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OVERSHOE

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Fig. 1.

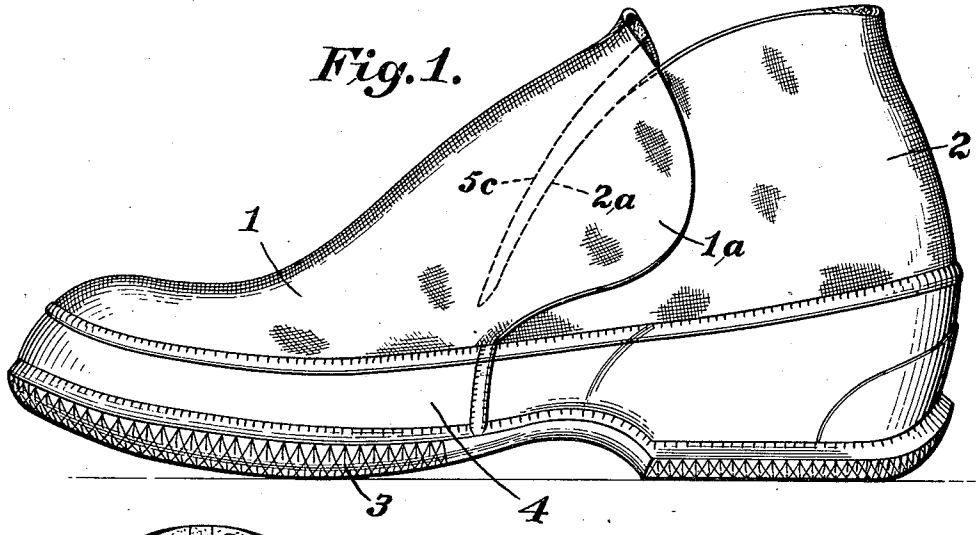


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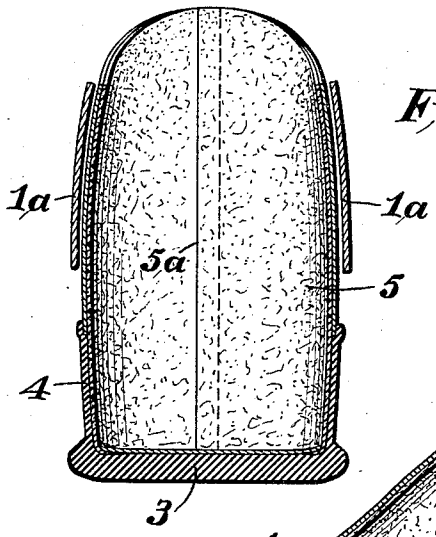
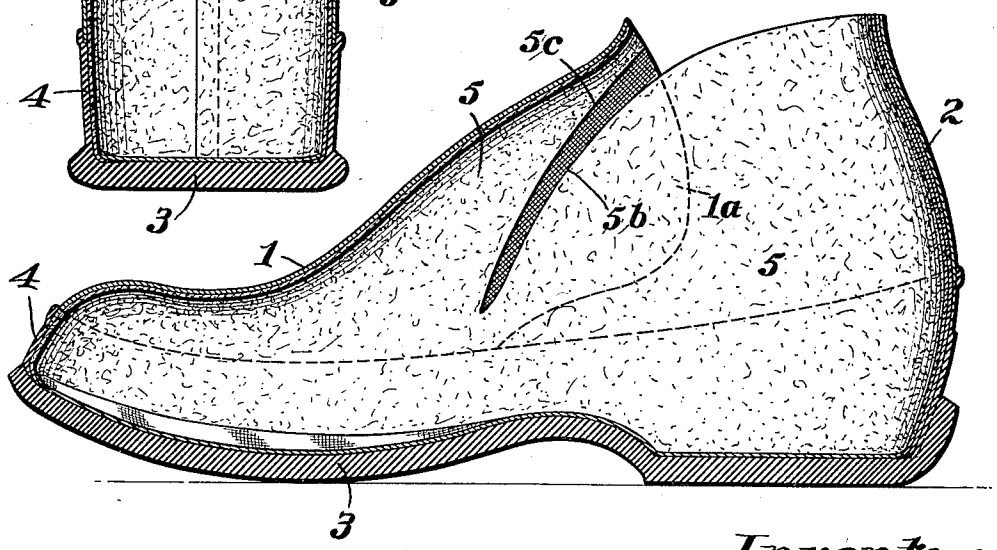


Fig. 2.



