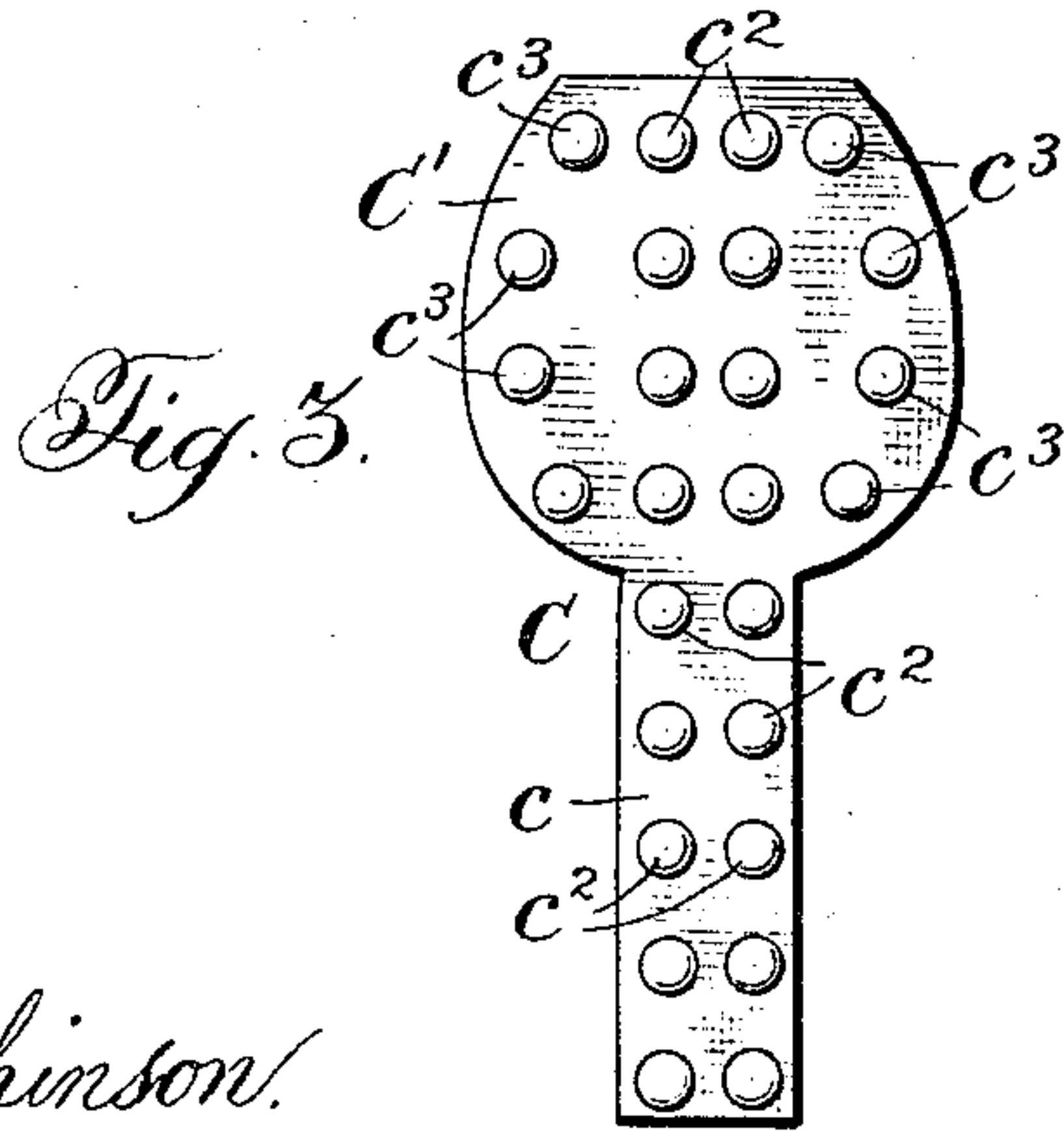
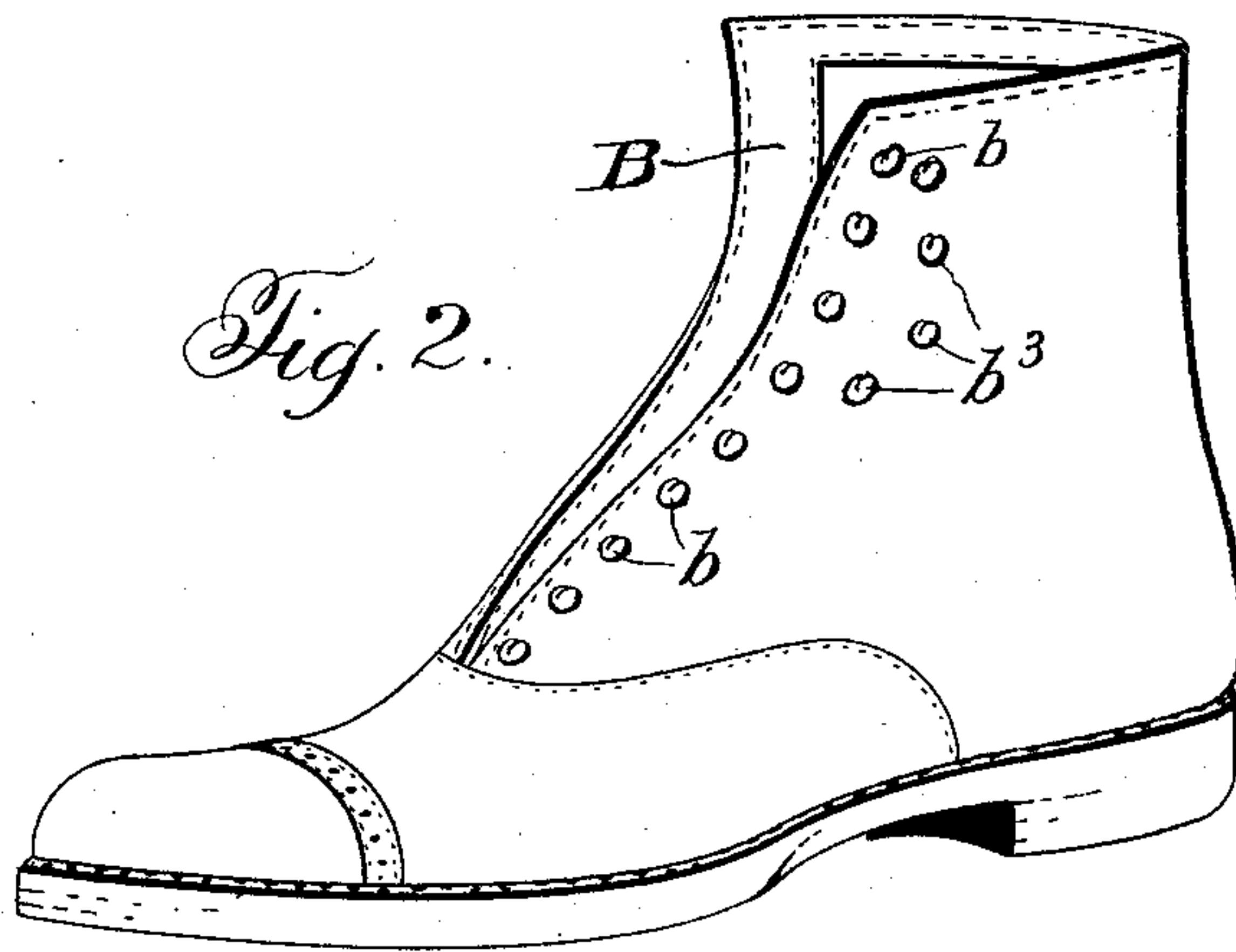
