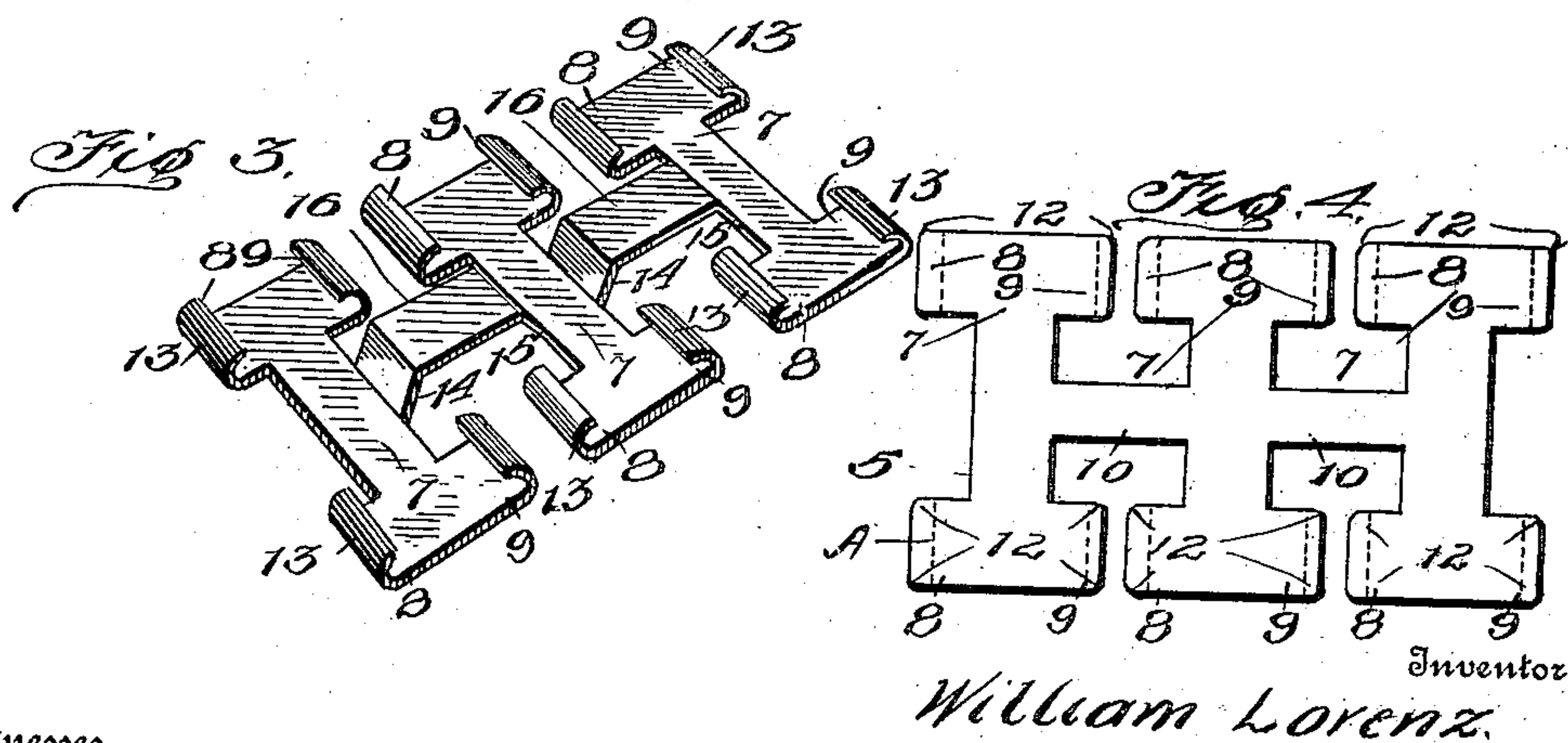
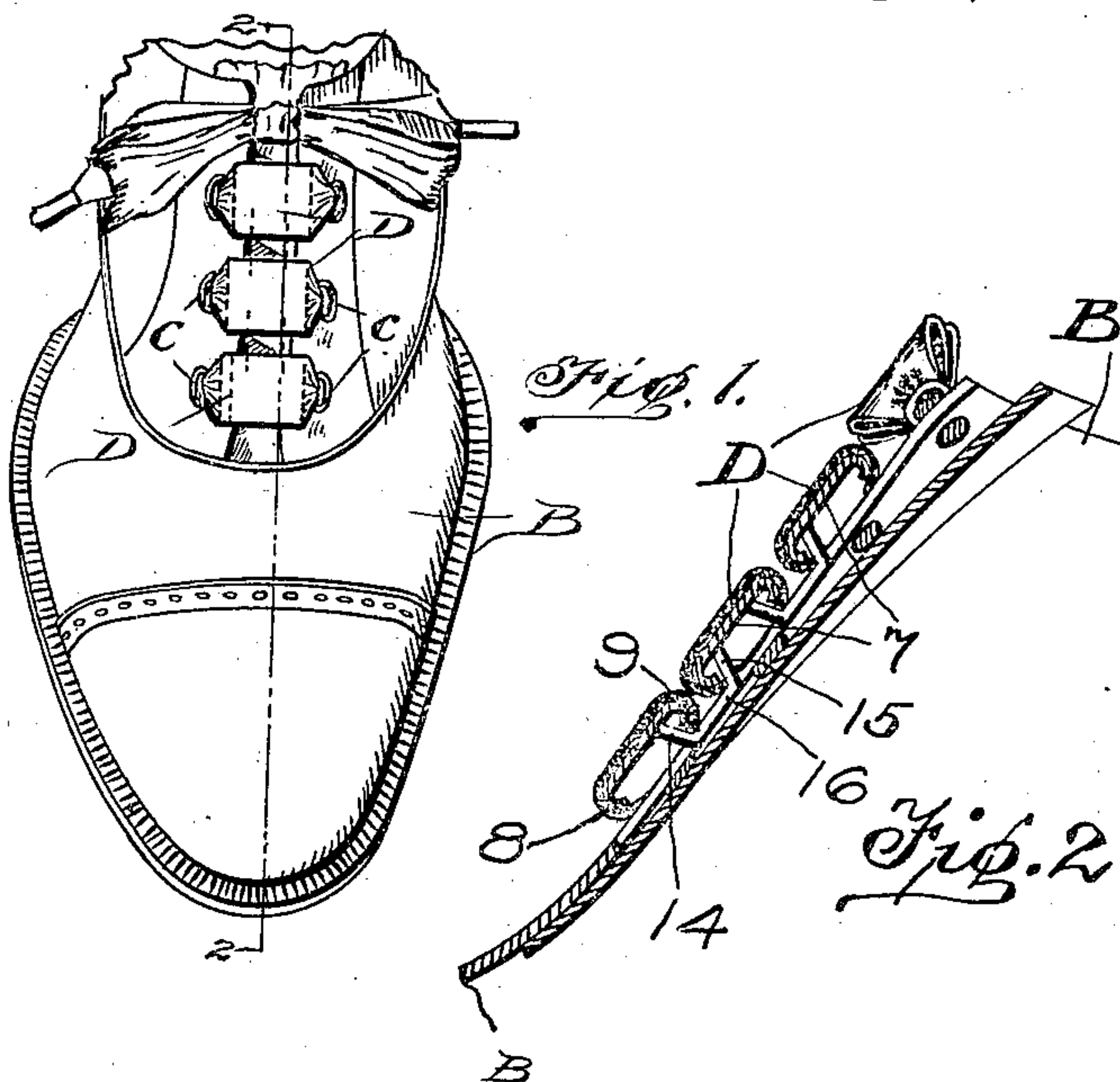


