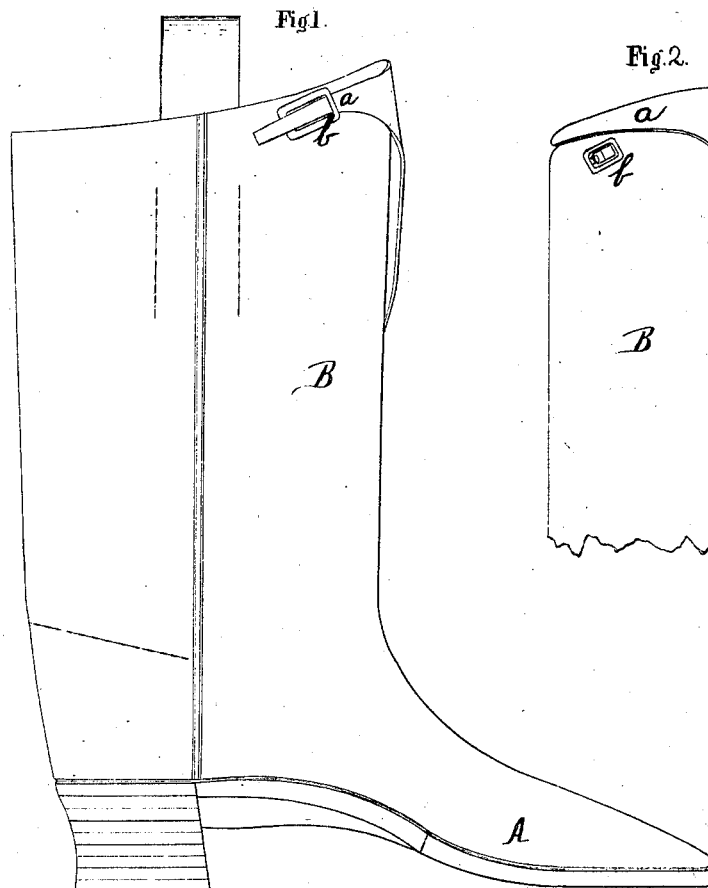


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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOTS.

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

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB S. LEWIS, of Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore and in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boots; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention consists in the construction of a boot, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth.

Difficulty has been experienced by wearers of boots on account of the height, thickness, and unusual warmth of the leg.

Boots having legs of too great a height will wrinkle, drop down, and cause the pantaloons to assume untidy appearance, and if lined, as is usually the case in dress boots, a close-fitting pair of pantaloons will not sit well at the bottom, and the ankle of the wearer will be caused to perspire and feel unpleasant by the thickness of the boot-leg.

My object is to so construct the leg of the boot as to obviate these difficulties, and to accomplish this I construct my boot of suitable leather, and have the leg of light leather, such as calf-skin, morocco, and the like, and of three-quarters the usual height of boot-legs now made.

The entire leg is unlined, and its top is formed of the usual shape. After or before the boot is made I cut the top of the leg in the manner as hereinafter described.

In the annexed drawing—

A represents the foot of the boot, and

B, the leg.

The front of this leg, at its top, is provided with a vertical cut, X, which is extended, just before it reaches to the top of the leg, at right angles, and to the right or left of the boot-leg, for a distance nearly equal to the vertical cut, the entire slit assuming the shape of an inverted letter L.

The cut thus formed leaves a narrow strip of leather, *a*, which is above the outer half of the front part of the boot-leg. On this latter part of the leg, directly beneath the strap thus formed, I attach a small buckle, *b*, and into which buckle the end of the strap is intended to pass for the purpose of contracting the size of the boot-leg and cause it to closely or loosely fit the leg of the wearer, as may be desired.

The leg of my boot being cut just three-quarters the usual height, it is necessary, in some cases, to allow the top of the leg to be larger or smaller, to suit the size of the calf of the leg of the wearer, and being entirely unlined, to prevent the leg from falling down and wrinkling around the ankle.

The above-mentioned device is intended for these purposes, and allows the manufacture of a boot at much less cost than heretofore.

It will be seen that the buckle *b* is secured to the leg by a small strap, which is lapped over a part of the buckle and passed through a narrow slot in the boot-leg, and then secured under the strap of the boot-leg and sewed to the leg of the boot with the strap.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The within-described boot, having an unlined leg, cut three-quarters high, slotted at its top, as described, provided with the strap and buckle, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of February, 1871.

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