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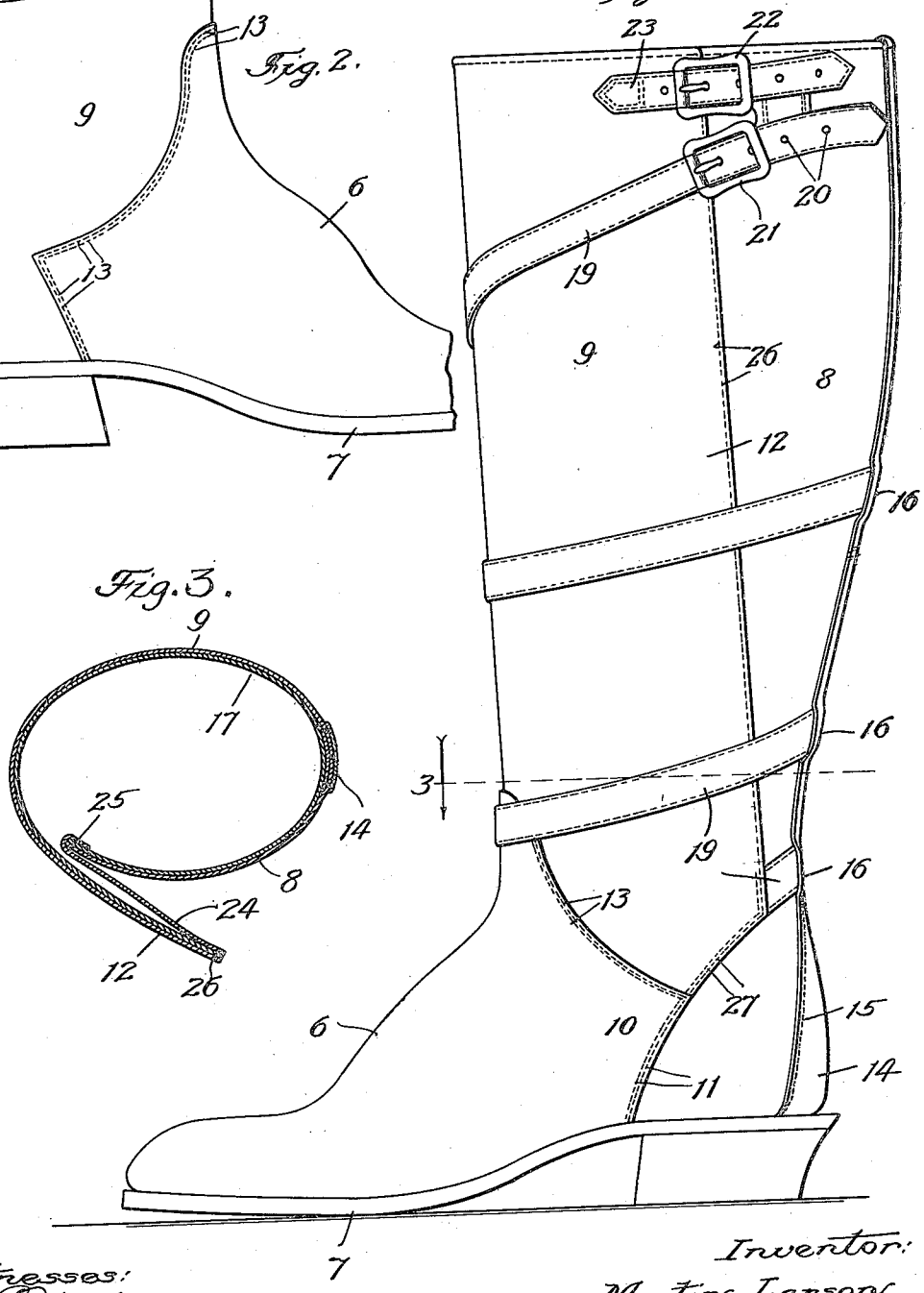


