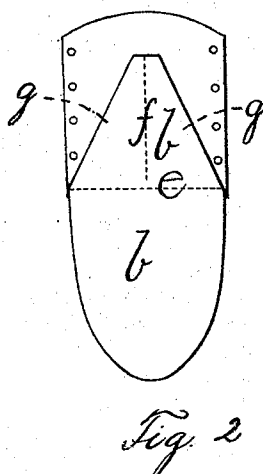
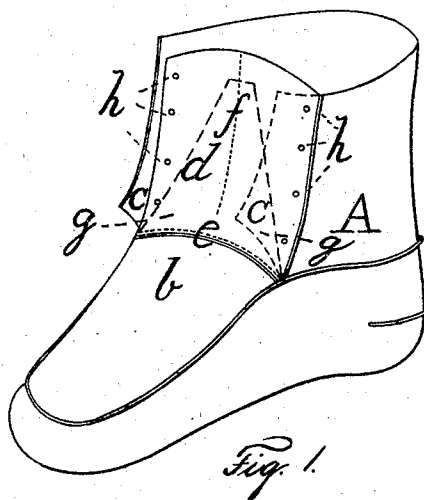
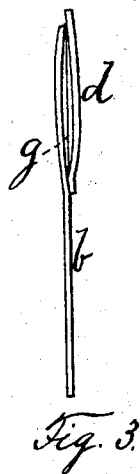


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS HERSEY, of Bangor, in the county of Penobscot and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Moccasins; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 shows a front view of the moccasin; Fig. 2, a rear view of the lap and tongue; Fig. 3, an edge view.

Same letters show like parts.

My invention has for its object the production of a moccasin which shall be so constructed as to exclude dirt from the feet of the wearer and at the same time secure economy of material and labor. I attain my object in a simple yet effectual manner, by securing to the outside of the tongue a front lap in such a manner as to form pockets between the said tongue and lap, into which the quarters of the moccasin are inserted. It is then secured upon the foot by strings, buckles, or similar devices attached to both lap and quarter.

Reference to the drawing shows my method of securing the lap to the quarter and its attachment to the shoe.

A shows the moccasin; *b*, the tongue; and *d*, the front lap, fastened to the tongue by stitches *e* extending across the front, and at *f* by a row of perpendicular stitches through the middle of both lap and tongue, forming the pockets *g g* on each side. At *h h h* are eyelet-holes, buckles, or other devices for fast-

ening the shoe. The quarters *c* being inserted in the pockets *g g*, the moccasin is fastened up, drawing the lap smoothly across the front of the shoe presenting a plain surface, and affording no lodging place for dirt, or if any enters it is retained by the pockets, and gains no admittance inside of the tongue.

It will be seen that my invention can be easily applied to the ordinary shoe of tanned leather with equally good effect.

I do not claim a lap-piece separate from both the quarters and buttoning thereto, as shown in Joseph Brackett's patent of September 28, 1852; nor do I claim a flap arranged to overlap a second flap on the front of the shoe, as in the patent of J. Coykendall, issued September 6, 1870; nor the devices shown in J. B. Field's patent of January 10, 1872. None of these cases show a front lap and ordinary tongue combined, much less the pockets, which are the distinguishing characteristics of my invention, and which receive the quarters between said lap and tongue, effectually preventing dirt from reaching the foot, since even if it enter the pockets it is checked by the tongue.

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

In a moccasin or shoe the pockets *g g*, formed, as described, by the combination of a front lap, *d*, and ordinary tongue *b*, united by stitches *f*, substantially as set forth and shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of November, 1872.

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