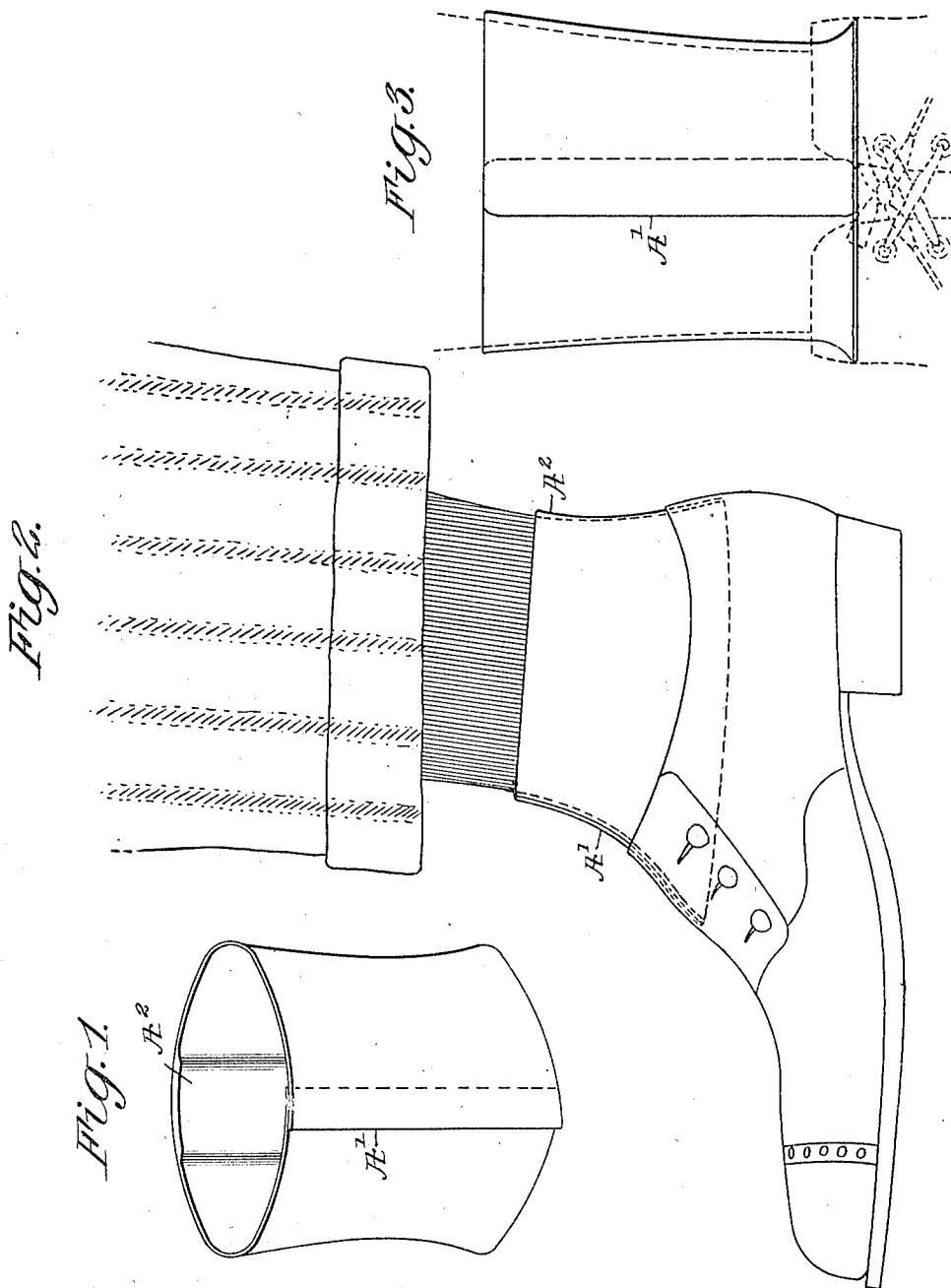


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RALPH B. LUTHER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Pipestone, in the county of Pipestone and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Shine Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a protector for use in shining shoes to keep from soiling the hose, and the invention has for an object to provide a simple, novel one piece self-closing protector which will cover the hose adjacent to the shoes while the latter are being cleaned, polished or shined, thus preventing the soiling of the hose; and the invention consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a front elevation of a protector embodying my invention and adapted for use on low cut shoes. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of a protector as in use on a low shoe. Fig. 3 is an elevation of a protector designed for use on high shoes.

In carrying out my invention, the protector will be manufactured from celluloid, vulcanized rubber or other suitable flexible material and will be self-closing. As shown the protector is in the form of a sleeve open along one side at A' with its edges overlapping at such side, its intermediate portion A² immediately opposite its overlapped edges being thickened in order to give the desired resilience to insure the self-closing of the protector around the hose. As shown the protector is made to conform to the ankle, instep and leg in such manner as to cover the hose to be protected.

It will be noticed that the thickened por-

tion A² of the protector is prolonged circumferentially so that it forms a broad back portion from which the opposite side wings project in such manner as to secure the resilience and the spreading of the protector at the sides thereof, the broad thickened back portion being located directly opposite the opening or lapped portion of the sleeve as best shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

In Figs. 1 and 2, I show a protector for use on low shoes and in Fig. 3 a protector for use on high shoes.

Manifestly the protector may be open along the front as shown or the side or back as may be preferred.

As shown in the drawing, the lower end of the protector may be flared in order to prevent any polish or the like from getting into the shoe.

In practice the protector may be made in different sizes to suit children and adults and being in one piece and self-closing can be quickly applied for use.

I claim:

A protector for use in polishing shoes, comprising a sleeve conformed to the ankle and adjacent portion of the leg and open longitudinally, with its longitudinal edges resulting from and at the sides of the longitudinal opening overlapping, said sleeve being composed of resilient material having a thickened portion extending longitudinally of the sleeve at a point opposite the overlapped edges thereof and prolonged circumferentially, substantially as set forth.

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