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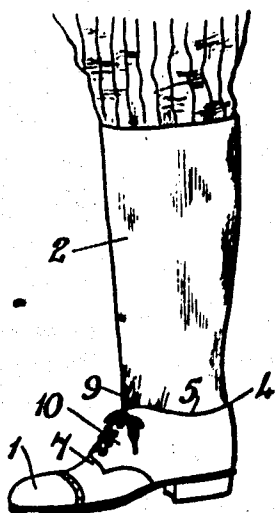


Fig 1.

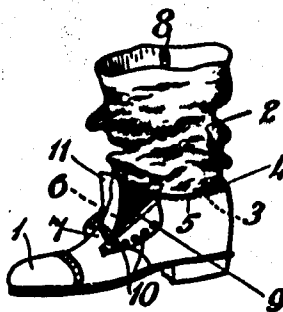


Fig 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD ROBERTS, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Leicester, in the county of Leicester, England, have invented new and useful improvements in or Relating to Footwear, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to footwear of the combined boot and legging type made of waterproof material such for example as rubber "wellingtons". In this type of footwear the legging is made of stiff unfoldable material and in order to allow for the ingress of the foot it has to be made unduly wide and even then it is difficult and under certain circumstances impossible to don, and further, in consequence of the width of the legging, for the purpose hereinbefore mentioned, it is next to impossible to obtain a comfortable fit.

The present invention has for its object, *inter-alia*, to provide a boot comprising a combined shoe and legging which is easy to put on the foot and when donned, it can be adjusted and tightened to the foot and ankle so as to fit comfortably thereto and at the same time be waterproof.

The invention comprises a shoe preferably of the rubber type having a comparatively thin and flexible legging water proofly connected thereto which permits of it being collapsed, as for example in concertina form, to allow the foot to enter the boot and then can be drawn up over the leg and form a waterproof covering thereto, a tab or other means being provided to fit over a button on the trousers and hold the legging in position.

In order that the invention may be clearly understood, a drawing is appended hereto wherein a boot formed according to this invention, is illustrated.

In the drawing referred to:—Figure 1 shows the boot as it appears when being worn. Fig. 2 shows the same article the shoe being unfastened and the legging collapsed to allow for the entrance of the foot into the boot.

A boot constructed according to this invention comprises an open fronted shoe of

any well known pattern, closable by a lace, button or other fasteners, the form or pattern preferred however being that of a "Derby" shoe 1 to which the legging 2 is attached in a waterproof manner as herein-after described. The shoe 1 is preferably of the rubber type and the legging 2 is of a comparatively thin, flexible and water proofing material consisting of rubber covered fabric, such for example as linen, cloth or canvas. The flexible legging 2 is water-proofly connected to the shoe 1 either by means of indiarubber solution, cement, water proof adhesive or, and preferably, by a known process of vulcanization.

The legging 2 is attached to the shoe 1 along a line represented by the dot and dash line 3 in Fig. 2, that is to say, the lower edge of the legging is connected to the top and on the inside of the shoe 1 around the back 4 and sides 5 thereof, then down each side of the front 6 and underneath the top edge of the vamp 7.

The legging 2 is made without any side openings therein and is connected to the shoe in such a manner that the boot is without an opening of any kind below the top of the leg for the access of water.

The thin character of the legging 2 permits of it being collapsed, as for example in concertina form as illustrated in Fig. 2, to allow the foot to enter the boot after which the said legging can be drawn up over the leg as shown in Fig. 1, a tab or equivalent 8 being provided to fit over a button on the trousers or breeches for the purposes of holding the legging 2 in position when the boot is being worn. The thin character and flexibility of the legging also permit it to be folded over or gathered at the lower front part 9 so that the wings or lacing tabs 10 of the open front of the shoe (which may be with or without a tongue 11) can fold thereover and the shoe and legging be comfortably fastened on the foot.

What I claim then is:—

A waterproof boot consisting of the permanent combination of a shoe and legging the shoe having a front opening closable by a fastener and the legging being without any

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side opening and made of thin flexible water proof material, the lower edge of the legging being waterproofly connected to the top and inside of the quarter of the shoe around the back and sides thereof, and then down each side of the front and underneath the top edge of the vamp.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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