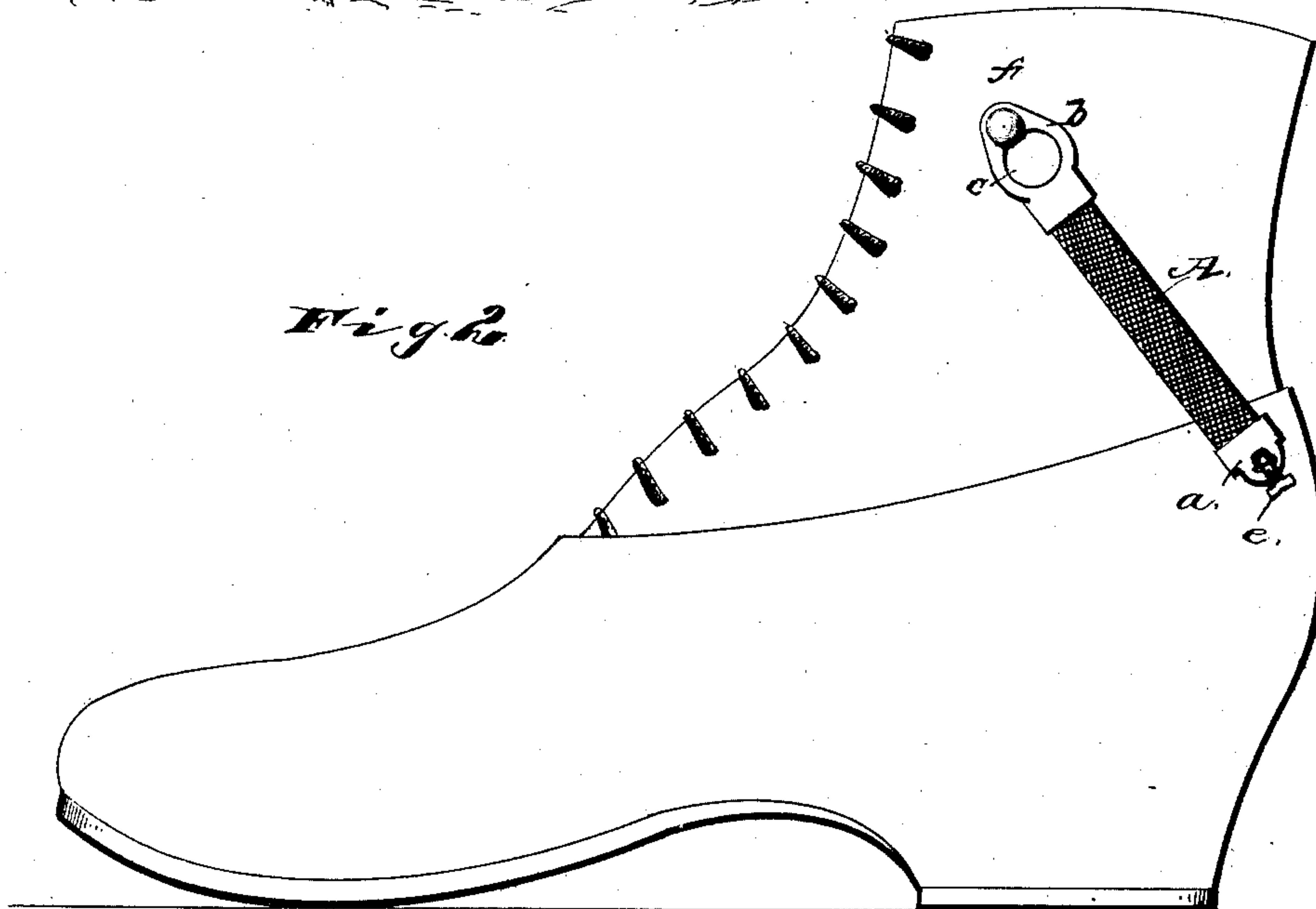
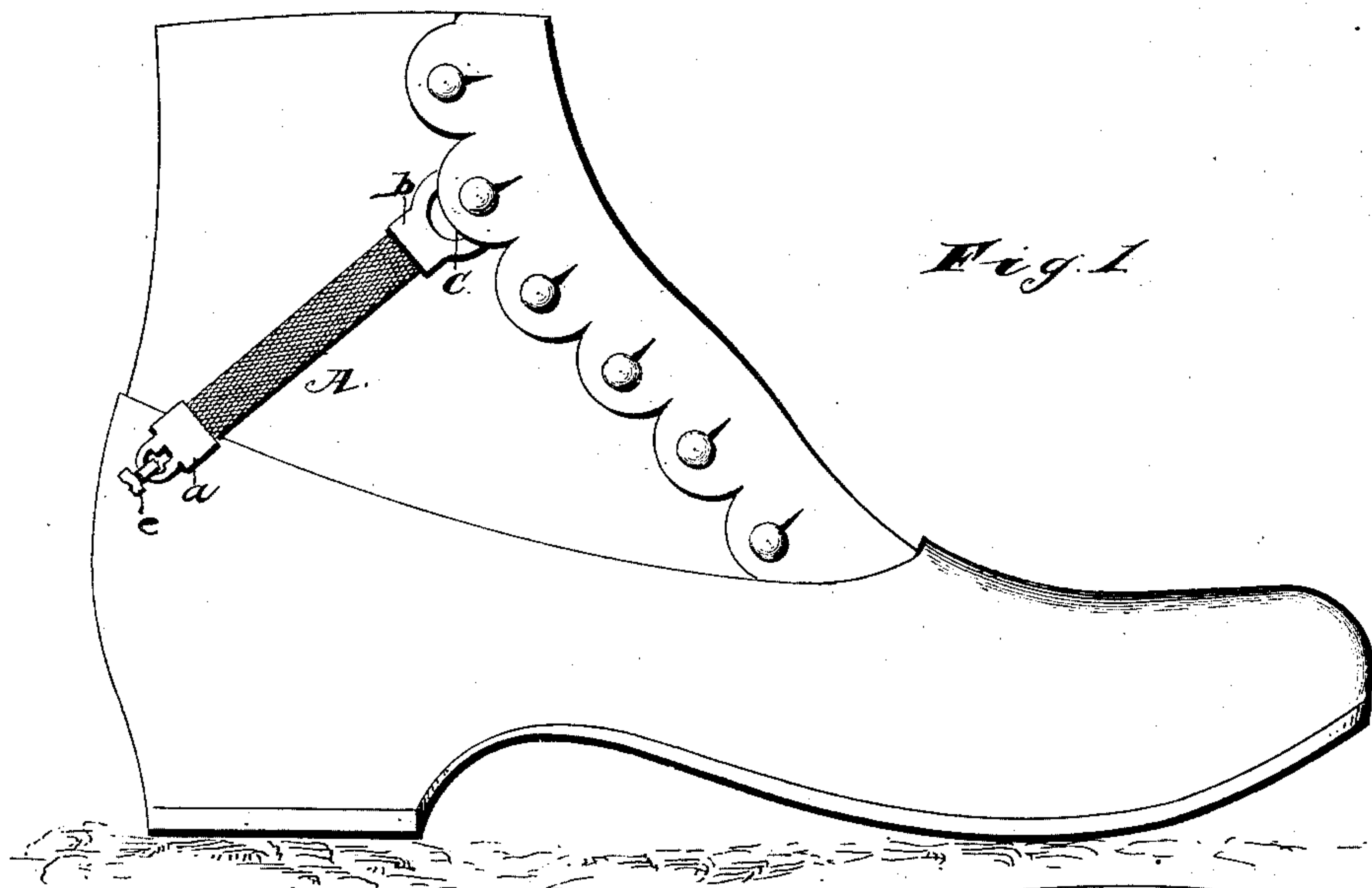
