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 BOOT OR SHOE.
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Fig. 1.

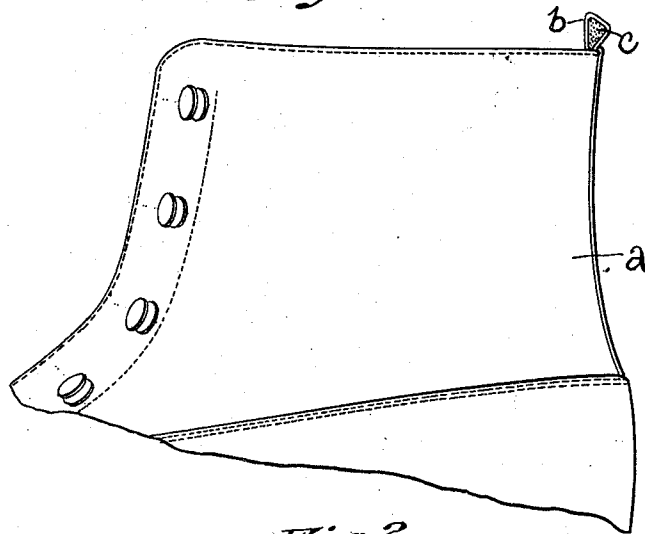


Fig. 2.

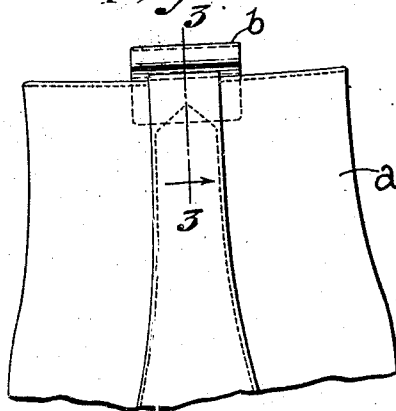
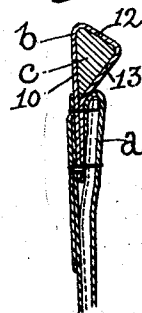


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST C. JACOBS, a citizen of the United States, residing in Rockland, county of Plymouth, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Boots or Shoes, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like

parts. This invention relates to boots and shoes and more particularly to a device for pulling the same onto the foot.

Boots and shoes as now commonly constructed are provided with a cloth strap of a length sufficient to form a substantially large loop through which the thumb or finger of the user may be passed to obtain a firm pull upon the boot or shoe. These straps as now constructed project a very considerable distance above the upper edge of the boot or shoe when new, and after being worn are frequently bent down outside of the boot or shoe, and in both instances they are unsightly and objectionable and especially so in high priced shoes.

The present invention has for its object to provide boots or shoes with a pull-on device, which is neat, attractive and highly efficient, which projects above the shoe but a short distance, and retains its original form after long use. To this end, I employ a strap, which may be of leather, cloth or other suitable material, and fold the same to form a short loop, which, when secured to the upper, projects but a short distance above the same, and which is provided with a filler, preferably a piece of sole leather or other stiff material. The filler referred to, may and preferably will be made substantially triangular or wedge-shaped in cross section and of unequal sides, whereby the long side of the triangle may be arranged in the loop of the strap, so that it occupies a substantially vertical position and is presented to the inner side of the shoe, and the shorter sides are presented to the outer side of the shoe and form a projection for the finger to engage and be enabled to exert an upward pull on the shoe. The strap and filler may and preferably will be cemented or otherwise secured together so as to be handled as one piece. These and other features of this invention will be pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a sufficient

portion of a boot or shoe embodying this invention to enable it to be understood. Fig. 2, a rear elevation of the shoe shown in Fig. 1, and Fig. 3, a section on an enlarged scale taken on the line 3-3, Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing, *a* represents the upper of a boot or shoe of any suitable, desired or ordinary construction. The upper *a* is provided with a looped strap or member *b*, which may be stitched or otherwise secured to the inner or outer side of said upper and is made substantially short in length, so that when the said member *b* is secured to the upper, it projects but a slight distance above the same, and forms a loop too small for the passage of the thumb or finger of the hand and therefore not suitable in itself to afford a practical device for pulling on the boot or shoe.

To render the short looped strap *b* serviceable as a pull-on device, I provide a filler *c*, preferably a piece of sole-leather, although other material may be used, which fills the loop of the strap. The filler *c* is preferably made substantially triangular or wedge-shaped and is arranged in the loop, so that one of the longer sides 10 is presented to the inner side of the shoe and occupies a substantially vertical position, while the other or shorter sides 12, 13, are presented toward the outer side of the shoe and form a projection for the finger to engage. The filling piece *c* is secured within the looped strap *b* against displacement, preferably by cement, and in practice it is preferred to form the loop and cement the strap to the filler *c* and the two ends of the strap together, before attaching the device to the upper. When the strap *a* is made of leather, it is preferred to skive the ends thin, so that when they are secured together and to the inner side of the upper, they will not form an objectionable bulge or projection.

The device is attached to the upper so that the apex of the filler piece is substantially on a level with the upper edge of the upper, whereby the filler will not interfere with the projecting portion of the device being bent slightly backward or outward so as to obtain a firm hold of the device by the user of the shoe.

In practice the pull-on device may be made with the ends of the strap secured together and the filler piece located in the loop above the contacting ends of the strap and cemented or otherwise firmly secured to

said strap, so as to be ready to be applied to the upper.

By reference to Fig. 1, it will be observed that the pull-on device projects but a short distance above the shoe upper and is neat and attractive and does not mar the appearance of the shoe, a thing highly desired in the more expensive shoes.

Claims.

10 1. The combination with the upper of a boot or shoe, of a pull-on device consisting of a strap folded to form a loop, which projects but slightly above the edge of the upper, and a filler located in and filling said loop to enlarge the same and enable the
15 strap to be firmly grasped, substantially as described.

20 2. The combination with the upper of a boot or shoe, of a pull-on device consisting of a strap folded to form a loop, which projects but slightly above the edge of the upper, and a substantially wedge-shaped filler piece located in and filling said loop

with the apex of the wedge near the upper, substantially as described. 25

3. A pull-on device for boots and shoes consisting of a strap folded and having its lower ends secured together to form a substantially short loop, and a filler piece located in and filling said loop and secured
30 to said strap.

4. A pull-on device for boots and shoes consisting of a leather strap folded and having its lower ends cemented together to form a substantially short loop, and a substantially wedge-shaped filler piece of leather
35 located in and filling said loop and cemented thereto with the apex of the filler adjacent to the contacting ends of the straps.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two witnesses. 40

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