

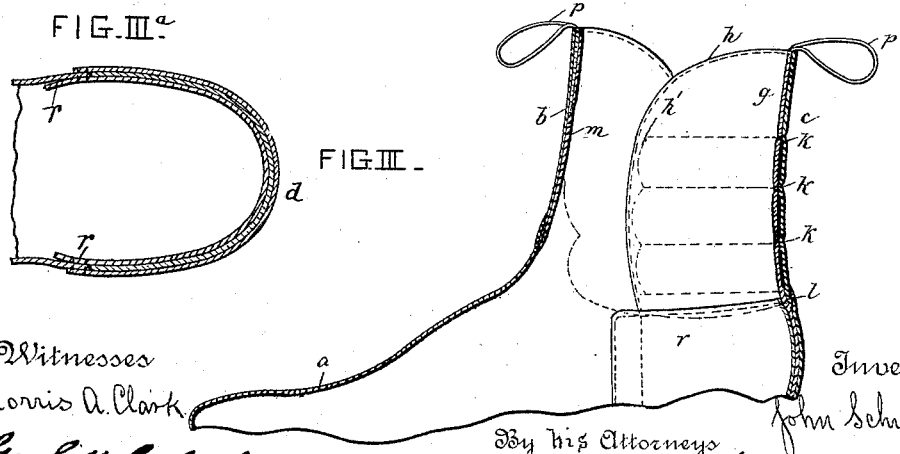
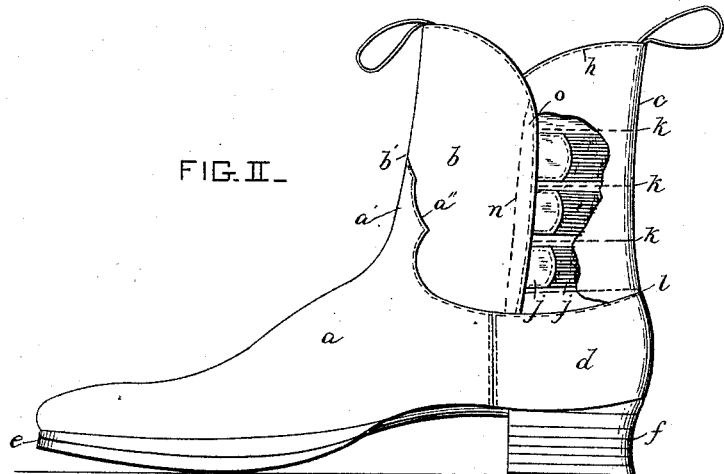
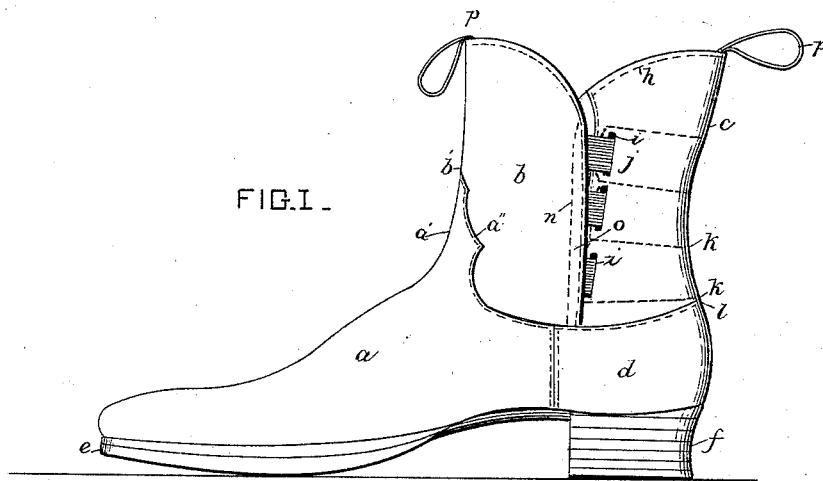
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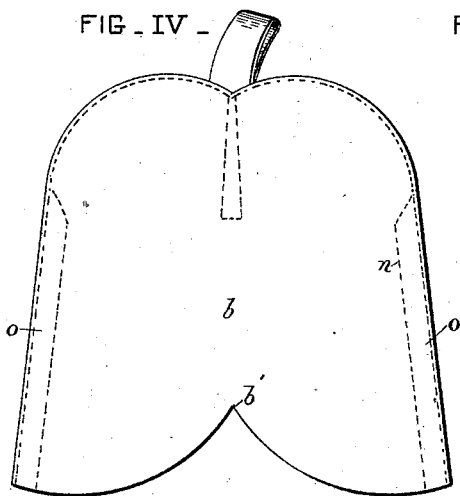