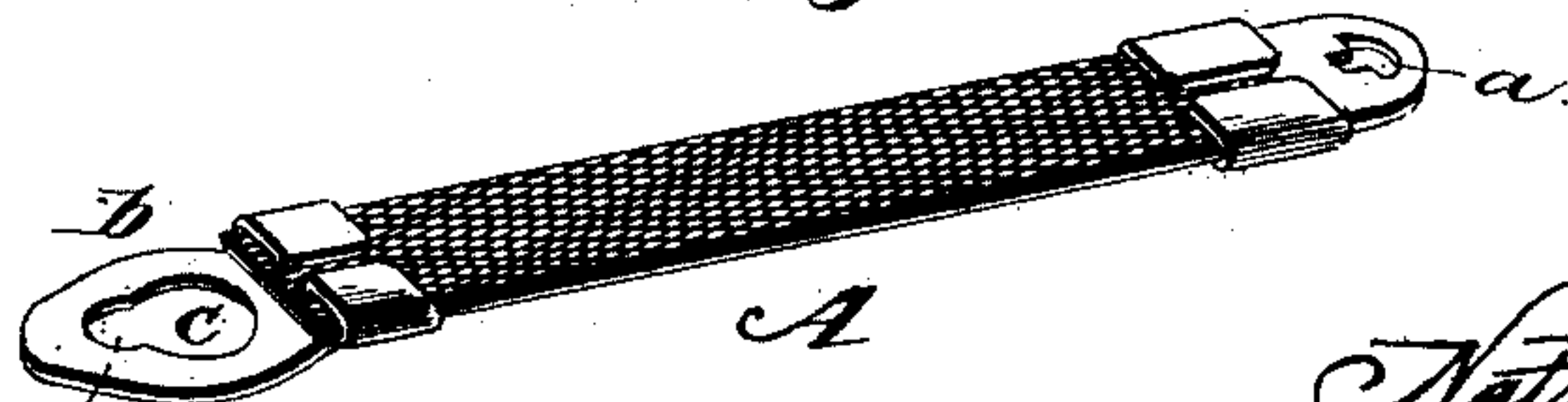


