

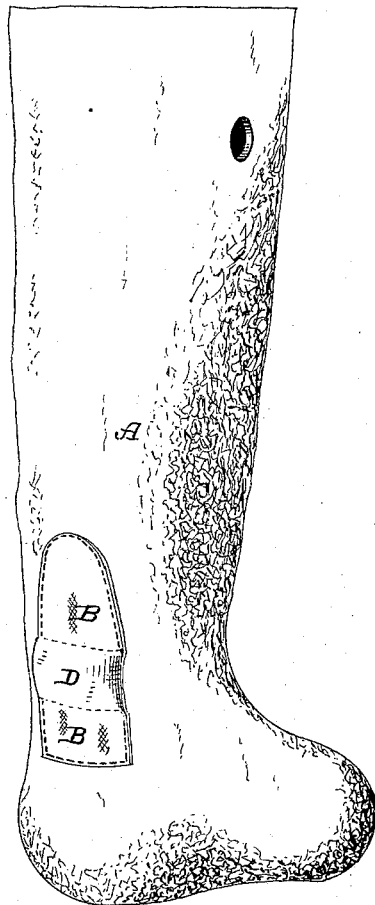
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DEMPSTER BEATTY, of Mishawaka, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Indiana, have invented certain new
5 and useful Improvements in Felt Boots; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference
10 being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in felt boots; and it consists in a strip of any suitable material, which is applied to the rear
15 side of the leg of the boot at or just above the heel, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to apply a strip of any suitable material to the rear side
20 of a felt boot at that point where the strain comes upon it in drawing the boot upon the foot, and thus not only strengthen the boot at this point, but at the same time form a loop, by means of which the boot can be drawn on
25 and pulled from the foot.

The accompanying drawing represents a perspective of a felt boot to which my invention is applied.

A represents a felt boot of any suitable construction, to the rear side of which the leather strap or re-enforce B is stitched or sewed. The stitching does not extend along the edges of the strap its full length, but it does extend
30 around the ends and across the strap, as shown. In between the two parts of the stitching by

means of which the strap is secured to the boot, is left a sufficient space to form a finger-loop, D, into which a finger or a hook of any kind can be inserted for the purpose of drawing the boot on or off of the foot. Felt boots, 40 owing to the strain caused by the heel in forcing the foot into the boot, break or tear first at the heels and then become practically worthless. This strap B serves not only to strengthen and re-enforce the boot at this point, for 45 the purpose of preventing it from breaking, but also serves as a means of assisting in pulling the boot off and on the foot.

I am aware that rubber loops have been secured to the heels of rubber shoes, and this I 50 disclaim. My invention differs from this in applying a leather loop to the rear side of a felt boot, and at a point above the heel, where the boot needs re-enforcing to prevent it from breaking. 55

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A felt boot provided with a re-enforce, of the character substantially as described, applied to the rear ankle portion, a section of 60 which serves as a loop or handle to assist in drawing the boot upon the foot, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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