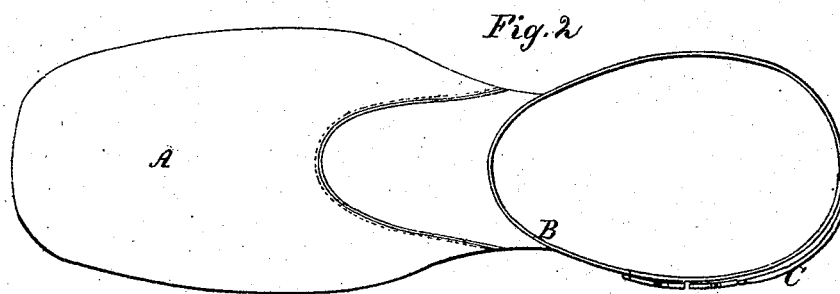
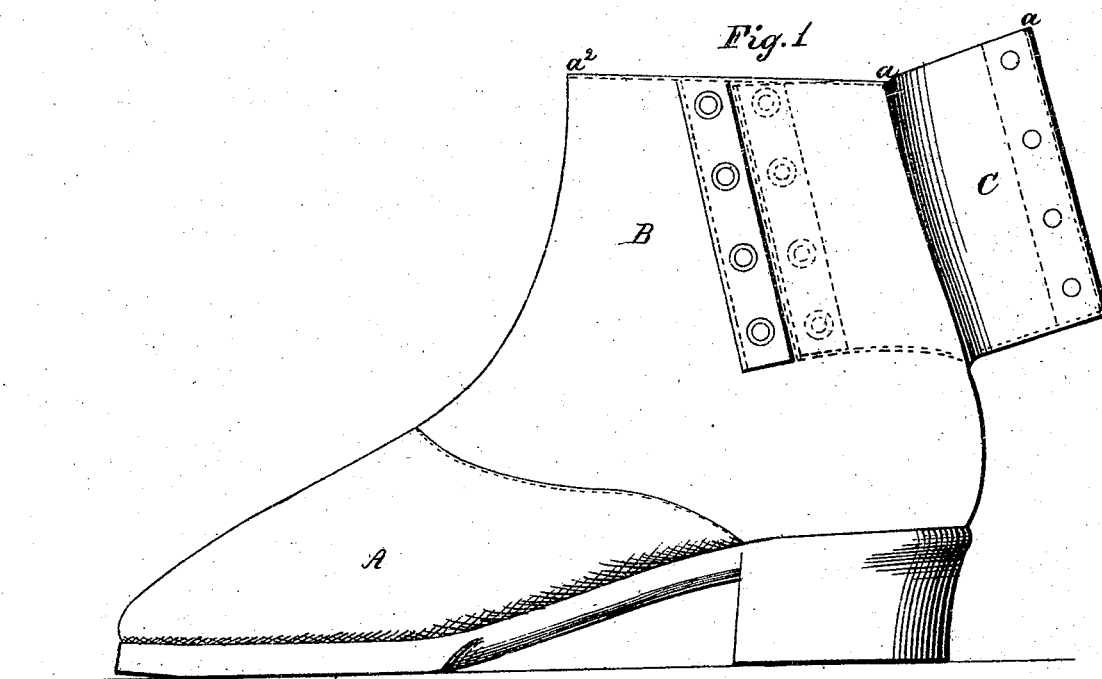


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IMPROVEMENT IN GAITER-BOOTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL BABBIT, of Kokomo, in the county of Howard and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Gaiter-Boots; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a gaiter embodying my invention, the shoe being represented in condition to be applied to the foot. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same as secured upon the foot.

Similar letters of reference denote corresponding parts in the two figures.

The object of this invention is to dispense with the use of the ordinary gore or elastic webbing in the manufacture of gaiter-boots, and at the same time so construct the shoe as that the purposes of such webbing shall be subserved.

To this end the invention consists in forming that part of the shoe which covers the ankle with an extension which enlarges the opening to such a degree as to permit the foot to be readily inserted, and which, after the shoe is on the foot, is folded and buckled or fastened against the ankle, after the manner of a flap, and this shoe is made without the formation of a joint, and is perfectly water-tight.

The following description will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to fully understand and use the same.

In the drawings, A represents a gaiter-boot, which, with the exception of the part B, that surrounds the ankle, may be made after any of the approved or known plans. In ordinary shoes of this kind the leather terminates at a ; but I extend the leather back at each side of the shoe as far as a' , and the extended part

may continue from the top downward as far as may be required to insure the ready entrance of the foot. The main thing to be clearly understood is, that the opening in the top of the "ankle" of the shoe, through which the foot is inserted, is enlarged by as much as or commensurately with the difference in distance from a^2 to a , and from a^2 to a' , supposing the extension C to be thrown back, as shown in Fig. 1.

The rear and bottom edges of the two pieces which form the extension C are stitched together, and it is worked with button-holes, so as to be turned or folded against the side of the shoe and buttoned, as indicated in red lines, after the shoe is on the foot.

Comparatively speaking, no exertion is required to put on a shoe of this kind, and while costing less it is superior as regards durability, for the reason that the elastic webbing of other gaiter-boots, being of a more delicate character, is liable to wear out, and perhaps thus renders the shoe worthless, while the leather is still in a condition to be serviceable.

The method of fastening the extension C to the side after the shoe is on is an optional matter—that is to say; it may be done in any different way from that represented.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new herein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A gaiter-boot constructed with a folding extension, C, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

To the above specification of my improvement in gaiter-boots I have set my hand this 18th day of January, 1865.

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