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Boots and Shoes.

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Fig. 1.

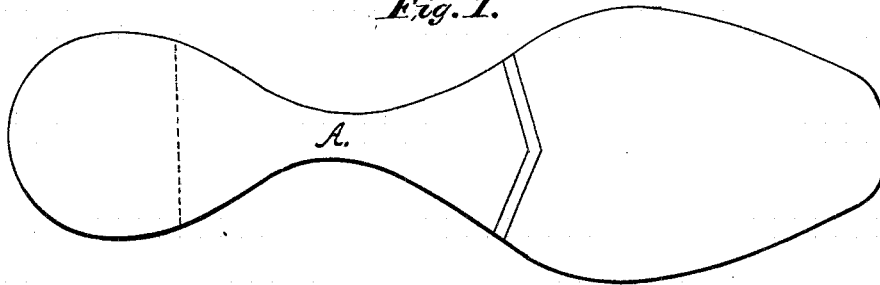
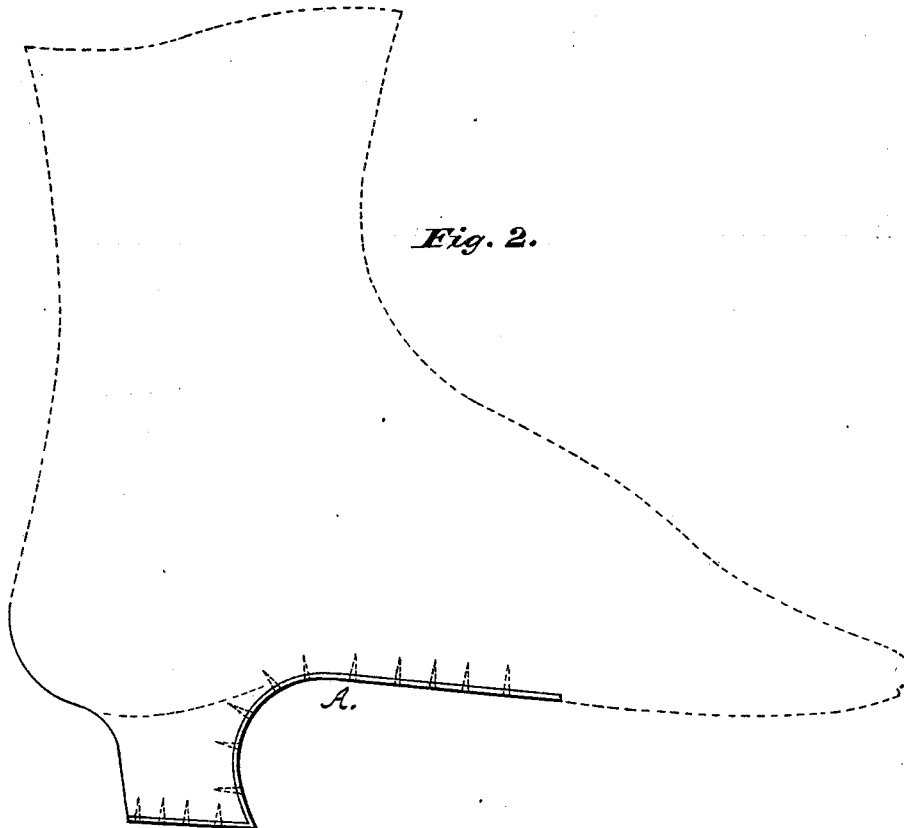


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOTS AND SHOES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GABRIEL CHAMPOMIER, of the city of Paris, in the Republic of France, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boots and Shoes, of which the following is a specification:

The invention relates to a metallic shank-piece, which is applied to the hollow of the boot or shoe; the object being to preserve the arch, add strength to the articles, obviate sewing, and render boots or shoes thus provided healthy to wear, as the part of the boot or shoe to which it is applied is rendered impervious to wet, while at the same time a graceful form is insured and maintained.

The shank-piece referred to consists of a metallic plate, which is previously cut of the size required, according to the number of the boot or shoe. It is then stamped to give it the required arch, and it is bent downwardly, so as to extend along the front of the heel, and then at right angles to said downward bend, so as to extend under the heel, as shown.

It is attached to the boot or shoe either by screws, rivets, or some equivalent.

The sole may be divided in two, and when one part has been screwed the other may cover it.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a bottom view of my improved shank-piece, prolonged and extending over the heel; and Fig. 2 is a side view of a boot or shoe of the Louis XV. pattern, the shank-piece A reaching over the heel.

What I claim is—

A boot or shoe provided with an outer metallic shank and heel-extension, extending from the broad portion of the sole back under the shank and downwardly along the front of the heel, or along the front and under the heel, all substantially as shown and described.

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