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SHOE BOW.

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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

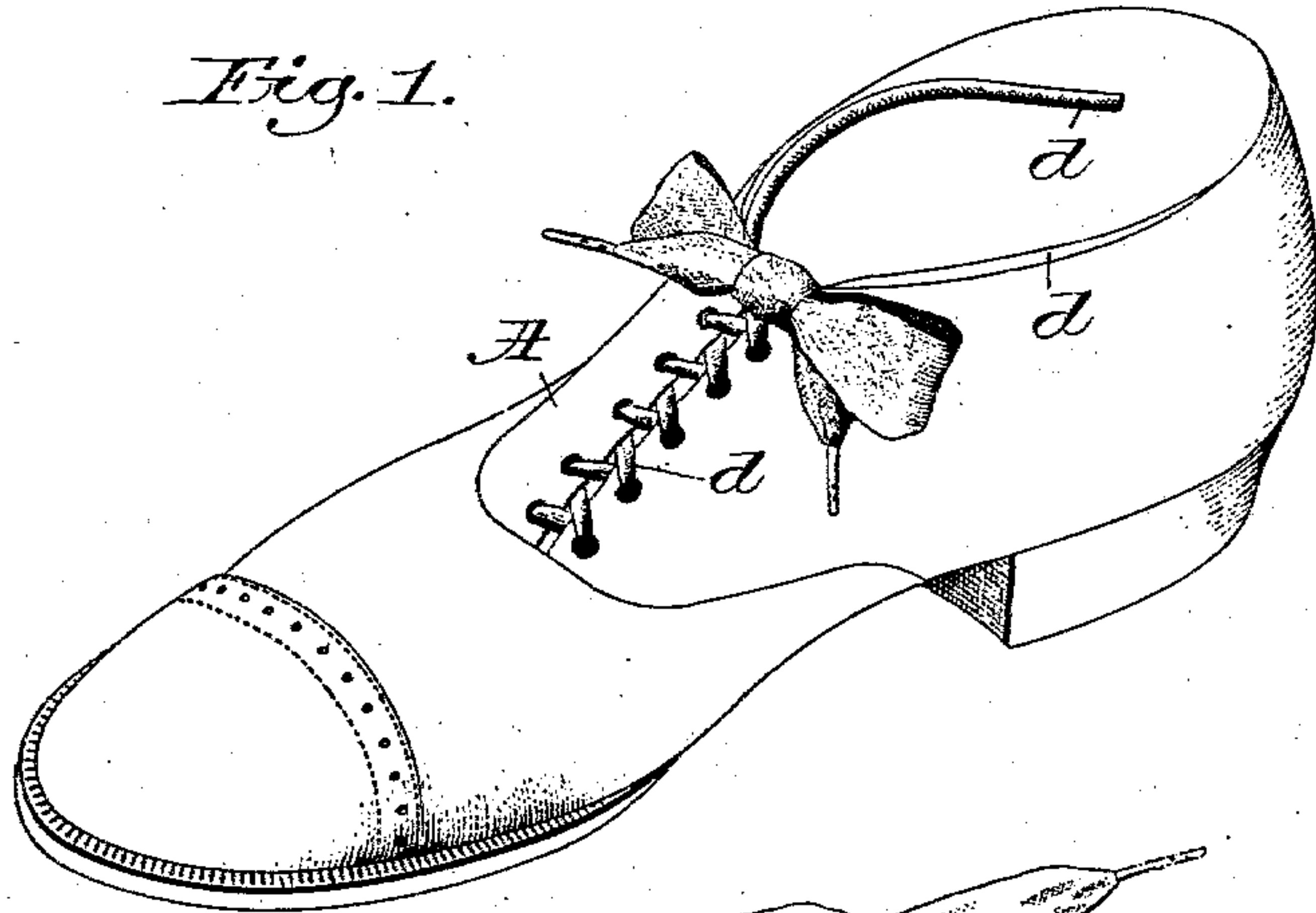


Fig. 2.

