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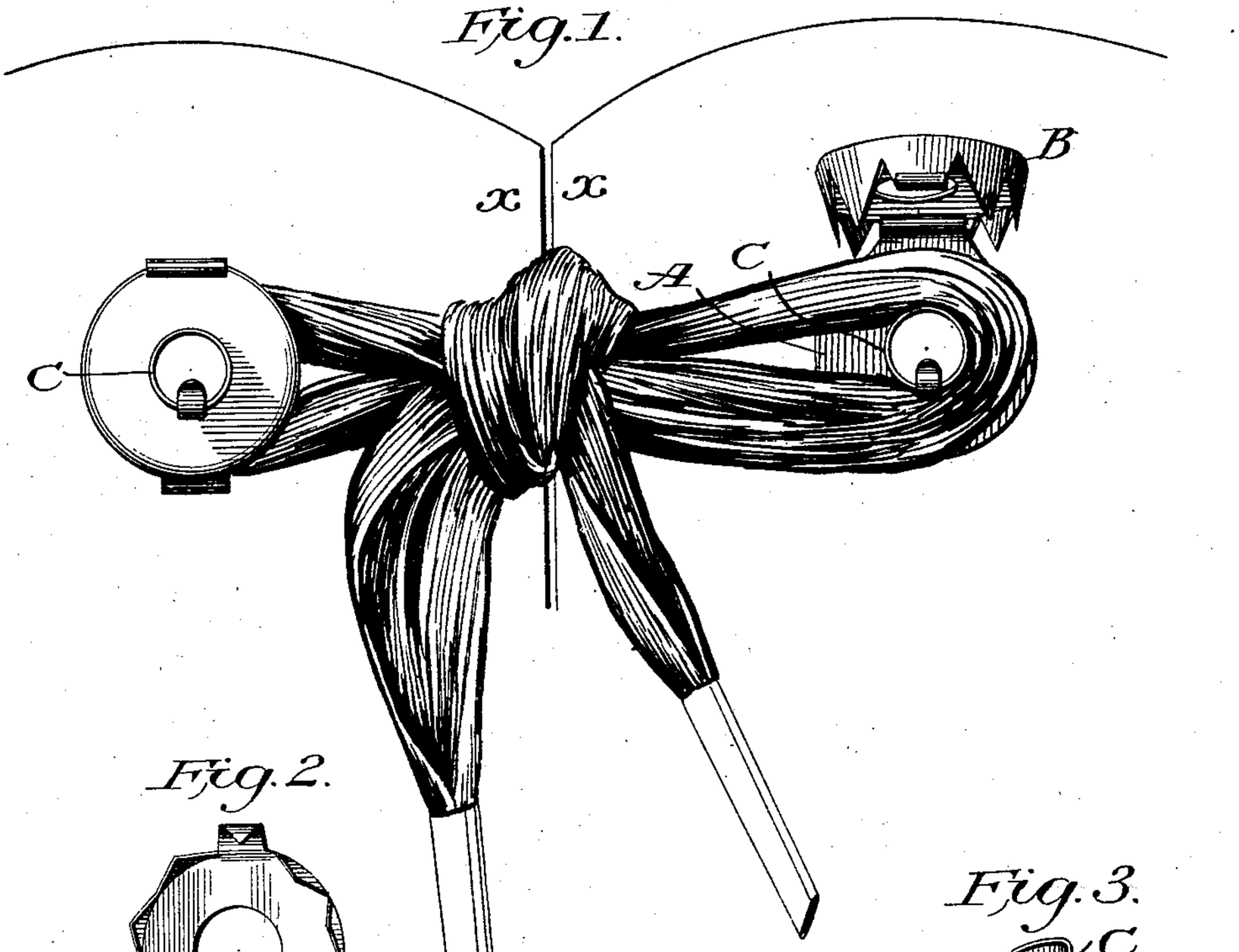
Fig. 1.



