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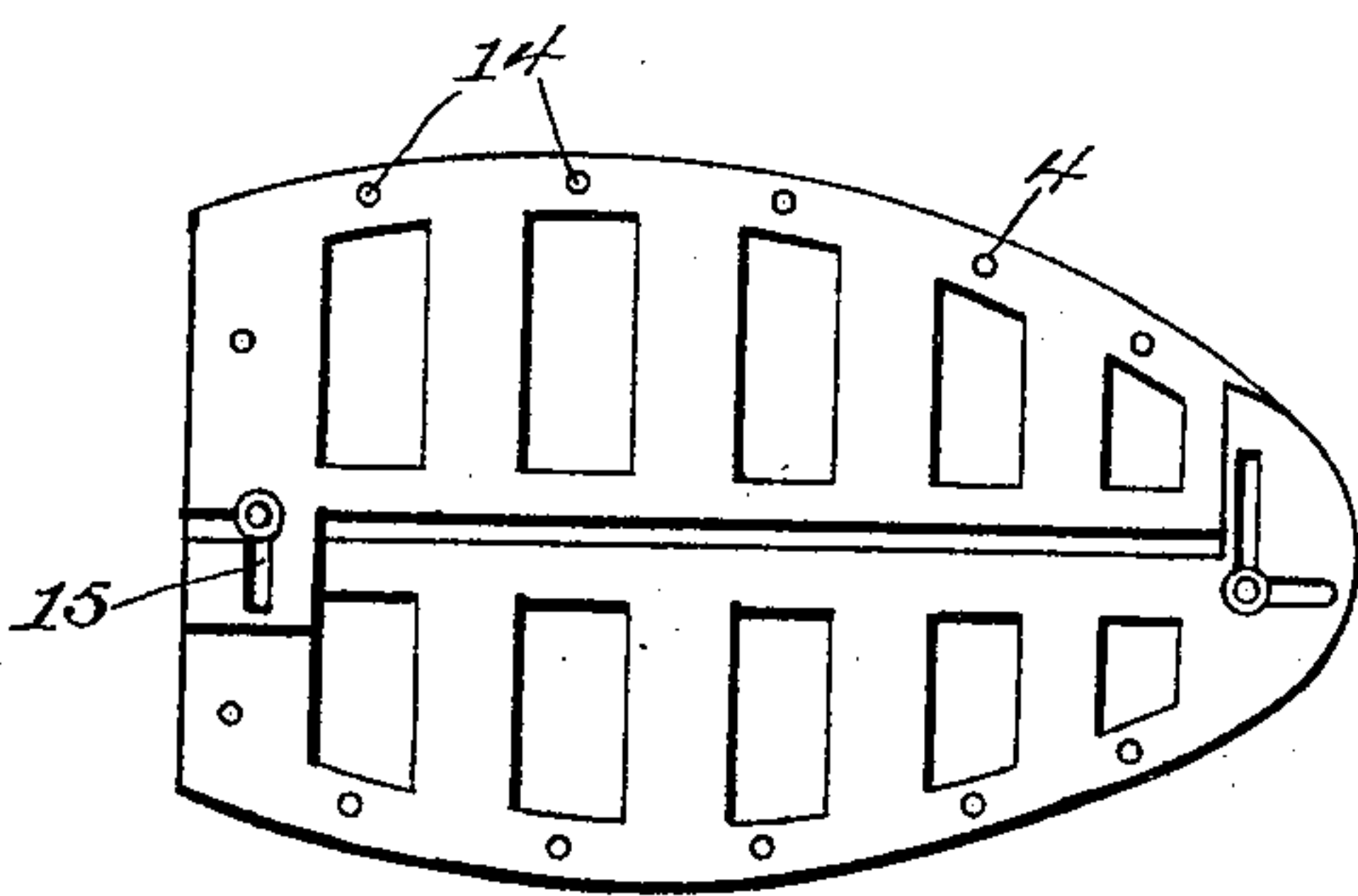
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SHOE-PLATE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS F. LONG, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Tyler, in the county of Smith and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Plates; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to extensible sole-plates for shoes, the object being to provide a light sectional metallic sole provided with open-work surfaces having angular slots near the ends of said sections and pins or studs fitting the slots to hold the sections in place, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing the figure is a bottom plan view showing the open-work sections having overlapping portions provided with angular slots near the ends of said sections and pins or studs filling the slots for permitting adjustments of the sections. The sections are provided with pin-holes or screw-holes for the reception of pins, nails, or screws 14, by which to secure them to the shoe-sole. The sections are provided near their ends with an-

gular slots 15, through which pins are passed to connect the sections together and at the same time permit the sections to be adjusted laterally to fit soles of different sizes. The open-work in the sections renders them light and yet permits them to expose portions of the shoe-sole.

The sole-sections are cheaply produced, and yet present sufficient wearing-surface to render them quite durable and lasting.

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

In a plate for attachment to shoe-soles, the combination with a pair of metallic sole-sections provided with open-work surfaces having angular slots near the ends of said sections and pins or studs fitting the slots to hold the sections in place, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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