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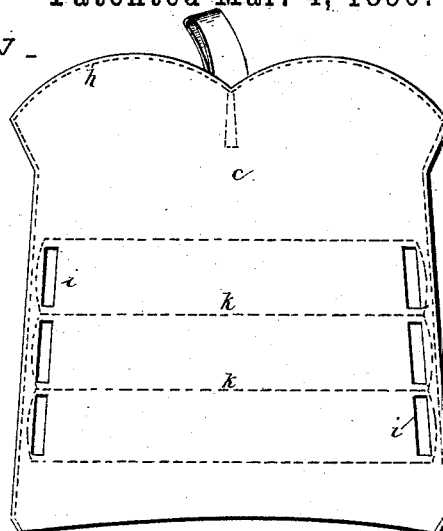


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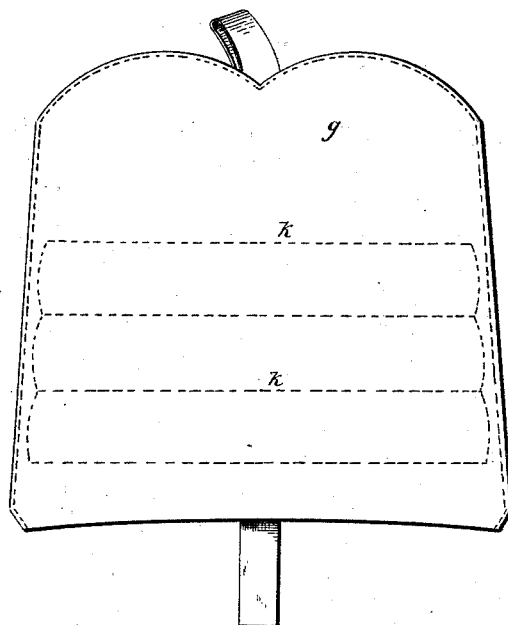
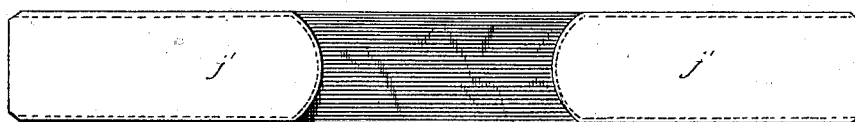


FIG. VII -



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN SCHROEDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gaiter Boots, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to an improvement on the gaiter boot shown and described in my Letters Patent No. 129,178, dated July 16, 1872; and it consists in certain features of novelty hereinafter to be described, and then particularly pointed out in the claim.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure I is a side view of my improved gaiter boot, showing the top drawn open to receive the foot. Fig. II is a side view of the gaiter boot in closed or contracted condition, part being broken away. Fig. III is a longitudinal section of the gaiter boot. Fig. III^a is a horizontal section showing the inner counter-lining. Figs. IV, V, and VI represent the front leather, the back leather, and back lining, respectively. Fig. VII shows one of the elastic straps with its attachment ends.

Referring to the drawings, *a* represents the vamp, *b* the front, and *c* the back leathers.

d is the counter or quarter, *e* is the sole, and *f* the heel.

The rear ends of the vamp or upper and the ends of the counter are connected by seams, and the vamp and counter are secured to the sole and heel, all in the usual manner. The front leather *b* is shaped as shown in Fig. IV, the lower end curving inwardly and upwardly from the edges and the curves joining at a point *b'*. The vamp or upper *a* is provided with a tongue *a'*, that, together with the upper edges *a''*, is sewed to the curved lower end of the front *b*. The back leather *c* is secured to the back lining *g* by a seam *h*. Below and behind the seam *h* is another seam *h'*. To the rear of the seam *h'*, in the sides of the back *c*, are formed slots or openings *i*, three of which are shown in the drawings on each side of the boot; but it is evi-

dent that a greater or less number may be provided. Projecting out from these openings are suitable straps, here shown as consisting of elastic *j* and attachment leather or cloth ends *j'*. These straps extend around the back of the boot, between the back leather *c* and the lining *g*, and on each side of the straps a line of stitching *k* extends from side to side of the back and secures the lining to the back, and these lines of stitching are parallel and form pockets for the straps transverse to the back. The back leather is secured to the counter by lines of stitching *l*. The attachment ends *j'* of the straps are secured to the sides of the front *b*, between the front and its lining *m*, by lines of stitching *n*, situated, preferably, at about a half-inch from the rear edges of the front, so as to form flaps *o*, that fit over and hide the straps and the openings in the back for the latter.

p and *p'* are the front and back pull-straps. The back pull-strap lies between the back leather and its lining and extends straight down under the sole. The elastics *j* go behind the pull-strap *p'*.

On the inside boot, at the back, is a counter lining or stiffening *r*, the ends of which are secured by the ankle-seams made at the juncture of the counter *d* with the vamp, and the ends extend beyond the seams, so that there will be no rubbing between the joint of the counter with the vamp and the heel of the wearer.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A gaiter boot having a back and a front, said back having a series of pockets between the lining and back formed by parallel lines of stitching and opening at each side near the edge of the back, elastic straps with reinforced leather ends passing through said pockets and attached to the inner side of the front away from the edges thereof, leaving a margin to cover the openings in the back when the shoe is in its normal state, substantially as described.

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