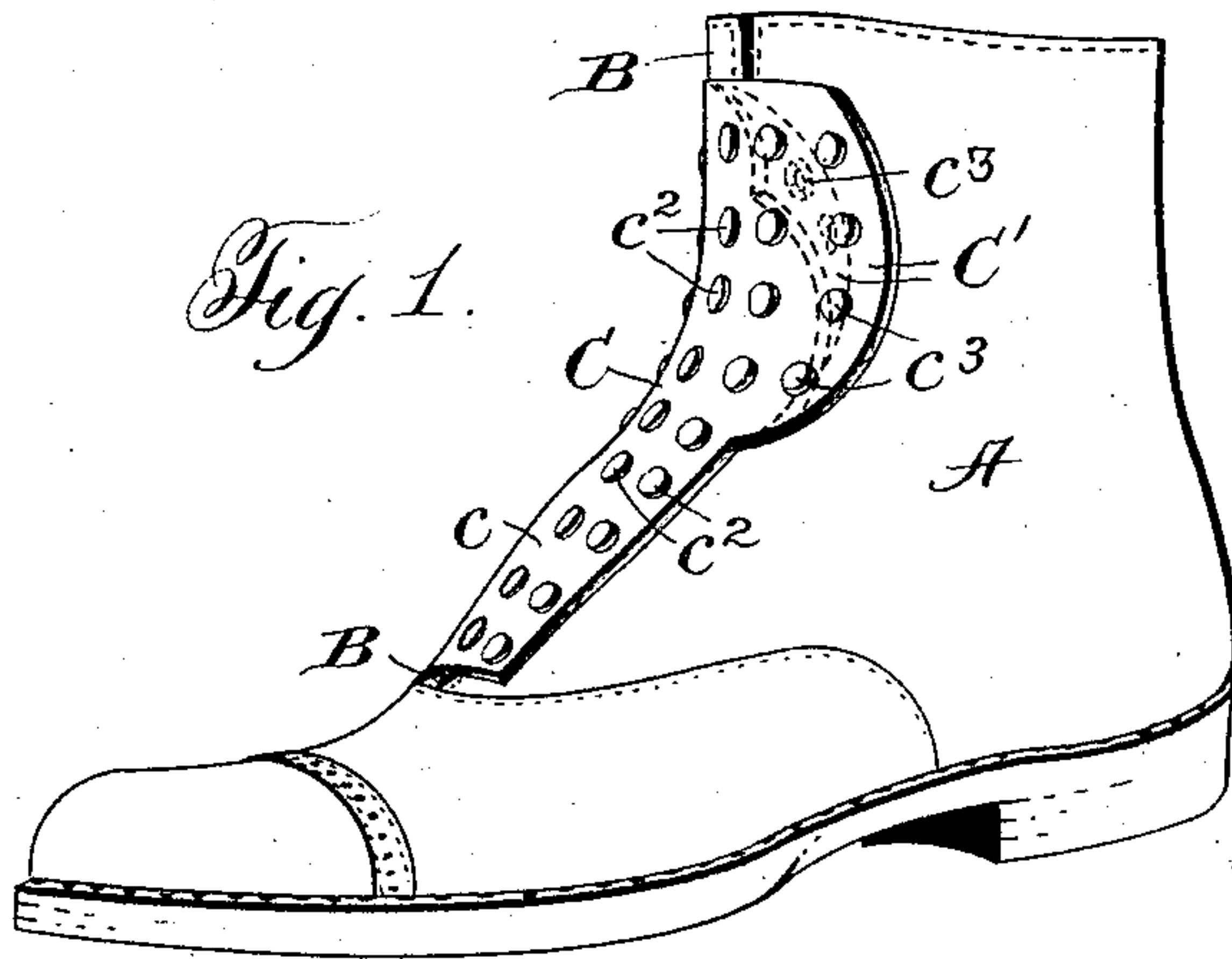


