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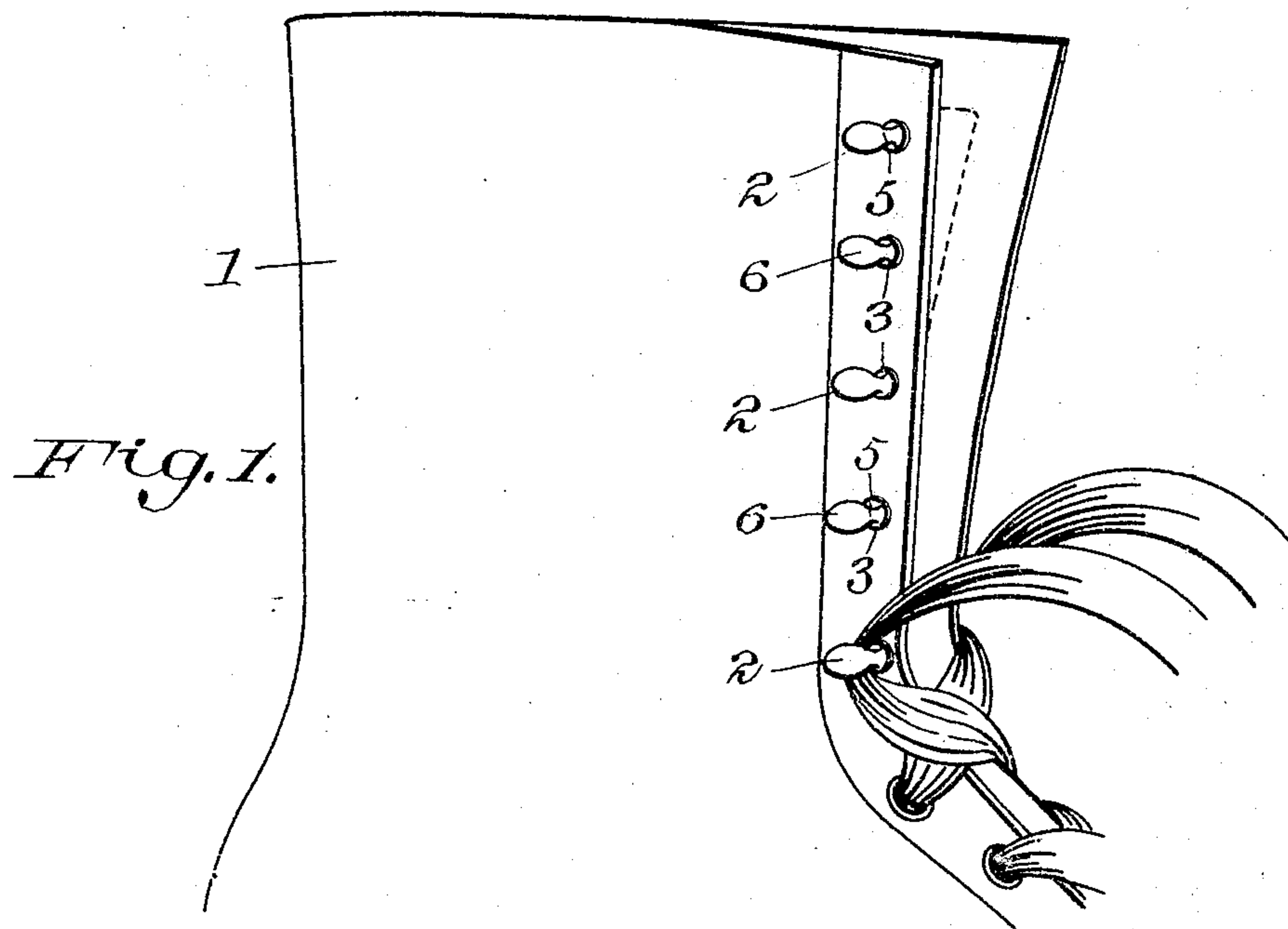
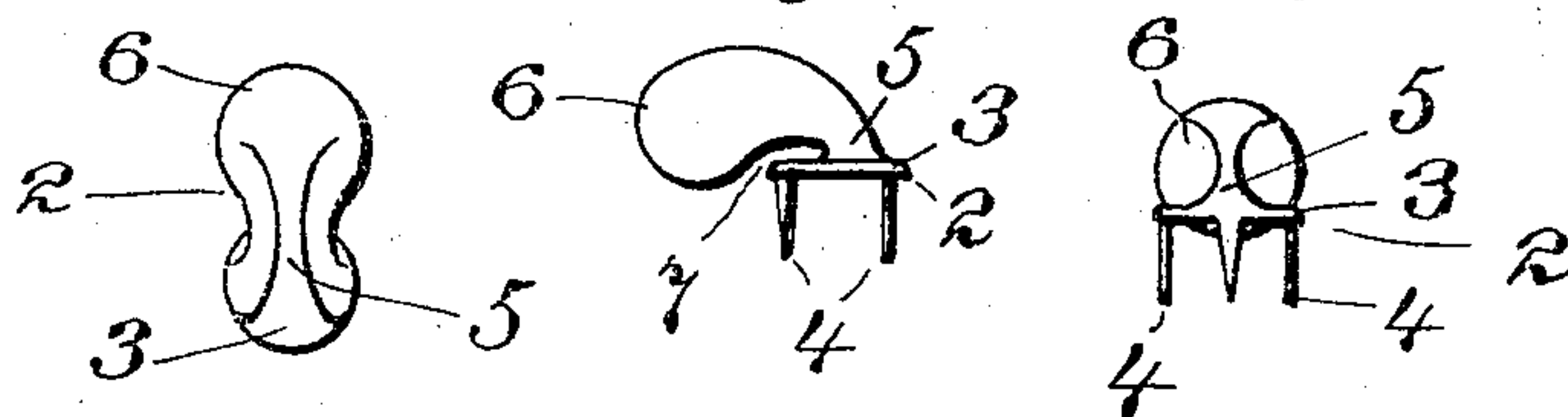