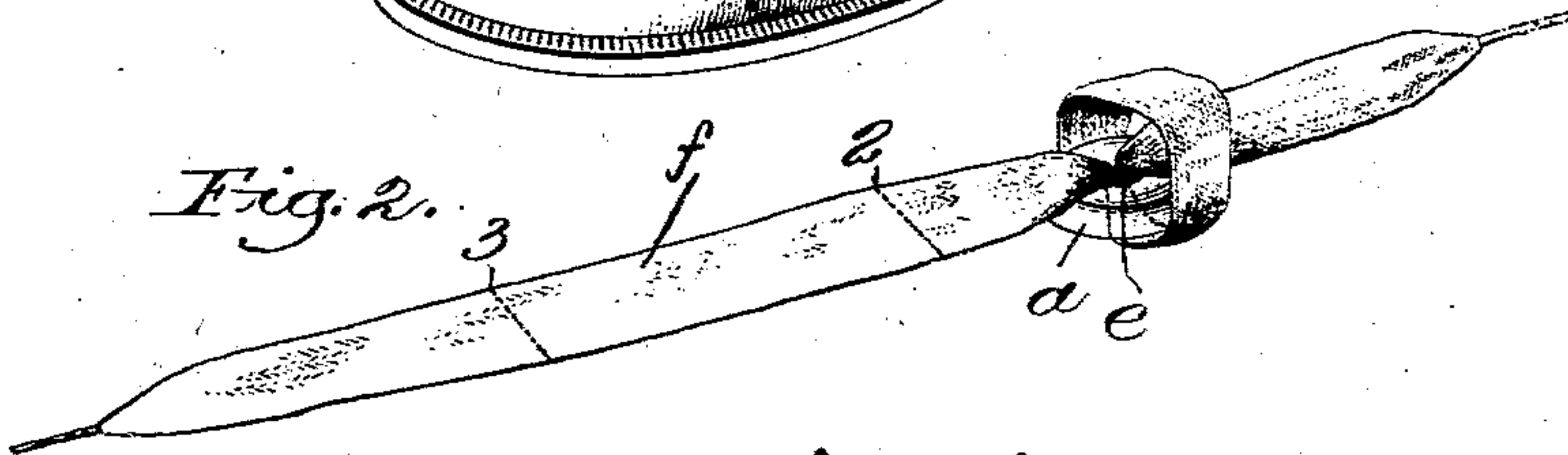


Fig. 3.

