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Fig. 1.

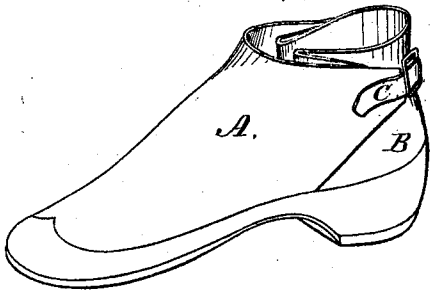


Fig. 2.

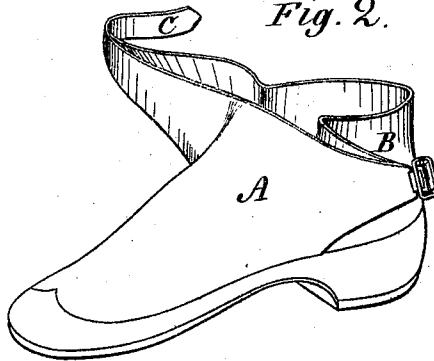
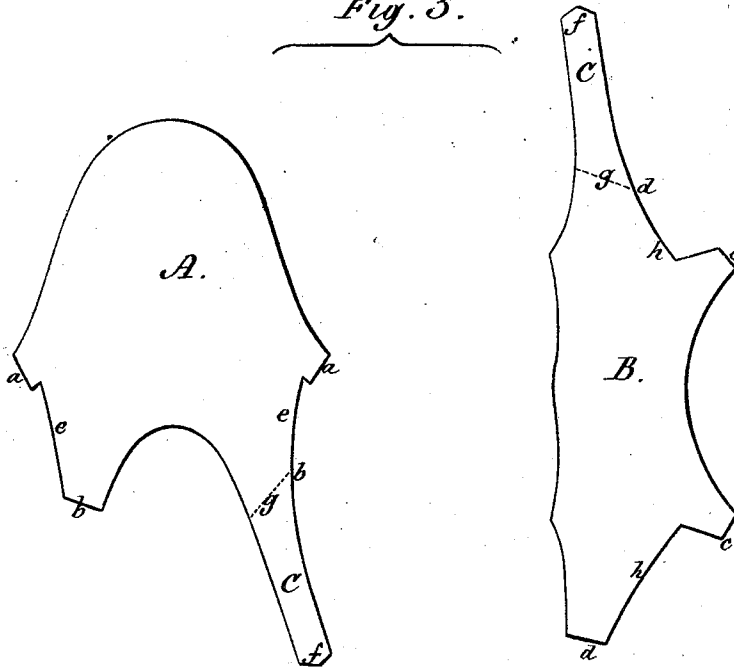


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN OVERSHOES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ISAAC F. WILLIAMS, of Bristol, in the county of Bristol and State of Rhode Island, have invented a certain new and Improved Cloth and Rubber Gaiter-Over-shoe.

My invention relates to such gaiters as are provided with a flap and buckle; and it consists in the peculiar manner of constructing the double water-proof flaps so that the strain on the buckle will draw equally across the instep upon both sides of the vamp; and I do hereby declare that the following specification, taken in connection with the drawing furnished and forming a part of the same, is a clear and true description thereof.

Referring to the drawing, Figure 1 represents one of my shoes in perspective. Fig. 2 represents the same with the two flaps extended. Fig. 3 represents the three sections or pieces of which the upper is composed.

A denotes the vamp. It is composed usually of a non-elastic textile fabric, lined with a similar suitable material, the two being united and rendered water-proof in a manner well known. B denotes the quarter, which is composed of a fabric substantially like that of which the vamp is composed. C denotes the flap-tongue.

In Fig. 3, the vamp A and quarter B are shown as if cut direct from the fabric. The dotted line in each indicates the upper ankle-

line, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The vamp and quarter are joined together, with the vamp-edges *a b* and *e f* coincident with the edges of the quarter *c d* and *g h*, respectively. These seams are rendered water-proof in the usual manner. The flap-tongue C and the buckle are attached to the flap at seams *e g* or *a c*, depending upon whether the gaiter is intended for a "right" or a "left."

As may be clearly seen, the draft on the buckle will draw evenly across the instep and render the shoe easy to the foot. The tendency is, also, to cause the instep of the gaiter to accurately conform to the instep of the wearer, and makes it, therefore, comparatively neat and attractive in its appearance, more so than any of the heretofore-known buckled gaiters known to me.

I claim as new, to be secured by Letters Patent—

As a new article of manufacture, the improved cloth and rubber gaiter-overshoe herein described, the buckled flap of which is made double and folded to the right and left across the instep, and secured behind by a tongue and buckle, which draw equally across the instep, as and for the purposes set forth.

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