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM LORENZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore city, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoestring-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to boots and shoes and more particularly to lace holders, and is particularly adapted to lowcut shoes and has for its object to provide a device of this character whereby the transverse portion of the lace between the eyelets of the shoe may be engaged with the holder for holding the lace in a stretched position transversely of the lace and thus present a dressy appearance of foot wear.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description and it will be understood that changes in the specific structure shown and described may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe showing the use of my invention therewith, Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, the holder being enlarged, Fig. 3 is an inverted perspective view of the holder, Fig. 4 is a plan view of the blank from which the holder is made, Fig. 5 is a view on an enlarged scale showing a portion of the holder engaging a shoe string.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, there is shown a shoe lace holder 5 which is stamped from a single piece of sheet material, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings. The material is cut to form the enlarged heads 7, and these heads are provided with laterally extending portions 8 and 9, as shown. The heads 7 are connected by intermediate tongues 10. The corners of each of the heads 7 are rounded as shown at 12. In the formation of the holder, the heads have their upper and lower edges bent upon the dotted lines A, to form longitudinally extending hooks 13. The tongues 10 are afterward bent to form the inwardly directed portions 14 and 15, and the longitudinally extending connecting portions 16.

In Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, there is

shown a low cut shoe B which is provided with the usual eyelets C through which there is threaded a lace D of ordinary construction. When it is desired to use the holder, the shoe is laced loosely, and the holder 5 is placed beneath the transverse portions of the lace D and with the hooks 13 directed inwardly. The lace D is then engaged with the heads 7, the upper and lower edges of the lace engaging the hooks 13, as shown, and the lace is then drawn tightly to securely hold the lace with its lateral portions tightly between the hooks.

By the use of such an invention it will be seen that a shoe may be laced in such a manner as to present a dressy appearance at all times, and by the engagement of the transverse portions of the lace with the heads 7 and their hooks 13 it will be seen that the lace is held against contraction.

What is claimed is:

1. The combination with a shoe including a lace therefor, of a metallic member disposed beneath the lace at the open portion of the vamp bent to form portions engaged with the transverse edges of the lace.

2. The combination with a shoe and its lace, of a removable metallic member disposed beneath the lace at the open portion of the vamp of the shoe, and a plurality of inwardly directed hooks carried by the member and engaged with the transverse portions of the lace.

3. The combination with a shoe including a lace therefor, of a metallic member disposed beneath the lace at the open portion of the vamp stamped to form a plurality of depending hooks engaged with the transverse portions of the lace.

4. The combination with a shoe and a lace therefor of a holder disposed beneath the lace at the open portion of the vamp of the shoe, said member being formed of sheet material, stamped to form a plurality of transversely extending heads, and lace engaging hooks carried by the heads.

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

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