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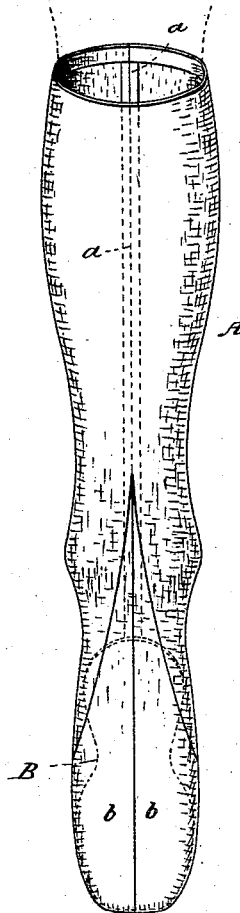
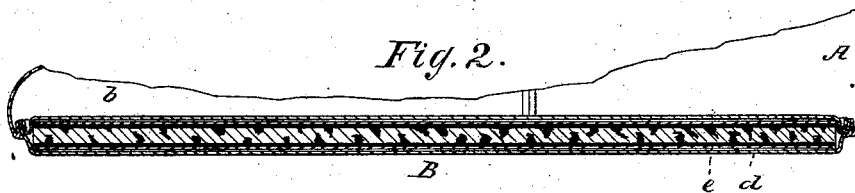


Fig. 2.



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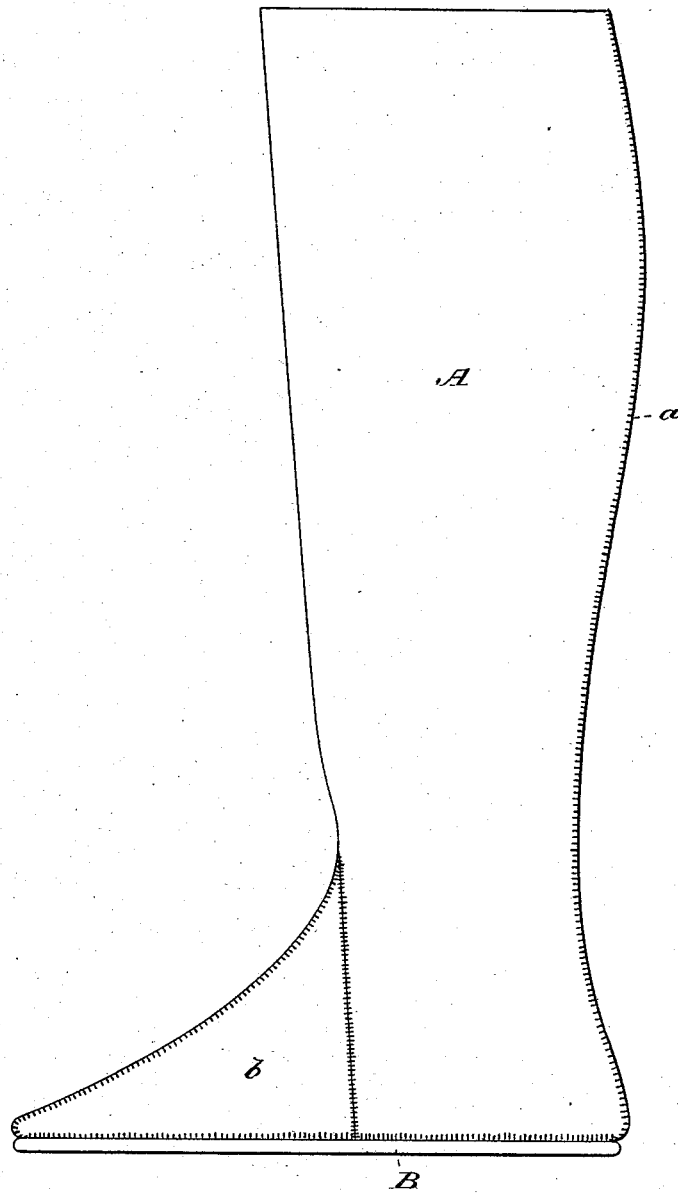
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL RAUH, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, and a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Shoes and Stockings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in a combined shoe and stocking constructed to be worn when bathing. Heretofore in articles of this character the upper portion or stocking thereof has been constructed of ordinary cloth, generally of material similar to that of which bath-suits are made, and has one side opened, the edges thereof being provided with eyes, through which is passed a string or cord for the purpose of lacing the same after it has been put on by the wearer; but such construction is open to many objections. In the first place, the stocking must be made to exactly fit the leg of the wearer, for if such be not the case the edges of the stocking will either not meet, thereby exposing the leg and defeating the object for which it is intended, or it will be too large, and will not, therefore, set close to the leg, thus presenting an awkward appearance. Further, it requires a great amount of time and trouble to lace and unlace these stockings in putting them on and taking them off, especially in the latter case after they have been wet. Further, it has been the practice to construct the soles of these articles either of cork or oil-cloth covered with canvas and of rope. In many cases, where the bottom of the bathing-place is covered with gravel or is unusually rough, the fabric has not been found sufficient to protect the feet, and when the soles have been made of cork the objection raised has been that such material soon cracks and breaks, necessitating a new one.

The object of my present invention is to overcome these objections and provide an article the stocking of which shall be capable of adapting itself to any size or shaped leg, and also to provide a sole which shall be light and durable and well adapted for the purpose.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows a view of my improved combined shoe and stocking. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the sole. Fig. 3

is a side view of my improved combined shoe and stocking.

A represents the stocking, which is made of stockinet or Jersey cloth, by virtue of which material it will fit closely to the leg of the wearer. From the nature of this material, it being a peculiarly elastic fabric, it will adapt itself to the size and shape of the leg of the wearer and requires no lacing, presents a neat appearance, and can be put on and removed with but little or no trouble.

The stocking A can be made in any desired manner and of any length, the one I have shown in the drawings having a seam, *a*, at the back and cut away in the front, the pieces *b* being inserted to better shape it to the foot. By constructing the stocking of this material I am enabled to produce an article which can be worn on any size or shaped leg without danger of exposure and without the necessity of lacing to adjust it to the leg; but I would have it understood that I do not limit my invention to any particular construction of stocking, as the same might be made entirely of one piece having the seam down the front, or otherwise, the essential consideration being that such shall be formed of that fabric known as "stockinet" or "Jersey" cloth. The sole B is constructed of cork, both surfaces of which have applied thereto a coating, *c*, of rubber cement, the latter substance being allowed to penetrate and fill the pores of the cork. After the coating has thus been applied, an outer lining of cotton, *d*, canvas, or other fabric, conforming in shape to the sole, is applied to each surface thereof, which is held down smoothly to the sole by means of the cement. A cork sole thus treated is capable of withstanding a great amount of bending without cracking or breaking, the rubber cement allowing the particles of cork to bend, but at the same time preventing them from parting. This sole might also be used for all other purposes for which similar articles are employed.

In applying this sole to the stocking the lower edge of the latter is sewed or otherwise secured to the edge of the canvas *d*, applied to the surfaces.

It will now be seen from the above description that my improved article is capable of being easily and quickly put on and removed,

will adapt itself to any size leg, and is provided with a light sole capable of withstanding the bending incident to its use, and can be manufactured at a small cost.

5 What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a combined shoe and stocking constructed of stockinet, and consisting of the pieces A b b,
10 the sole of the shoe being formed of cork coat-

ed with rubber cement, and having an outer lining of suitable fabric, substantially as set forth.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 18th day of 15 May, A. D. 1886.

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