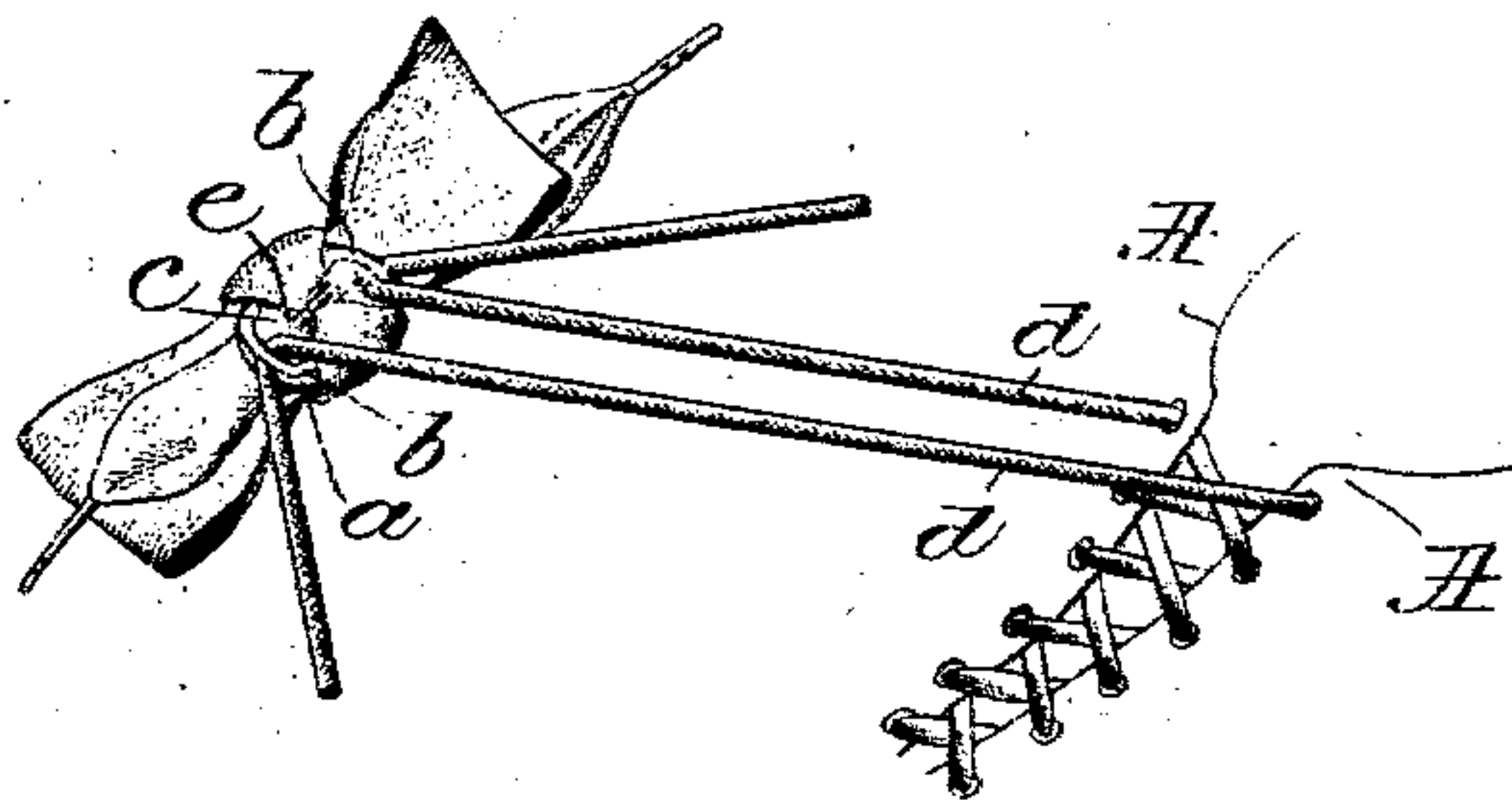


Fig. 4.

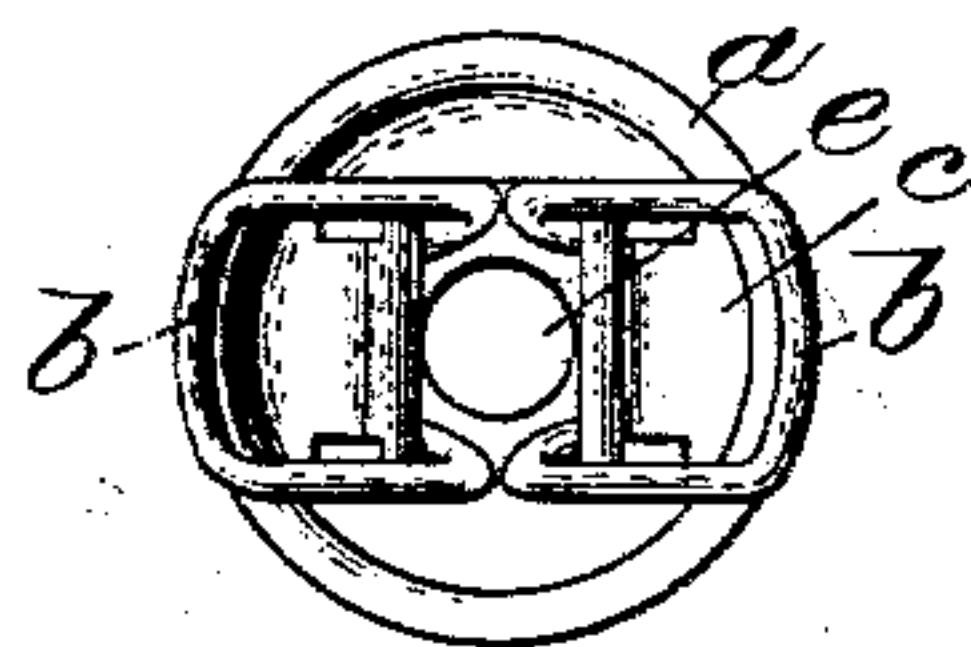
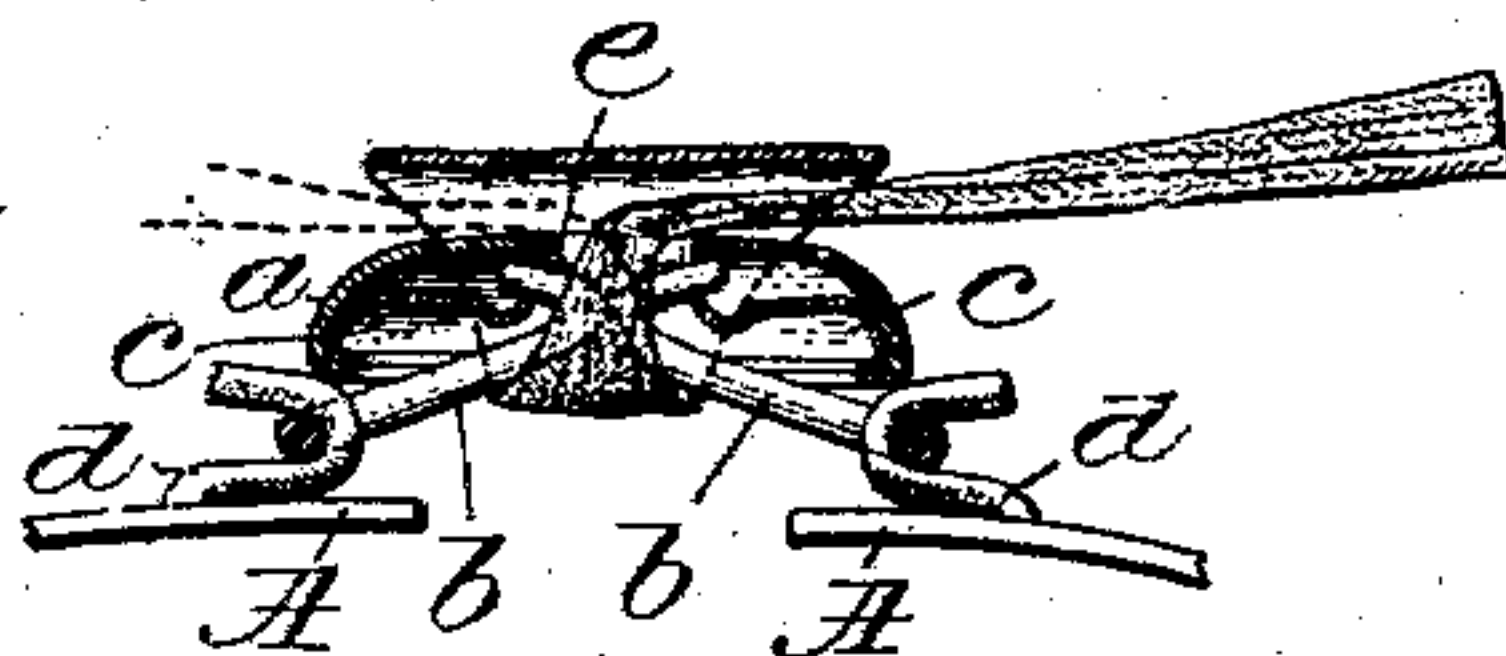