Fig. 2. Fig. 3. Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OWEN F. EVANS, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Lacing-Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to lacing-hooks of the class employed on shoes, gloves, and the like.

The object of the invention is to produce a novel form of hook which when applied in the usual manner to shoes, gloves, &c., will not catch into or tear the clothing.

The preferred form of device embodying my invention is illustrated in the accompanying sheet of drawings, throughout the several views of which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective, showing my improved lacing-hooks applied to a shoe. Fig. 2 is a detail plan of the hook. Fig. 3 is a side view, and Fig. 4 is an end view, thereof.

Referring now to the drawings, 1 indicates the upper portion of a shoe, to which the lacing-hooks 2 2, &c., are secured in the usual manner.

The body of the hook may be of any well-known or suitable form and provided with any suitable fastening means for securing it to the shoe, glove, or the like. As shown, it is preferably in the form of a disk 3, having a series of pointed prongs 4 4, by which it is secured in position.

An offset projection 5, rising from the base, forms the hook proper by extending upward, then over, and terminating in a rounded or

ball-like extremity 6. This rounded portion may be formed or bent to extend below the base, so as to bear on the surface of the material to which the hook is secured, and thereby form a closed recess 7, into which the lace may be drawn by being forced under the rounded end 6 of the hook.

The advantages of my invention will be obvious from the foregoing description. As shown, the ball-hook is specially adapted for use on women's shoes, gloves, &c., as all risk and danger of catching and tearing the skirt, laces, and the like is entirely avoided.

It will be understood that I do not wish to limit myself to the exact details of construction illustrated and described, as various changes may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having, therefore, described my invention, I claim—

1. A lacing-hook comprising a base, fastening means therefor, and a projection from the base extending transversely above the same, and terminating below the plane of the base.

2. A lacing-stud comprising a base, fastening means therefor, and a projection from the base extending transversely above the same and terminating below the plane of the base in a rounded extremity.

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

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