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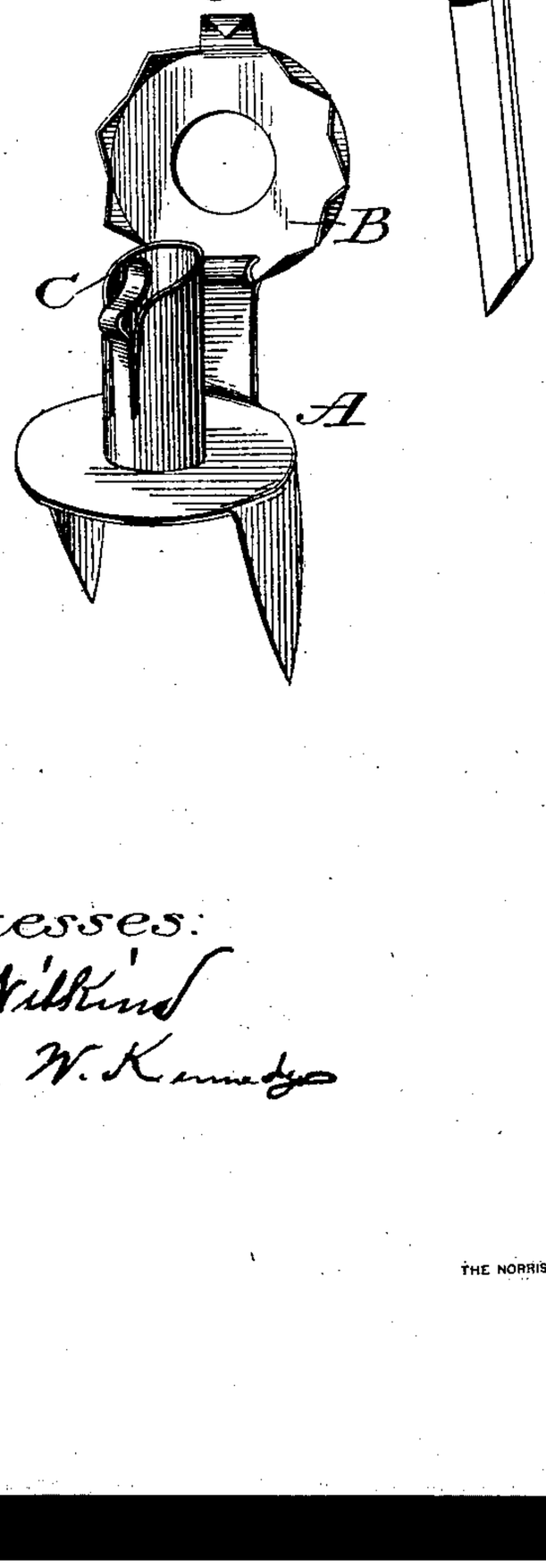

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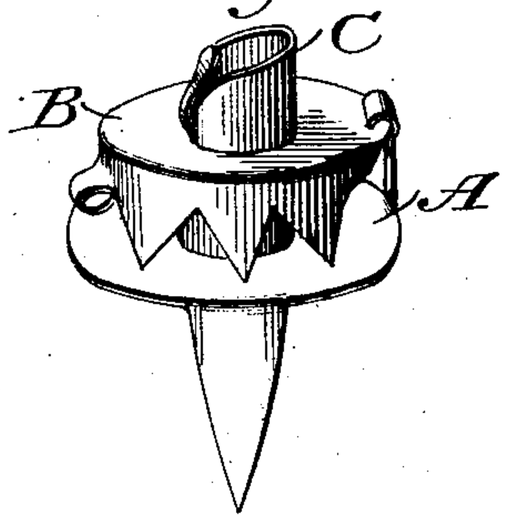

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BEATRICE E. R. THOMSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Burlington, in the county of Chittenden and State of Vermont, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shoe-Lace or Shoestring Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device to prevent shoe-laces from untying and is used in sets of two, one on each side of the shoe one-half inch or so from the upper eyelets.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows my device applied to a shoe. Fig. 2 shows the device detached with the cover open, and Fig. 3 is a similar view with the cover closed.

In one piece with the base A is a strip which is bent up at right angles to the base and passes through a slit in the cover B and is bent firmly together on the under side, passing through the cover from the top and bent in place toward the inside of the cover, forming a hinge by which the cover works easily. After this hinge is made there is a small portion of the strip between the base and cover. Also of one piece with the base are two pointed strips. These pass through the shoe-leather and can be bent firmly back on the base to hold the fastener to the shoe and can be readily bent forward to remove the fastener from the shoe when desired. The base A has a perforation in the center in which is the cylindrical post C, the lower edge of which is turned out and welded firmly to the edges of the aperture in the base. Near the base of the post C is a tongue fastened at the lower end and extending a little higher than the post. This tongue has a bend near the top to hold the cover down securely when it is closed on the strings. The cover is a trifle smaller than the base, so that the teeth hereinafter mentioned will press firmly against the base and help to hold the cover down upon the shoestrings when tied. The cover is cut with seven or more teeth or points, which are bent down at right angles with the body of the cover, the bend being just above where the teeth begin or the base of the said points. The middle point opposite the hinge is bent outward at right angles to the other points, forming a hold by which the cover may be moved up and down. In the center of the cover is a perforation just large enough to work easily over the post.

In use the shoestring-holder is readily fastened to the shoe just above the upper eyelets. When the shoe is properly laced, the strings are put around the post and tied in a firm double bow-knot after being tightly drawn. The cover is then shut down, where it holds the strings firmly and prevents the great annoyance of getting untied.

The holder may be made of any kind of metal, such as is used for glove-fasteners.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a shoe-lace or shoestring holder a base secured to a shoe by pointed strips, a post in the center of said base, and a cover hinged to the same base having a hole in the center to work over said post and a tongue to hold the cover down upon the shoestrings as herein described.

2. In a shoe-lace or shoestring holder a base fastened to a shoe by pointed strips, a post secured to said base in combination with a cover hinged to the same and provided with downward-bent points or teeth and a tongue to hold the cover down as herein set forth.

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