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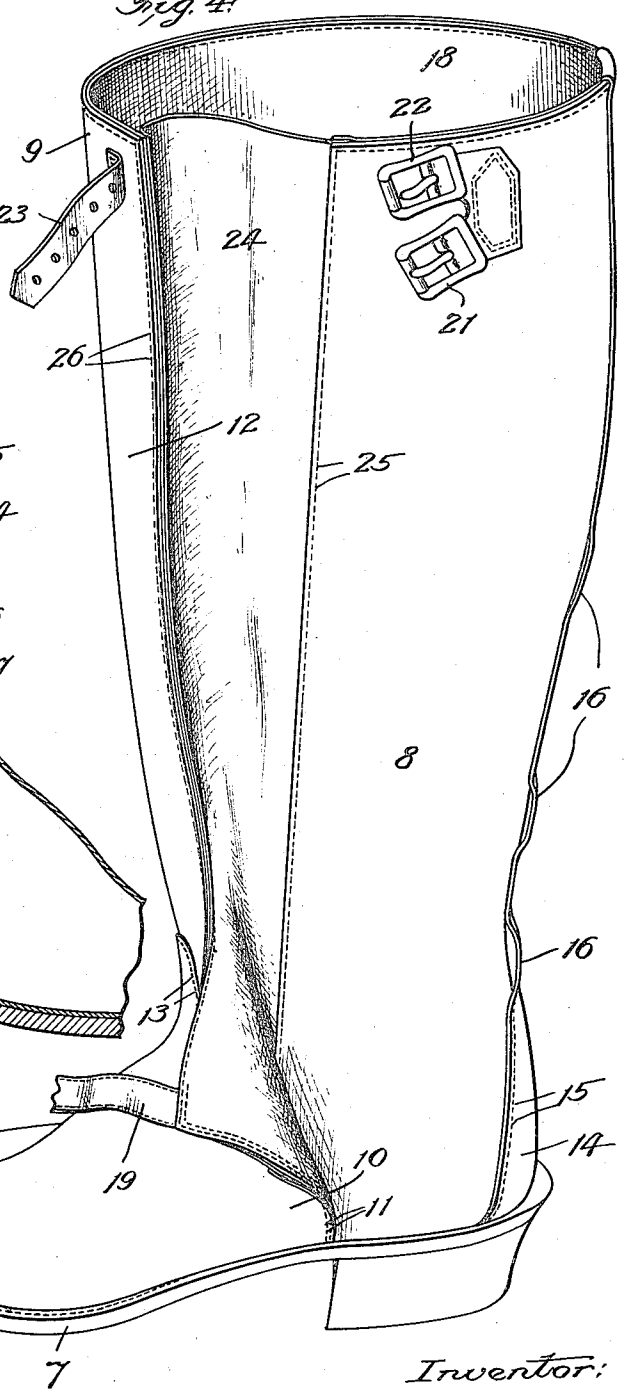
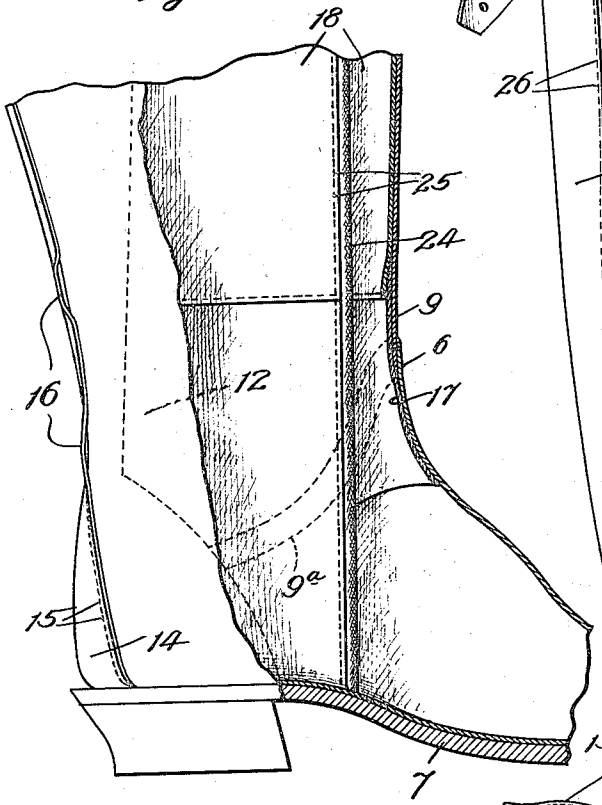


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN LARSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boots, of which the following is a specification.