Fig. 5.



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SHOE-BOW.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL L. PRATT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hingham, county of Plymouth, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Shoe-Bows, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like characters on the drawings representing like parts.

In attempts to add to the neatness of appearance of boots and shoes united by lacing it has become fashionable to add a bow to the boot or shoe at the point where the lacing is tied to retain the shoe on the foot.

My invention relates to a new bow comprising a metallic foundation and a piece of textile material tied into the same to present a bow, and as I have herein chosen to illustrate my invention the foundation and bow are represented as retained on the boot or shoe by the lacing, and the particular foundation shown also acts to hold the lacing in the position in which it is drawn preparatory to fastening the lacing.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows a shoe with my novel bow in position. Fig. 2 is a diagram showing the body and the textile material of the bow in process of being tied. Fig. 3 shows the bow pulled away from the shoe as it will be preparatory to unlacing the shoe. Fig. 4 is an enlarged rear side elevation of the body. Fig. 5 is a cross-section of the body with its legs and spring, said figure showing strings extended through the loops of the legs and also showing, partly in full lines and partly in dotted lines, parts of the textile material for the bow being introduced in position preparatory to being tied.

The shoe A may be of any suitable shape.

To illustrate my invention in one of the best forms now known to me, I take a foundation comprising a metallic body *a*, having two open pivoted legs *b*, acted upon by springs *c*, that serve normally to keep the sides of the legs next the under side of the body pressed toward said body, as shown in Fig. 5. This body and legs are substantially such as represented in United States Patent No. 642,788, dated February 6, 1900, and the legs receive through them the lacing *d*, the legs holding the drawn lacing taut and obviating the necessity of tying the lacing, all as fully described in said patent. The body, that it may be utilized as a bow-holder,

is cut out centrally at *e*, and the textile material *f* used for the bow is laid over on the face of the body, and the ends thereof are carried down to the back of the body, as shown in Figs. 3 and 5, and said ends are then inserted in the central opening *e* from the back of the body and drawn through to the front of the body, as shown in full and dotted lines in Fig. 5, and the longer end *f'* of the textile material, (see Fig. 2,) as herein shown, is drawn to the left and the shorter end to the right. In this condition a part of the textile material *f* between its ends overlaps the outer side of the body and conceals the opening *e*, out from which the two ends of the textile material are drawn.

To make the bow represented in Figs. 1 and 3, I prefer to double the longer exposed end of the textile material at 2 and 3 and insert the material doubled on the line 3 under the part of the material crossing the body and concealing the opening *e* therein and pull said doubled end through into the position Fig. 1. This makes a pretty bow that is attached to the body and is movable with the body when the lacing is to be unfastened and fastened in taking off and putting on the shoe. Such a bow is permanently tied.

Any textile material may be used for the material of the bow.

This bow may be used on any part of wearing-apparel, and instead of the open legs I might attach to the body any other form of holding means to secure it to wearing-apparel.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A permanent bow comprising a substantially circular metallic body provided with a single opening centrally disposed in said body, and textile material having a portion between its ends overlying said central opening, and the ends of said material passed through said opening from the back of the metallic body and projecting to each side of said body.

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

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