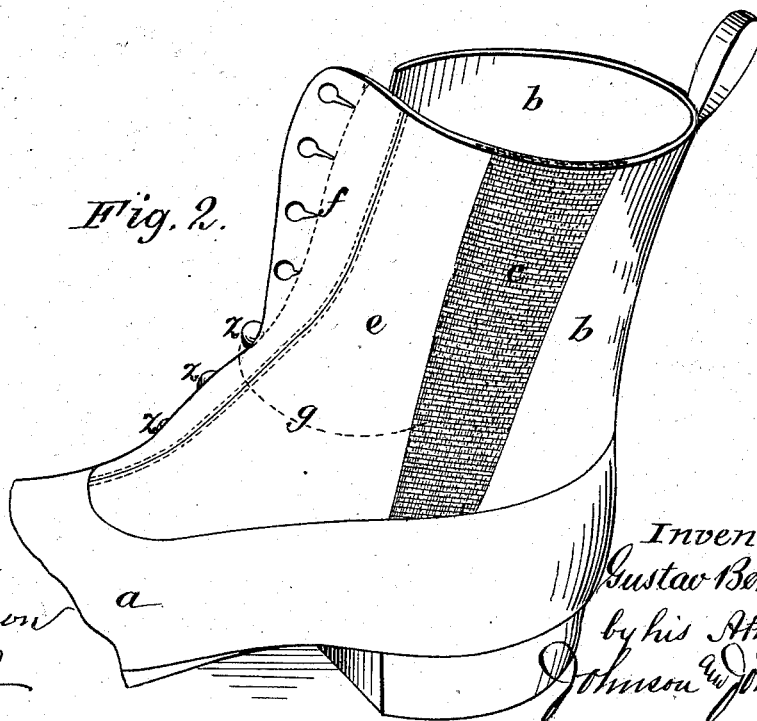
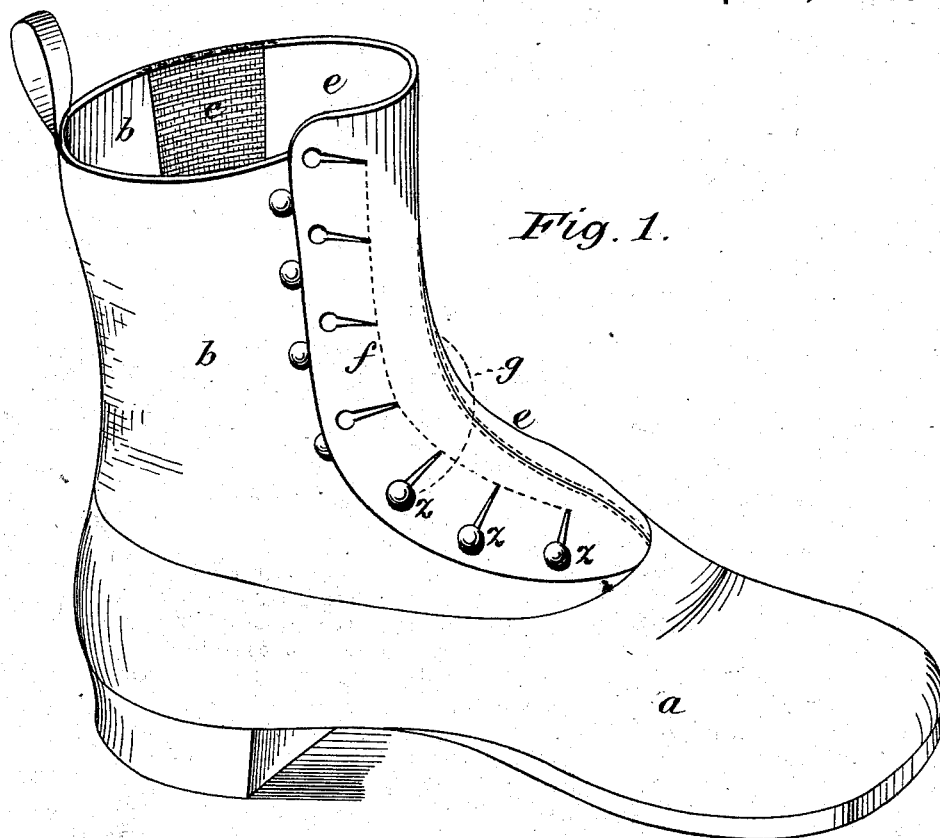


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Button-Gaiter.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTON-GAITERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUSTAV BENEKE, of the city and county of New York, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Button-Gaiters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

I make a button-gaiter for men's wear with a button-fly extending over one quarter and joining the vamp over the instep, with an elastic gore in the other or inside quarter, whereby the instep-buttons are relieved from the strain which tears them off and allows the shoe to be used without the necessity of having to button and unbutton the instep-buttons in putting it on and removing it. This is an important advantage, while the instep-gore gives the required ease and fit around the ankle, and allows of the buttoning of the fly with greater ease; but the main advantage is to avoid the necessity of having to button and unbutton the entire button-fly in putting on or taking off the shoe, because it is troublesome, takes too long, requires too much exertion, and renders the buttons liable to be torn off and the button-holes torn out; but with the inside-quarter gore the three instep-buttons, when once fastened, can remain so, and the shoe put on and taken off with ease, thereby requiring only to partially button and unbutton the fly or lapel, without having to use a buttoner.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a button-gaiter, showing the button-fly fastened over the instep and the inside-quarter gore, for the purpose stated; and Fig. 2, a portion of the opposite side of the gaiter.

The shoe is made with a vamp, *a*, and quarters *b b*, and the elastic gore *c* is placed in the inside quarter, to the front part, *e*, of which the button-fly *f* is joined by a front middle seam. The fly covers the front of the outside

quarter and extends over the instep, where it joins the vamp. This form of fly is very hard to button and unbutton, especially in men's wear or stout work, and the instep-buttons cannot stand the strain, and, besides, men do not care to use buttoners; and for these reasons a button-gaiter such as shown is not desirable without the gore for relieving the instep-buttons, as I have devised it. With this gore the instep-buttons can remain fastened in putting on and taking off the shoe, as the gore gives and relieves the instep buttons and button-holes from undue strain.

By this means I make a very desirable button-gaiter, in which the labor, trouble, and inconvenience of buttoning and unbuttoning the entire button-fly are avoided.

The gore extends and joins the side of the vamp, so as to give around the buttoned instep in line with the third button, as shown at *g*, the instep-buttons being indicated by *z*, and shown as buttoned.

While my improvement is stated to be advantageous in a button-gaiter for men's wear, it is of course equally so for ladies' gaiters, as in either case the function of the inside-quarter gore is the same in relieving the binding around the ankle, and preventing the tearing off of the buttons and the tearing out of the button-holes.

It often happens in button-gaiters that the buttons have to be taken off and set forward or back to get a smooth and easy fit over the ankle. This my improvement obviates.

I claim—

A button-gaiter having the button-fly extending over the instep and the elastic gore in the inside quarter, all as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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