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Boot-Holders.

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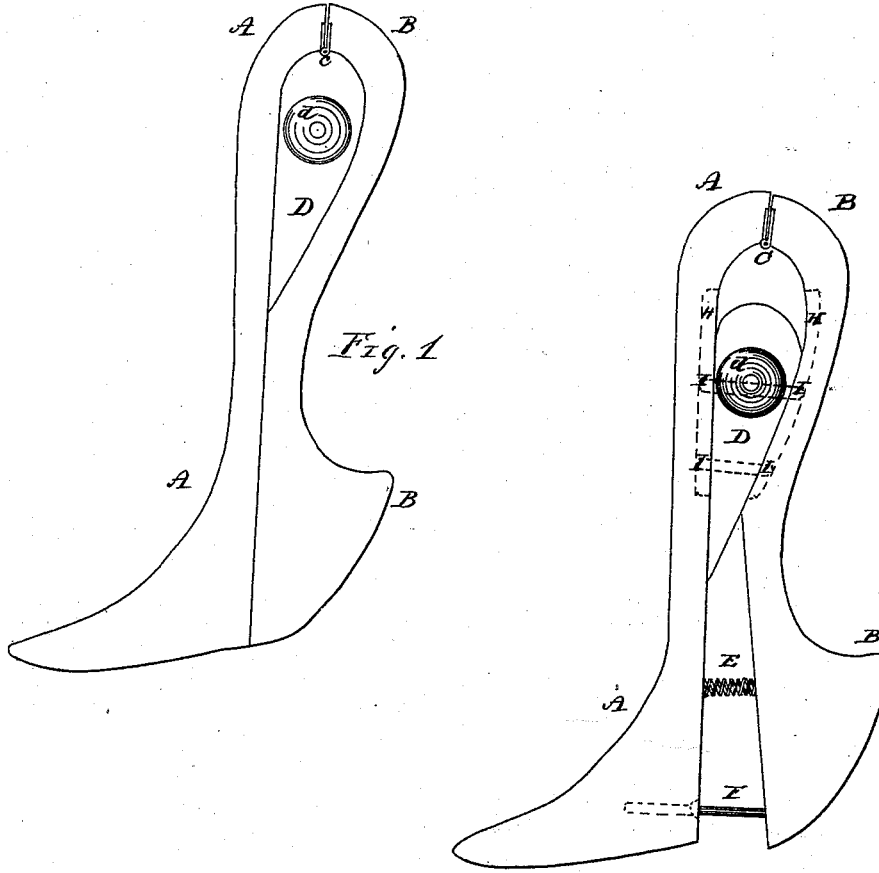


Fig. 1

WITNESSES.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOT-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM N. BRENEMAN, of the city of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Boot-Holders, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this improvement is to provide a boot-holder; and consists in rounding off the heel portion, widening out upward to the turn, giving the toe portion more dip, and in the manner of forming the sliding wedge held in side grooves, a guide-pin, and coiled spring, so as to adapt its shape for easy insertion into long-legged boots, for holding the same for the purpose of cleaning and dressing them up.

The accompanying drawing clearly illustrates this boot-holder, showing the same elements seen in my patent shoe-holder, No. 73,228, January 14, 1868, but found entirely useless for holding boots, as they cannot be inserted, and only designed for shoes or boot-

ees. A brief explanation and inspection of the drawings and letters of reference will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, in which—

Figure 1 shows the boot-holder closed, the parts in close contact. Fig. 2 shows the wedge slid down, and the heel portion wedged out.

This consists of two parts, A and B, joined by a hinge, C, above, substantially as in my

shoe-holder above referred to. The wedge D, however, is rounded above, curved on one side down to a point. This wedge has two wooden pins, I, through it, so as to project on the sides, and enter into a groove, H, (shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 2,) in each piece A and B, to retain the wedge. When moved up it fits into and exactly fills up the curves cut out of the piece B and upper portions of piece A, the other portions meeting in a straight line, as shown by Fig. 1. There is a coiled spring, E, inserted and secured, as also a guide rod or pin, F, as seen in Fig. 2, in which the wedge is shown drawn down to expand the heel portion after the holder is inserted into a boot. The change of form in the heel portion of the holder is essential to adapt it for inserting and using the holder, for the purpose of dressing and cleaning boots, so also the slight dip given to the toe portion.

I am aware that the heel portion of my apparatus may be varied in form, but I have chosen to adopt the form shown and described.

What I claim in a boot-holding apparatus is—

The combination of the hinged parts A B, sliding wedge D, coiled spring E, and guide-rod F, as shown and described.

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