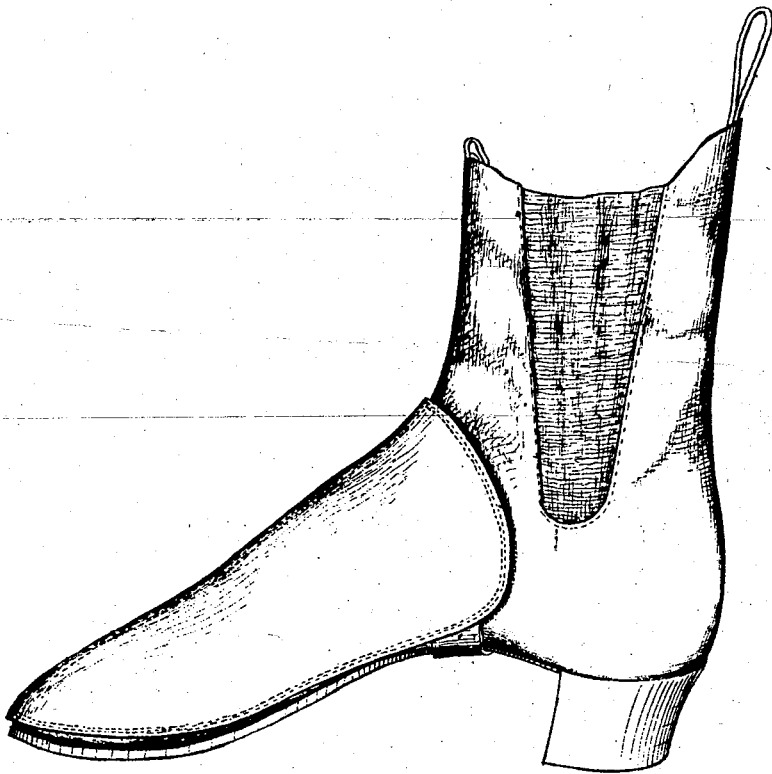


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## IMPROVEMENT IN COVERS FOR BOOTS AND SHOES.

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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

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I, WILLIAM E. PRALL, of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain Improvements in Foot-Cloaks, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a covering for boots and shoes in such a manner as to protect the front part of the foot and the instep, without extending underneath the sole or around the ankle, as the common overshoe or muff, but is confined to the foot by a strap or an elastic which passes under the instep.

The object of this invention is to protect that part of the foot above mentioned, and at the same time avoid the bungling appearance which results from in-

closing the sole of the shoe. This device can be worn on boots as well as shoes, and presents a genteel appearance on either, and is particularly adapted for skating, as it leaves the sole and heel uncovered, to attach to the skate.

I claim as my invention—

A covering for boots and shoes, constructed as shown and described.

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