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Fig. 1.

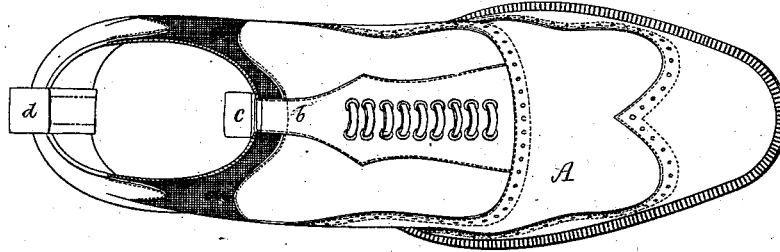


Fig. 2.

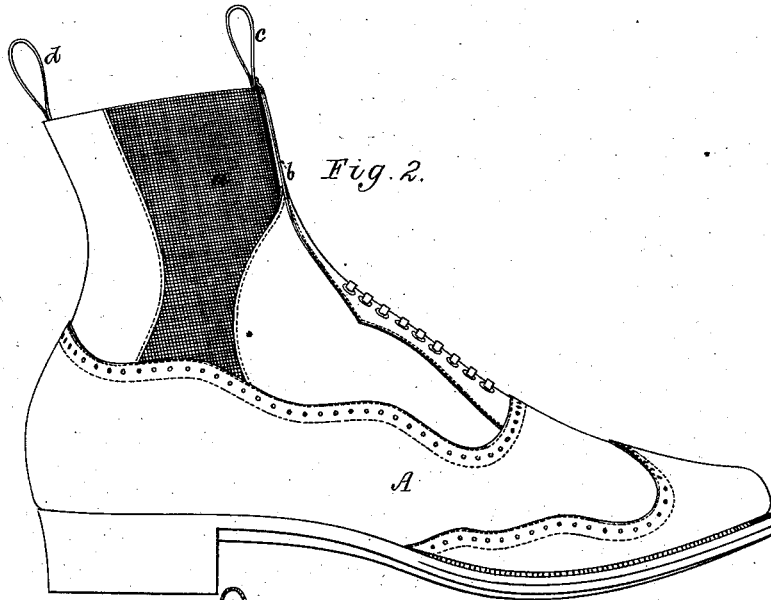
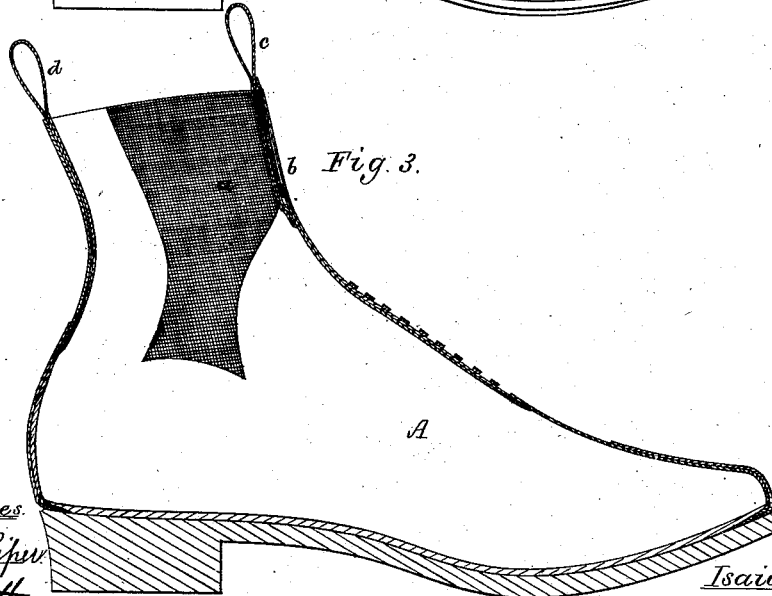


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAIAH A. BEALS, of Brockton, in the county of Plymouth, of the State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shoes; and I do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, Fig. 2 a side elevation, and Fig. 3 a longitudinal section, of a shoe embodying my invention, the nature of which is defined in the claim hereinafter presented.

This shoe has its leg portion provided with an elastic gore extending around the front and down within each side of the said leg portion, and, besides, it has to the front part of the elastic gore, and extending from the fore pulling-loop to the instep portion of the upper, an inelastic stay, the said pulling-loop being at its lower part attached to the said instep portion, and the stay being fastened to the pulling-loop and to the instep portion. Both stay and pulling-loop are not attached to the gore. The back pulling-loop is attached to the rear part of the leg portion.

In the drawings, A denotes the shoe, of which *a* is the elastic gore, which goes around

the front of and down within each side of the leg portion of the shoe, the stay of the gore being shown at *b*, the fore pulling-loop at *c*, and the rear pulling-loop at *d*. By having the elastic gore in both sides and in the front of the leg portion such leg portion not only can be expanded to better advantage than when the gore is in one side only of it, but it will generally better fit the leg of the wearer, and the gore is not so liable to become overstrained and to lose its elasticity. The stay disconnected from the gore supports the pulling-loop and keeps it up to the gore and admits the front part of such gore to expand and contract laterally with the rest of the gore.

I claim as my invention—

The shoe provided in its leg portion with an elastic gore on both sides of and around the front of such leg portion and projecting above the inelastic instep portion, in combination with a stay, *b*, fastened to the instep portion and to the fore pulling-loop, but unattached to the gore, all substantially as set forth.

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