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OVERSHOE.

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The said invention aims to provide an overshoe or gaiter which will have all the advantages of the ordinary buckle or fastener type in that it will afford the same amount of warmth and protection against the weather, and yet will be free from any fasteners requiring manipulation in applying the article to and removing it from the foot of the wearer.

The invention further aims to provide such an article which, while free from fasteners, will be capable of being readily applied to and removed from the foot of the wearer, and which, when on the foot will have an accurate fit and conform closely to the leather shoe over which it is worn, and will have a smooth and attractive appearance which is enhanced by the absence of the customary fastener means.

With these and other objects in view the invention includes the novel construction hereinafter described and defined by the appended claims.

An embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of an overshoe or gaiter constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section.

Referring by reference characters to this drawing the numeral 1 designates the vamp and 2 the quarter, each of which is of seamless fabric of suitable nature.

3 designates the rubber sole and 4 the rubber foxing which may be of the ordinary construction and applied in the usual manner, well known to those skilled in the art.

The vamp overlaps the quarter at the sides to a material extent as indicated by the dotted line 2^a, Fig. 1, showing the forward edge of the quarter, and the vamp and quarter are entirely disconnected down to substantially the point where they are joined by the foxing. The overshoe may be lined or unlined, but is shown as lined as a matter of preference in which illustration, 5 designates the lining which is of integral vamp and quarter type having a single vertical seam 5^a at the back or heel end of the overshoe, the lining being severed down the sides to a point in proximity to the top edges of the foxing so that the forward edge 5^b of the quarter portion of the lining conforms in shape to the configuration of the forward edges of the shoe quarters, while the vamp lining preferably has its edges 5^c terminating short of the rear edges of the shoe vamp, so that the vamp portions 1^a which overlap the quarter are unlined thereby avoiding undue thickness. The lining and the shoe vamp and quarter may be secured together in any desired manner, conveniently by having the lining rubberized on its outer face to effect the union as is common in footwear of this type.

In building up the shoe the last is elevated somewhat at the toe, which in connection with the peculiar shape and overlap of the vamp and quarter above described, causes the vamp and quarter to snugly fit the leather shoe when applied thereto and be pressed thereagainst. In other words, while the shoe may be bent at the arch and the vamp and quarter spread apart in drawing the gaiter on, after it is in place the peculiar shape and overlap tends to draw the quarter snugly against the back part of the shoe and to cause the vamp to press against the corresponding part of the overshoe, the vamp and quarter embracing the shoe between them and pressing thereagainst in opposite directions.

This causes the article to be firmly held on the leather shoe with a snug fit and prevents any dropping down at the heel which dropping down has heretofore, so far as I am aware, only been prevented by the use of fasteners in the case of all fabric uppers.

It will be noticed that the lower edge of the vamp slopes backwardly from its point of junction with the foxing at an acute angle to the foxing which assists in the snug fit, but I do not limit myself to this acute angle.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. An overshoe having a seamless vamp overlapping the quarter and disconnected

therefrom above the foxing in which the vamp and quarter are inclined towards each other so as to be pressed against the front and back of the leather shoe when in place thereon whereby a close fit is insured and dropping down at the heel prevented without the use of fasteners.

2. An overshoe according to claim 1 in which the lower edge of the vamp slopes backwardly for a considerable distance from its point of junction with the foxing at an acute angle to the upper edge of the foxing.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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