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD MILTON DICKSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Fastenings, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to an improvement in shoe-fastenings, and more particularly to fastenings for heavy shoes intended for use in the country; and its object is to provide a shoe which can be more easily and quickly fastened or unfastened than the shoes now in use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a fastening-strip which will constitute a shield or protector for the foot of the wearer when walking through heavy underbrush, &c.

In the drawings, wherein a preferable embodiment of my invention is shown and wherein like letters of reference refer to similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe provided with my improved fastening. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the shoe with the fastening-strip removed, and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the fastening-strip.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, A is a shoe provided with the usual slit B in the front thereof. Secured along both sides of the slit B and extending its entire length are a plurality of resilient heads *b*.

C is the fastening-strip used with the shoe. It is formed preferably of the same material as the shoe-upper and is substantially of the same length as the slit B in the shoe-upper. The strip C is formed with a lower portion *c*, of a width just wide enough to cover the slit B, and a wide upper portion C'. Secured in and extending along the medial portion of the strip C are two rows of spring-sockets *c*², which are arranged to cooperate with the resilient heads *b*, secured along the sides of the slit B. To fasten the shoe, it is only necessary to place the strip C over the slit B in the shoe and press the sockets in the strip into engagement with the corresponding heads on the shoe. When the strip has been secured to the shoe, it will be seen that upper wide portion C' of the fastening-strip will extend for some distance around the foot of the wearer and form a protector or shield for the

ankles and upper portions of the feet, which will be particularly useful when traveling through a country in which there is a great deal of heavy underbrush.

Although I do not deem it necessary, I have thought it best to provide some means of fastening the edges of the upper wide portion C' of the strip C to the body of the shoe, as otherwise the edges of said wide portion would have a tendency to catch in the underbrush and retard the movements of the wearer. I have therefore secured in the edges of the side portion C' of the strip C a number of spring-sockets *c*³, which are adapted to engage with resilient heads *b*³, secured to the upper portion of the shoe, when the strip C is secured to the shoe.

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

1. The combination with a shoe provided with a slit therein, of a plurality of fastening members secured along the edges of said slit, a fastening-strip provided with a plurality of fastening members arranged to cooperate with the fastening members along the edges of the slit in the shoe, the upper portion of said strip being widened to extend around and form a protector for the upper portion of the foot, and means for securing the edges of said widened portion to the shoe.

2. The combination with a shoe provided with a slit therein, of a plurality of fastening members secured along the edges of said slit, a fastening-strip provided with a plurality of fastening members arranged to cooperate with the fastening members along the edges of the slit in the shoe, said fastening-strip being formed with a lower portion just wide enough to cover the slit and with a wide upper portion, said wide upper portion being arranged to extend around and form a protector for the upper portion of the foot when the strip is secured upon the shoe, and cooperating fastening members secured in the edges of the wide upper portion of the strip and the shoe.

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

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