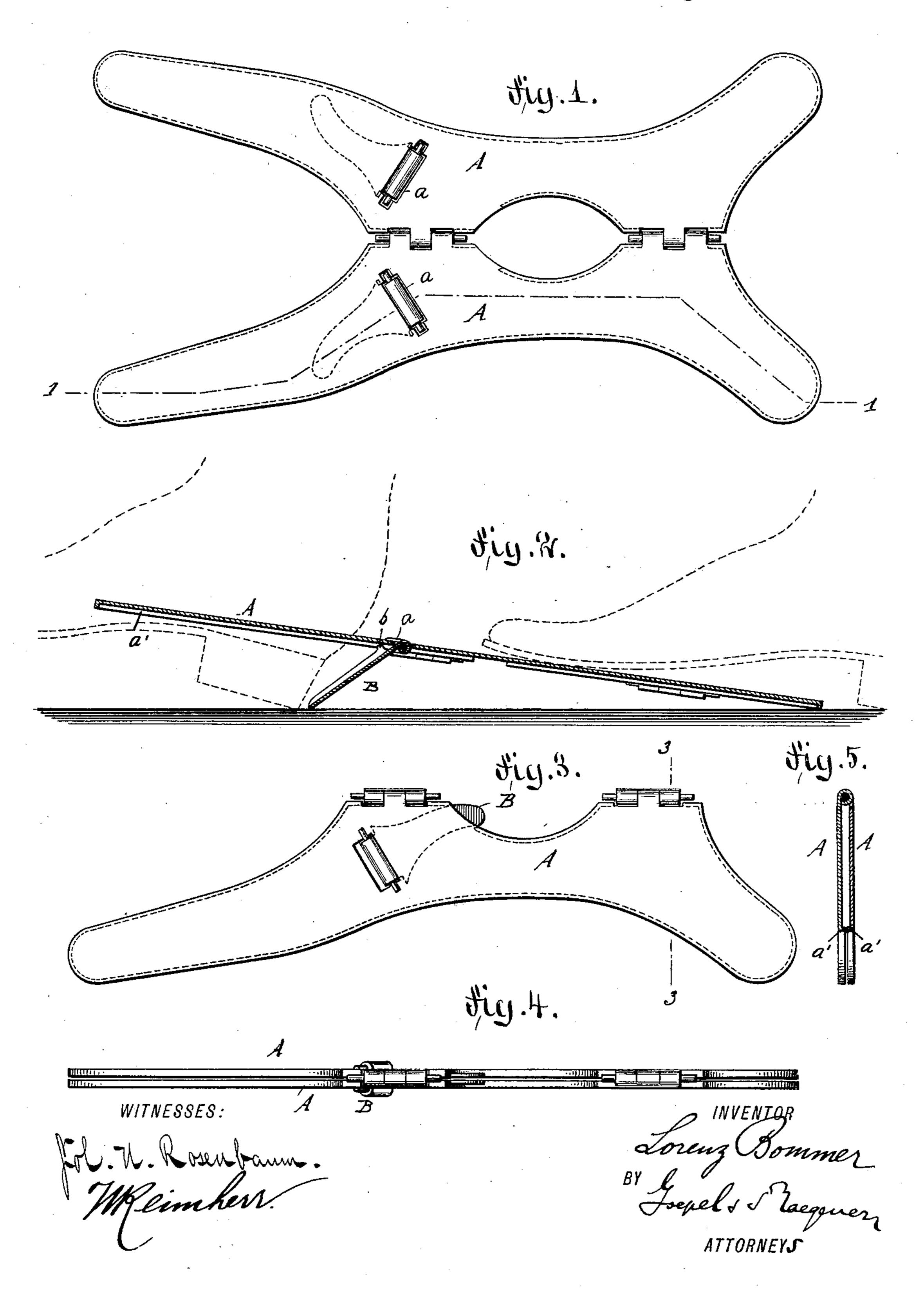
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## BOOT-JACK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Lorenz Bommer, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, a citizen of the United States, 5 have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boot-Jacks, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a boot-jack which can be folded very comro pactly and conveniently carried in a pocket

or traveling-case. In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a top view of my improved bootjack, showing the same in open position ready 15 for use. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same on line 1 1, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a top view of the boot-jack shown as folded up. Fig. 4 is an end view of Fig. 3; and Fig. 5 is a vertical transverse section on line 33, 20 Fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference indicate corre-

sponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A A represent the two longitudinal and symmetrical sec-25 tions of which my improved boot-jack is composed. The sections A are stamped up from sheet metal of suitable thickness and strength and provided at the outer edges with a downwardly-bent rim a', which serves as a re-en-30 force for the sections A A and imparts to the same a finished edge. The sections A A are hinged together at their inner edges, as shown in Fig. 1. Each section A is provided with a slot or recess a, to suitable bearings of which 35 are hinged the stays B B, which are provided with stops b b in front of said hinges, which stops abut against the under side of the sections A A, so as to retain the stays at a proper angle of inclination to the sections A, as 40 shown clearly in Fig. 2.

When the boot-jack is to be carried along in traveling, the hinged sections are folded one over the other, the stays having been first folded flat against the under sides of the 45 sections, as shown in Figs. 3, 4, and 5. In

this folded state the boot-jack takes up very little room and can be readily packed in a trunk or satchel. When the boot-jack is required for use, the hinged sections are opened or swung from each other and the stays placed 50 in inclined position thereto, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, in which position the boot-jack can be readily used in the usual manner.

The boot-jack can be made of sheet-steel or other suitable material, and can be supplied 55 at comparatively small expense, inasmuch as all the parts can be struck up and put together with great facility and at compara-

tively small expense.

Having thus described my invention, I 60 claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A boot-jack composed of two flat plates hinged together longitudinally, each of said plates being provided with a hinged stay or 65 leg, which folds flat against the under side of the plate when the device is closed, each of said stays being provided with a projecting lug or stop, which comes in contact with the under side of the plates and holds the lug at 70 an angle thereto when the device is in use, substantially as described.

2. A boot-jack consisting of two sections hinged together longitudinally, each of said sections being composed of stamped-out sheet-75 metal plates having a re-enforcing rim, said plates being provided with slots, pintles extending across said slots, and legs hinged to said pintles and adapted to fold flat against said plates when the device is closed, said 80. legs being provided with stops for contact with the under side of the plates, or in open position, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in pres- 85 ence of two subscribing witnesses.

LORENZ BOMMER.

Witnesses:

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