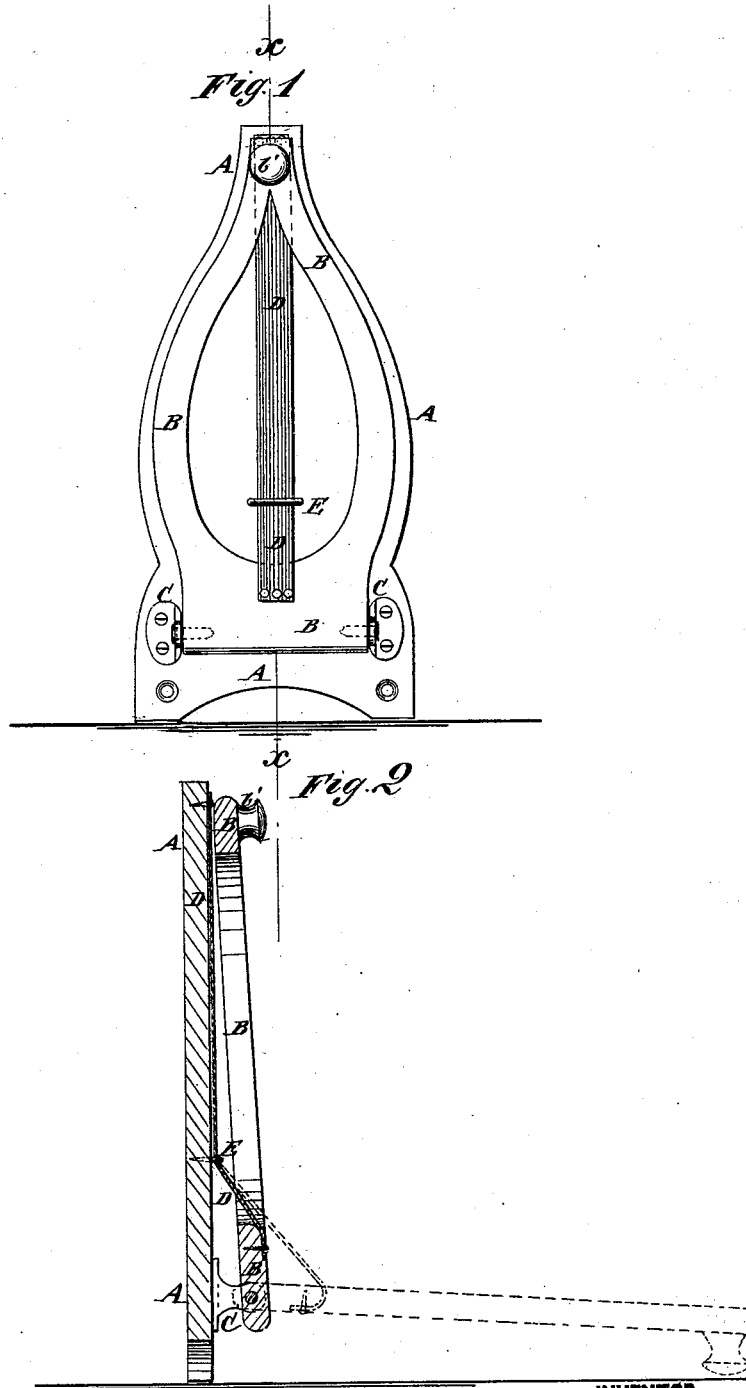


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOT-JACKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN NIVER, of Sherman, in the county of Chautauqua and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boot-Jack, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved boot-jack, shown as raised against a wall. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1, and showing in dotted lines the position of the foot-piece when lowered for use.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention has for its object to furnish an improved boot-jack to be attached to a wall, and to be turned up against the wall when not in use, and which shall be simple in construction, inexpensive in manufacture, and not liable to get out of order.

The invention consists in the improvement of boot-jacks, as hereinafter described.

A represents a board, which may be made of the same general form as the foot-piece B, but a little larger, and in the lower part of which are formed two or more holes to receive the screws by which it is secured to the base-board of the room. B is the foot-piece, in which is formed a hole of a proper size and shape to receive the foot from which the boot is to be withdrawn. The foot-piece B is pivoted at the sides of its lower end to and between two lugs, C, attached to the lower part of the board A. To the under side of the outer end of the foot-piece B is attached a knob, *b'*, to rest upon the floor, to keep the said foot-piece in, or nearly in, a horizontal position when turned down for use. D is a rubber strap, the upper end of which is attached to the upper end of the board A, and its lower

end passes through the foot-hole in the foot-piece B, and is attached to the lower side of the lower part of the said foot-piece B.

The rubber strap D passes through the staple, or around a roller, E, attached to the board A, a little above the lower part of the foot-hole in the foot-piece B, so as to give the said rubber strap D a greater purchase.

By this construction the foot-piece B, when turned down for use, will be held in place by the elasticity of the rubber strap D, but in such a way that a slight touch upon the outer end of said foot-piece will unfasten it, when it will be at once raised and held against the wall by the elasticity of the rubber strap D.

This construction of the boot-jack enables it to be secured to the wall in any desired position, as it is always secured to the base-board of the room, and the upper part of the board A prevents the wall from being injured or marred by the foot-piece B.

The elastic strap is so combined with back and foot-piece, in connection with staple, that the foot-piece is easily held in a horizontal, or nearly horizontal, position without catch, dent, or other fastening.

What I claim is—

The combination of back A, hinged foot-piece B, elastic strap D, and strap E, the latter being fastened at one end to the upper part of back, then passed through staple as well as hole of foot-piece, and finally attached under said foot-piece, as shown and described, whereby the spring is enabled of itself to hold the foot-piece in any desired position.

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