

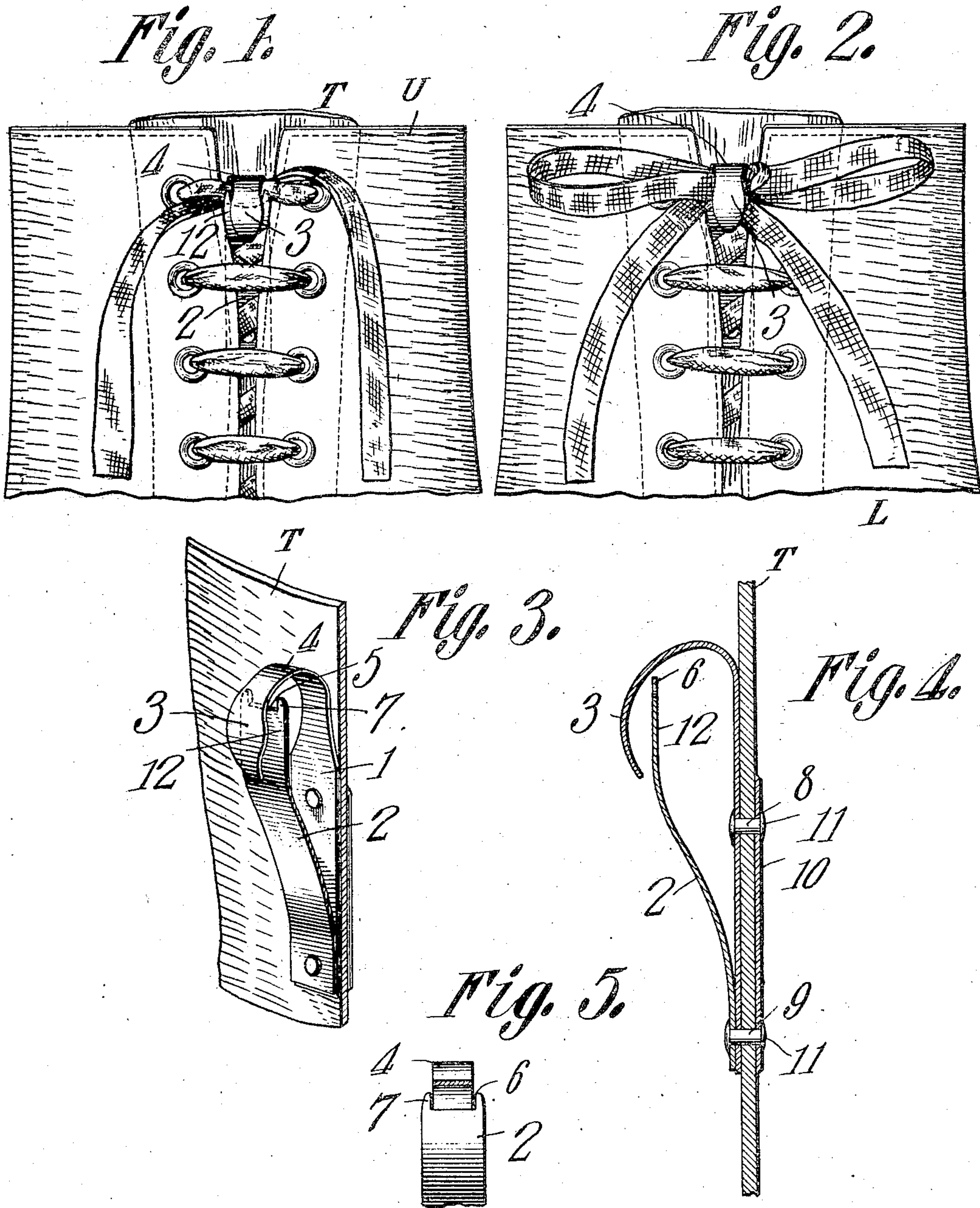
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CALVIN J. KEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Macon, in the county of Bibb and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Combined Shoe Lacing and Tongue Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a novel form of combined shoe lacing fastener and tongue holder.