Fig. 3.



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## DEVICE FOR ATTACHING OVERSHOES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, NATHAN B. HOLDSWORTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spencerville, in the county of Allen and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Devices for Attaching Overshoes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has reference to devices for attaching overshoes so as to prevent them from playing on or becoming detached from the foot; and it consists in the improvements hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a side view of a button-gaiter and overshoe having my improvement applied thereto; Fig. 2, the same view of a portion of a lace-shoe and overshoe, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my improvement.

The said improvement consists, essentially, of a yielding web or strip, A, having at one end a metallic plate or loop, *a*, which is perforated, and at the other end a plate, *b*, having a larger perforation, *c*, which is contracted at one side, *d*, as shown.

In the application of the device the overshoe is provided at one side, and near the end thereof, with a metallic loop or eye, *e*, which may be applied by means of a metal clincher. This loop *e* engages the loop *a*, and thereby permanently connects the attachment with the side of the overshoe. The plate *b* may then be engaged with one of the buttons on the shoe by means of an ordinary button-hook. Such

engagement will be best secured by first adjusting the plate *b* with the button and afterward buttoning the flap of the shoe. In the case of lace-shoes the engagement may be effected by having the plate *b* engage a button, *f*, secured to the upper at one side of the lace portion thereof.

The elastic web section enables the device to have a limited yielding movement without straining the button to which its plate *b* is attached or the loop *e*. The form of the perforation *c* is such that it can be readily forced over the button, and then permit the shank of the latter to enter the contracted portion and prevent disengagement.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that the device is of simple, useful, and durable construction, and will readily serve to retain the overshoe firmly on the foot.

I claim—

The combination, with the overshoe, of the hook *e*, permanently secured thereto, and the web A, having a plate, *a*, at one end permanently connected with the hook *e*, and provided at its other end with a plate, *b*, adapted to engage a button on a shoe, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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