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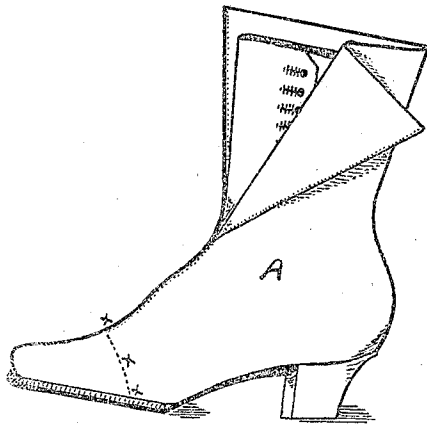


Fig. 1.

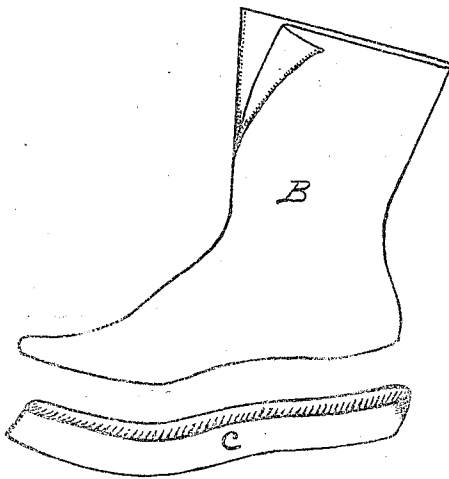


Fig. 2.

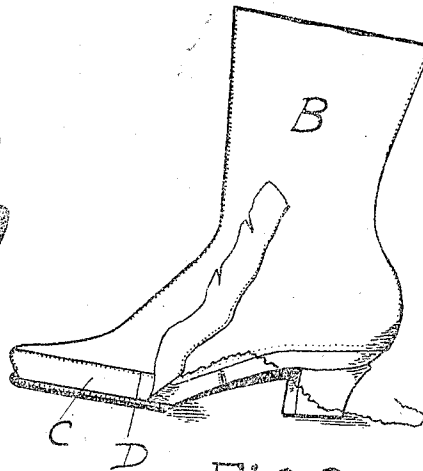


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMOS NAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing in Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Protecting-Covers for Shoe-Uppers, of which the following is a specification.

In the process of bottoming shoes, the uppers of which are made of light colored leather, or delicate fabrics,—it is customary to use a protecting jacket or covering, to save them from the soil consequent upon handling, and to insure their cleanliness. These covers are made of drill, silesia or other fabrics, with as few seams as possible, and invariably of one piece in respect to their vertical dimensions. They are cut to the form of the last on which the shoe is designed to be made, seamed together by seams running in a vertical direction, lasted in with the upper, and remain covering the upper, till the shoe is completed; and ready to be prepared for packing and shipment. They are then removed from the shoe by two processes:—that of ripping the vertical seams downward from the top, or tearing the material of which the cover is made, down to the edge of the sole;—and, that of applying, at the point at which the cover is lost to view between the sole and the upper, a sharp knife, and using the sole or welt to cut against, passing it around the circumference thereof, thus severing it completely. In those processes the cover is destroyed, and ultimately disposed of as waste.

The purpose of my device or invention, is, that of economizing in the use of covers by limiting the loss to as small a portion of the cover as is possible. This I accomplish by dividing my cover into two parts, an upper and a lower, by severing the vertical dimensions of it, along a line horizontal in direction, extending the full circumference of the cover, and at a point sufficiently above, and parallel with the lower extremity of it, to serve that purpose. This lower part is a mere strip of fabric, which may be cut of one or more parts, and seamed together, to fit the varying forms of lasts; and to it, is confined the destruction and loss consequent upon the removal of the cover. The upper portion of the cover may be made in a more substantial manner, for permanent, or oft repeated use. These two parts,—(the upper and the lower,)—I make and complete sep-

arately, then seam them together in their complete circumference, by the use of a loop or chain stitch seam. When the cover has served its purpose, and is ready to be removed, I draw the thread, release the upper part of the cover, which, can then be returned to be re-equipped with another strip, while there remains attached to the shoe, the lower part, or strip, which may be torn down to the edge of the sole, and removed by the knife, as already described.

For the purpose of a better understanding of the invention described, attention is directed to the accompanying drawings, which set forth its nature, construction, and manner of use.

Figure 1 is a side view in elevation of a shoe having the usual type of cover mounted thereon and shown partly split for removal from the shoe; Fig. 2, a side elevation of the two parts of my improved cover showing them dismembered; and Fig. 3, a side elevation of a shoe equipped with my improved cover, said cover being in the process of removal.

In the drawings, similar reference characters will be used to designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

As heretofore stated, it is common in the art to cover the parts of shoes while being made to prevent them from becoming soiled in handling, and said covers are retained on the shoes until shipment is made, when they are removed and the covers thrown away. In Fig. 1, I have shown a cover of the usual type in which it will be apparent that the removal of the cover is accomplished by splitting it in a vertical direction, and also cutting it around the sole or welt. The cover described above is indicated at A in the accompanying drawings in Fig. 1.

In Figs. 2 and 3 I have illustrated my improved cover in which B indicates the, permanent portion of the cover that is preferably made of heavy material that is capable of being re-used and a strip C of cheaper material that is capable of being secured as shown in Fig. 3 by means of a seam D to the lower edge of the portion B. The cover illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3 is used in the same manner as the cover shown in Fig. 1, the strip C after being assembled with the lower edge of the portion B having its free edge secured between the upper and the sole or welt, and the cover retained in position on the shoe while being handled in the factory.

In removing the cover from the shoe preparatory to shipments, the seam D is ripped, separating the parts B and C, and the part B may then be removed from the shoe either with or without ripping it vertically. The lower edge of the strip C may then be cut away from the shoe and thrown into the waste, leaving the upper part B to be re-used with a new strip C on another shoe.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:—

1. A protecting cover for shoe uppers constructed in two parts, one of said parts being in the form of a relatively narrow strip of material extending entirely around said cover and forming the lower extremity thereof, said strip being adapted to be attached to the other of said parts by a line of stitching.

2. A protecting cover for shoe uppers constructed in two parts, one of said parts being adapted to cover the upper portion of the shoe upper and to be constructed of material of sufficient strength to be re-used, the other of said parts being in the form of a relatively narrow strip of cheaper material than the part first described, said narrow strip being adapted to be secured to the lower edge of the first mentioned part of the cover and forming the lower extremity thereof, said strip being also adapted to be secured between the shoe upper and the sole or welt.

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