

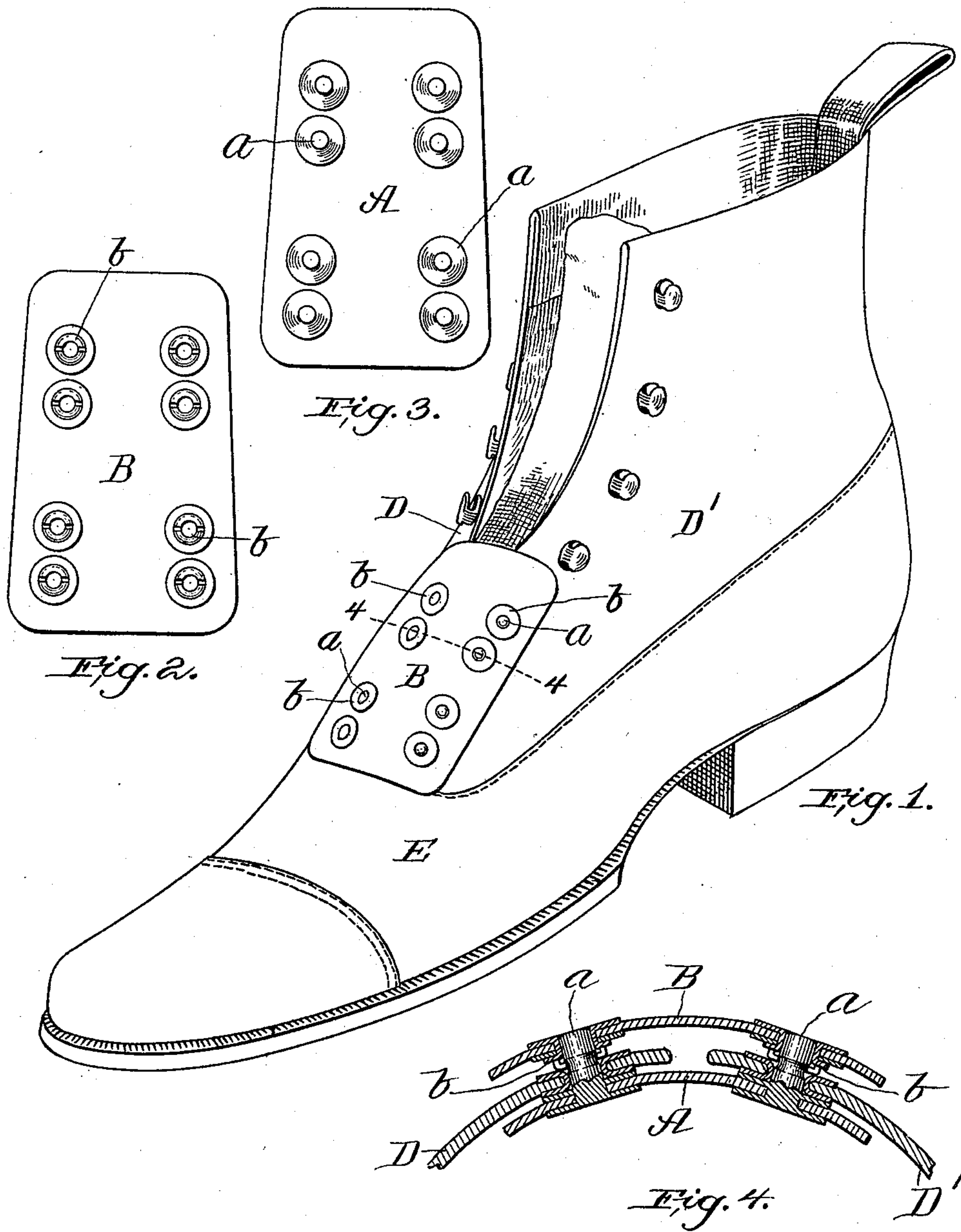
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. PIERCE, of Brockton, in the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Holder for Shoe-Tops, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe with my holder in place. Figs. 2 and 3 are plans of the two members of my holder. Fig. 4 is an enlarged section on line 4 4 of Fig. 1.

My invention is a device for holding the tops of a laced shoe in proper relation one to the other during the processes of manufacture of the shoe; and my invention is made up of two tabs, one provided with studs which engage the eyelets on the tops and the other provided with sockets which are adapted to engage the heads of the studs, the object being to hold the tops in proper relation to each other while the vamp and quarters are sewed to the tops and while the last is in the shoe.

In the drawings, A is a tab provided with studs *a*, and B a tab provided with sockets *b*, adapted to engage with studs *a*.

D D' are the tops, and E the upper.

The studs *a* on tab A are passed through the eyelets on the tops D D', and the sockets *b* on tab B are then sprung into engagement with the studs *a*. The tops D D' thus held

together and in proper relation one to the other are then stitched to the upper E, which is then ready for the various processes of lasting and welting, &c., to complete the shoe, when the holder is removed, after pulling sockets *b* out of engagement with studs *a*.

My invention serves to hold the quarters in proper relative position and insures uniformity in the relation of the tops, as my holders are used over and over, being quickly and easily put in place and readily removed, while in no danger of becoming accidentally displaced.

I am aware of Patent No. 580,911, dated April 20, 1897, to W. H. Usher and disclaim all therein shown, my device consisting, essentially, of two tabs, one inside and the other outside of the tops and connected by studs which pass through the lacing-eyelets.

What I claim as my invention is—

The holder for shoe-tops above described made up of two tabs one provided with studs which engage the lacing-eyelets and the other provided with sockets to engage the ends of the studs projecting through the eyelets.

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