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Fig. 1.

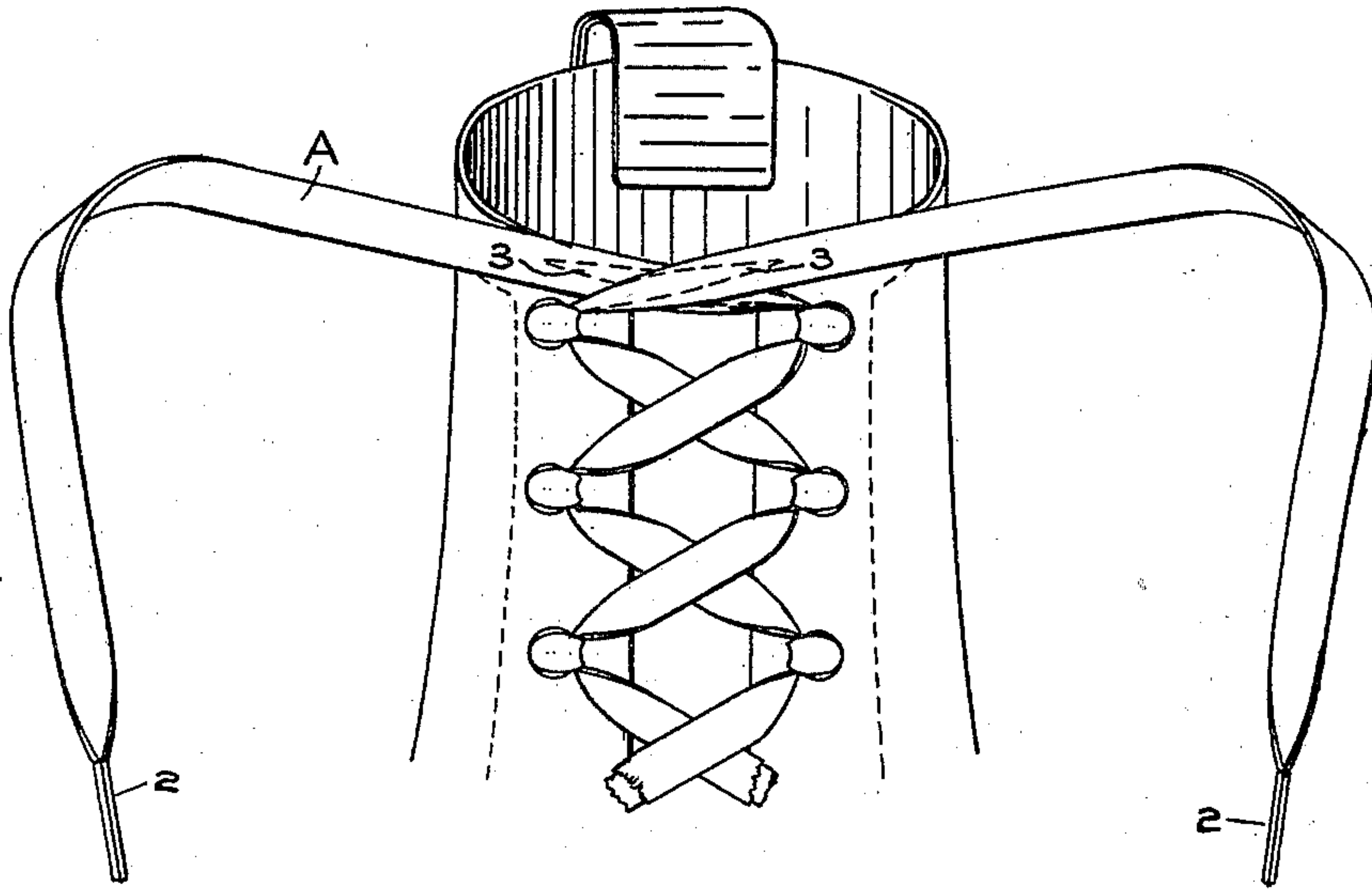


Fig. 2.

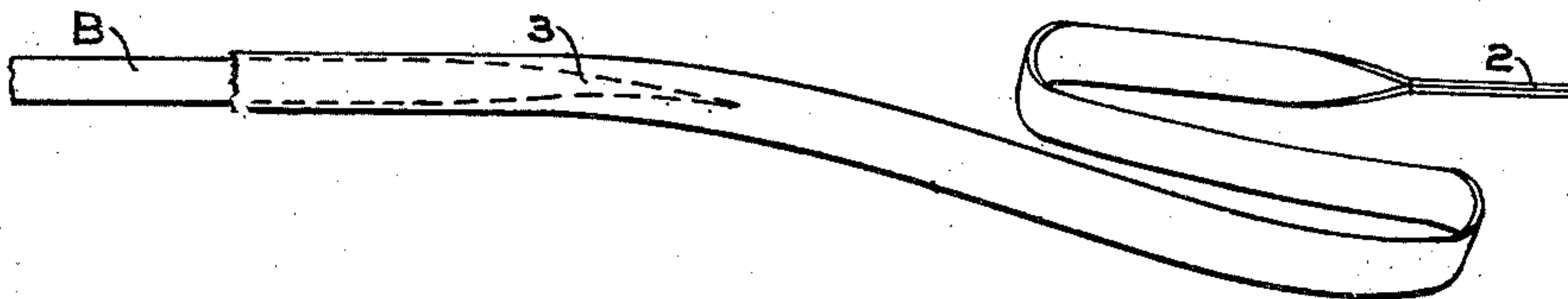
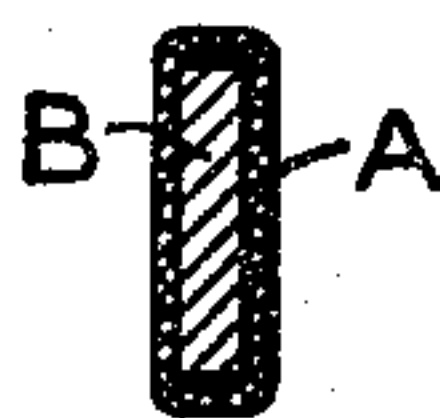


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN T. THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoestrings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in shoe-lacings, its object being to provide means for reinforcing the same to prevent their wearing through and becoming separated.

To this end my invention consists of the features of construction and combination hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a shoe-top shown supplied with my improved lacing. Fig. 2 is a view of one end of my improved lacing, and Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the same.

In the drawings, A represents an ordinary shoe-lacing, made hollow and fitted at its ends with the metal tips 2. Within the lacing I fit the strip B, made of buckskin or other suitable material. The ends 3 of the strip B terminate some distance short of the ends of the lacing and are gradually tapered, as shown. By having the strip B terminate slightly above the upper hooks 4 of the shoe the bow is formed

of the unfilled ends of the lacing, making a tighter and neater knot than if the strip ran to the ends of the lacing, and by having the ends of the strip tapered the ending of the strip is not made noticeable.

As shown in Fig. 3, the strip B is flat and fills the lacing. The filling thus holds the lacing in shape and by being flat will not be pressed into the foot by the shoe.

I claim—

1. A shoe-lacing consisting of a hollow body, and a flat strip closely fitted within, and filling, said body.

2. A shoe-lacing consisting of a hollow body, and a strip fitting therein, said strip terminating short of those portions of the ends of the lacings which are ordinarily tied into a bow.

3. A shoe-lacing consisting of a hollow body, a strip fitted therein, said strip terminating short of those portions of the ends which are ordinarily tied into a bow, said strip having its ends gradually tapered.

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

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