The object of the invention is in a thoroughly practical and positive manner and without detracting from the appearance of a shoe or sensibly increasing its cost of production, to effect the securing of the lacing knot in such manner as to preclude loosening or accidental untying thereof, and at the same time to hold the tongue in position against working laterally or downwardly.

With the above and other objects in view as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a combined shoe lacing fastener and tongue holder, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts,—Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the upper portion of a shoe, displaying the fastener combined with the tongue thereof, and exhibiting the first tie taken to form a knot. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the completed knot and the manner in which the attachment serves to hold the same against unfastening and also to retain the tongue in place. Fig. 3 is a perspective detail view of a portion of the tongue showing the fastener applied thereto. Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view through the tongue. Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view through the upper portion of the fastener.

Referring to the drawings, U designates the upper of a shoe and T the tongue thereof, and as these parts may be of the usual or any preferred construction further description is deemed unnecessary.

The present invention resides in a novel form of combined shoe lacing fastener and tongue holder that is designed to be permanently attached to the tongue. This fastener comprises a knot-engaging member 1 and a clamping member 2.

The knot-engaging member 1 is con-

structed of a strip of steel, of any desired width, and has its upper end formed into a down-turned hook 3, the terminal of which is pointed, and the intermediate portion of which is transversely reduced from a point adjacent to the terminal to the point where it merges into the body of the hook, as shown at 4. The reason for reducing the hook in this manner is to cause it to be more resilient in operation, and more attractive in appearance. The clamping member is constructed from a strip of resilient metal, and has its upper end outwardly curved and provided with a crotch 5 that defines two points 6 and 7 that will enter the knot of the lacing when the same is tied and thereby positively prevent untying.

The fastener is secured to the tongue, in this instance by two rivets 8 and 9, the rivet 8 being passed through the shank of the knot-engaging member and through a plate 10 on the rear side of the tongue, and the rivet 9 through the member 2, shank of the member 1 and plate 10, the inner ends of the rivets being upset, as clearly shown at 11 to insure a stable assemblage between the parts.

In securing a lacing in position with this fastener, the tongue is first adjusted properly. This will cause the fastener to project between the opposed edges of the flaps, as shown in Fig. 1. The lacing L is then looped in the usual manner and forced upward between the hook 3 and the crotch end of the member 2, this movement causing the clamping member to move rearwardly. The bow knot is then completed and the knot forced under the hook 3, thereby causing the points 6 and 7 to enter the knot the clamping member by its inherent resiliency pressing the knot against the inner wall of the hook 3, so that it will be firmly secured against loosening. As the terminal of the hook 3 is intumed it will not present an obstruction upon which the garments of the wearer will catch.

The attachment as a whole is exceedingly simple of construction and may be readily attached to a shoe tongue without the requirement of any special form of mechanism for the purpose.

What is claimed is:—

1. A shoe attachment comprising a lacing clamping member provided with a crotched terminal and a knot-engaging member having a hook terminal disposed over the clamping member.



2. A shoe attachment comprising a lacing clamping member having an out-turned upper terminal formed with a crotch, and a knot-engaging member having a hook disposed  
5 over the terminal and provided with an intermediate reduced portion.

3. The combination with a shoe tongue, of a lacing clamping member comprising a resilient plate provided with a crotched upper  
10 terminal, a knot engaging member having a hook disposed over the terminal, and means for securing the two members to the tongue.

4. The combination with a shoe tongue, of a lacing clamping member provided with a

crotched terminal, a knot-engaging member 15 having an intermediately reduced hook terminal disposed over the crotched portion of the clamping member, a plate disposed on the rear side of the tongue, and rivets passing through the two members and the plate to 20 hold the parts assembled.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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