One of my objects is to provide a novel construction of boot, more especially for use in horseback riding, where neatness of appearance is an important factor, which may be secured to the foot of the wearer to snugly fit about the instep and conformingly fit the calf of the leg and present the maximum degree of neatness of appearance, and another of my objects is to render the boot dust and water-proof.

Referring to the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of a boot constructed in accordance with my invention, the parts of the boot being shown in the position they assume when secured to the wearer. Fig. 2 is a broken view, like Fig. 1, of the opposite side of the boot. Fig. 3 is a section taken at the line 3 on Fig. 1 and viewed in the direction of the arrow. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the boot of Fig. 1 showing the upper part thereof extended, or folded back, as it would be in unfastened position, to disclose details of the construction; and Fig. 5, a view like Fig. 2 with portions of the sole and upper part of the boot broken away to disclose certain details of construction.

The vamp of the boot, represented at 6, is preferably formed of a single piece of leather to present the shape shown, the lower edges of the vamp being secured to the sole 7 of the boot in any desirable and well-known manner. The sides of the boot, which are connected with the sole 7 in any desirable and well-known manner and extend upwardly from the latter, as shown, are made of two separate pieces of leather, or any other suitable material, these pieces, or sections, being represented at 8 and 9, and sewed together at the meeting edges thereof at the back-portion of the boot, the side-section 8 which underlies the end 10 of the vamp extending a slight distance in front of the forward edge of the heel, the other side-section 9 of the boot being of such width that it extends across the front of the boot and extends at the lower portion of its rear edge to within a short distance of the back seam and is adapted to assume at its portion 12 overlapped position relative to the forward edge of the side-section 8, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4. The lower edge of the section 9 is sewed, or otherwise secured, to the sole-portion of the boot at the side of the boot shown in Fig. 2 and is secured to the vamp along the stitching 13, the lower edge of the section 9 at the side of the boot shown in Fig. 1 being indicated by the dotted line 9^a. A heel-strip 14 is secured to the heel-portion of the boot, as by stitching it along the lines 15, this strip being continued up the back of the boot, preferably to the top thereof, and stitched thereto, but with the stitching omitted at intervals to provide the loops 16, for a purpose hereinafter explained.

In Fig. 5 the fact of the side-piece 8 extending down to the sole-portion, at which it is connected, is clearly illustrated, and also the preferred manner of constructing the boot at the juncture of the side-section 9 with the vamp 6. In accordance with this showing, the overlapped portion of the vamp and section 9 have applied thereto a lining 17, of any suitable material, which is secured to these parts in any desirable manner. The upper part of the boot is also lined, preferably with leather, and this lining is indicated at 18, this lining preferably extending over the inner surfaces of both side-sections 8 and 9.

It will be understood from the drawing and the foregoing description, that by constructing the boot as shown and described, the sections 8 and 9 are not directly connected together from the top of the boot to the sole at the side of the boot shown in Fig. 1, or, in other words, are relatively movable throughout their height, and that they may be drawn, or folded, to such position that both the ankle-portion and the upper portion of the boot will conformingly fit the ankle and calf of the leg of the person wearing the boot, the boot fitting in such a way that no wrinkles are presented. This feature of the invention is of great practical importance as thereby the foot of the wearer may be readily inserted into position in the boot and when the sections 8 and 9 are folded, or drawn, to position about the ankle and calf of the wearer, the boot will conformingly fit the ankle and calf with great accuracy and without wrinkling or gaping, producing the maximum neatness of appearance.

