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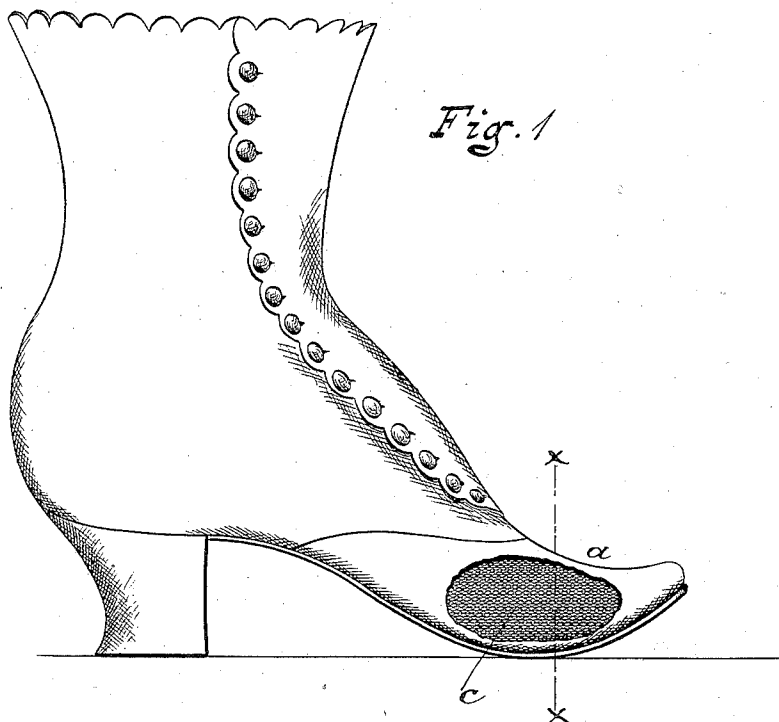
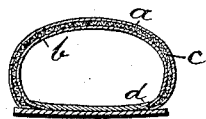


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OMAR H. JEWELL, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boots and Shoes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention has for its object to provide a device for boots and shoes that will prevent them from losing their original shape from the stretching and yielding of the leather by walking; and it consists in inserting between the leather of the uppers and toes and the inside lining a sheet of wire gauze or netting or of perforated or solid very thin sheet metal, previously pressed or stretched over a last to assume the desired shape, and then secured with the leather and lining to the welt by stitching or any other well-known device. This metal lining, not being liable to stretch from use, will guard the leather to retain its original shape.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents an elevation of a lady's shoe with piece of the leather of the upper removed for showing the wire gauze lining, and Fig. 2 is a cross section on line *xx* in Fig. 1.

Corresponding letters in the several figures of the drawings designate like parts.

a denotes the upper of the shoe; *b*, the inside lining, and *c* the wire-gauze or sheet-metal lining interposed between the upper *a* and lining *b* after having been properly shaped in any well-known manner to conform with the shape of the boot or shoe, the parts *a*, *b*, and *c* being stitched or otherwise secured to the welt *d* in any well-known manner.

A boot or shoe thus made will retain the shape to which it was originally made without impairing the pliability of the same noticeable to any extent.

What I claim is—

A boot or shoe upper consisting of the outer leather, *a*, and lining *b*, and the metallic intermediate layer, *c*, interposed between parts *a* and *b*, and extending across the top of the toe or foot, substantially as set forth.

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

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