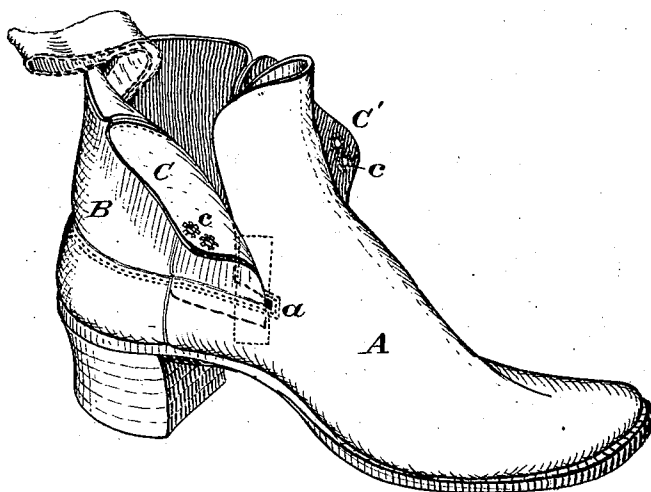


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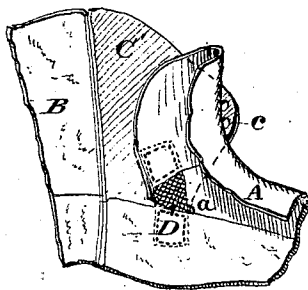
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOTEES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **207,431**, dated August 27, 1878; application filed July 30, 1878.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CLEMENTS MCKIERNAN, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bootees, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to a manufacture of bootees which combines the advantages of strength, economy of material, improved appearance, better fit, and easy application to or removal from the foot.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a bootee embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an inside view, showing the webbing re-enforce.

To accomplish the purposes above recited, I cut a slit, *a*, in the vamp A, and I stitch to the front edges of the leg portion B two flaps or fly-pieces, C C', to form the quarters, each of which, at its lower extremity, occupies the space between the vamp and lining on that side, its front edge being carried up in the slit *a* so as to pass outside of the vamp A. Concealed from view is a piece of webbing, D, which, being securely stitched to the vamp-lining above and below, operates as a re-enforce, and prevents tearing or distortion of the parts. The flies or flaps are either perforated,

as at *c*, for strings, or provided with suitable lachets or buckles.

Among a number of decided advantages over the common form of bootee are the following: Ease of getting on and off, as the opening comes farther forward; better fit around the ankle, the far forward attachment of the fly holding the parts well braced against sagging down; genteel appearance, the unbroken side seam giving the article the appearance of a boot; greater economy, the construction being such as to utilize all the material, the separately cut and attached flies using up the scraps.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a bootee having slits *a* cut in the vamp A, into which fly-pieces C C' are inserted and stitched to the quarters and vamp, and a webbing re-enforce, D, secured to the vamp-lining at each side, all substantially as herein represented and described.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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