Any suitable means may be provided for

holding the sections 8 and 9 in the relation necessary to produce the proper fit. As desirable means for this purpose, which also serve to draw or fold the side-sections to the fitting position, I provide a strap-member 19, which is secured to the lower end of the free edge of the section 9, and which is wound at its free end about the ankle and leg-portion of the boot, to extend through the several loops 16, as illustrated in Fig. 1, the extreme free end of the strap, and in which buckle-engaging openings 20 are provided, coöperating with a buckle 21 secured to the side-section 8, it being preferred that another buckle 22 be provided on the section 8 to be engaged by an apertured strap 23 on the section 9 when the boot is fastened about the leg of the wearer.

It is desirable that the opening between the adjacent free vertical edges of the sections 8 and 9, be closed by a flap, or section, of any suitable material, as, for example, soft leather, to render this part of the boot dust and water-proof. Such a flap, or section, is represented at 24, and is shown as sewed along its opposite vertical edges to the adjacent edges of the sections 8 and 9, as represented at 25 and 26, respectively, and along its lower edge to the lower edge of the section 9, as represented at the stitching 27, the extreme lower edge of the flap 24 underlapping the part 10 of the vamp, and sewed thereto at the stitching 11 and to the sole-portion of the boot, thus adequately closing the opening between the sections 8 and 9 for effecting the above stated purpose.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A boot of the character described with its upper portion presenting relatively movable overlapping sections, the overlapping edge-portions of which are substantially vertically disposed, said sections being secured to the bottom-portion of the boot throughout the marginal edges of the latter and overlapping and being relatively movable from the sole of the boot to the top thereof, but only at the side of the boot, one of said side-sections extending across the front of the boot and being permanently secured in position at its lower edge at the front of the boot, and means for drawing said sections about the leg of the wearer to produce a snug fit.

2. A boot of the character described with its upper portion presenting relatively movable overlapping sections, the overlapping edge-portions of which are substantially vertically disposed, said sections being secured to the bottom-portion of the boot throughout the marginal edges of the latter and overlapping and being relatively movable from the sole of the boot to the top thereof, but only at the side of the boot, one of said side-sections extending across the front of the boot and being permanently secured in position at its lower edge at the front of the boot, and a strap secured to the one of said sections which overlaps the other thereof, at the side of the boot and adapted to be spirally wound about the boot for drawing said sections together to cause the upper part of the boot to snugly fit the leg of the wearer.

3. A boot of the character described with its upper portion presenting relatively movable overlapping sections, the overlapping edge-portions of which are substantially vertically disposed, said sections being secured to the bottom-portion of the boot throughout the marginal edges of the latter and overlapping and being relatively movable from the sole of the boot to the top thereof, but only at the side of the boot, one of said side-sections extending across the front of the boot and being permanently secured in position at its lower edge at the front of the boot and terminating closely adjacent the front edge of the heel at the side thereof where it overlaps the other of said sections, with its lower rear portion cut away to present a diagonally disposed edge extending from the sole to the extreme rear edge of this section, the lower extremity of said rear edge extending in spaced relation to the sole and extending closely adjacent the extreme rear portion of the boot.

4. A boot of the character described having a bottom portion and an upper portion formed of a vamp and a separate portion permanently secured thereto at the front and sides of the boot, said upper portion presenting along one side the boot overlapping relatively movable sections, said sections being secured to the bottom portion of the boot throughout the marginal edges of the latter and relatively movable from the sole of the boot to the top thereof, but only at the side of the boot, the rear edge of the said section extending across the front of the boot, terminating at the bottom portion of the boot closely adjacent the front edge of the heel at that side of the boot where it overlaps the other of said sections, and having its lower rear portion cut away to present a diagonally disposed edge extending from the bottom of the boot to the extreme rear edge of said section, the lower extremity of said rear edge extending in spaced relation to the bottom of the boot and extending closely adjacent the extreme rear portion of the boot.

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