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 BUTTON GAITER-BOOTS.

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FIG. 1.

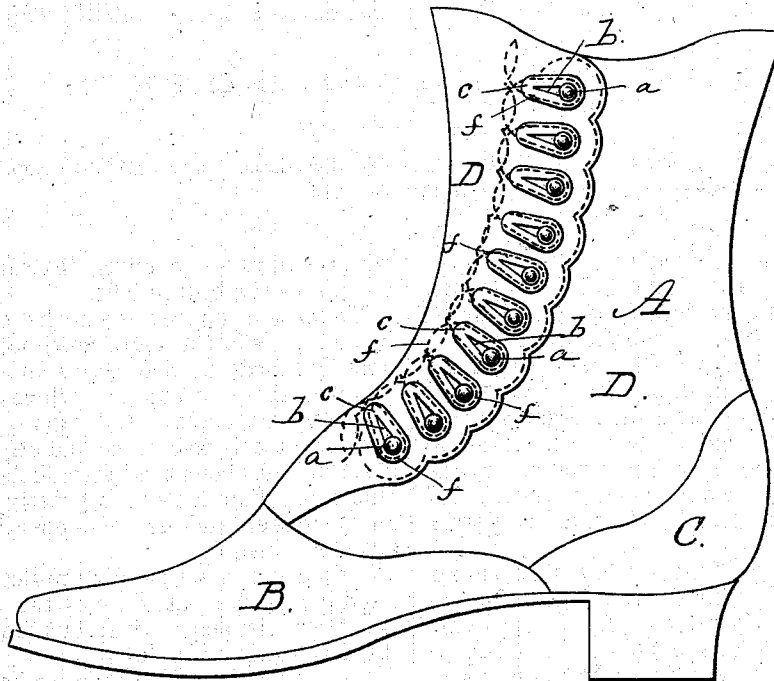


FIG. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTON GAITER-BOOTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. BATCHELDER, of Salem, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Gaiter-Boots or Shoes, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to button gaiter boots or shoes, and particularly to the button-holes, and to the manner of forming the same, and consists of a button-hole which is re-enforced and otherwise made, all as hereinafter particularly described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view, in elevation, of a gaiter-boot having button-holes of my improved form; and Fig. 2 represents a section through one of the button-holes.

In the drawings, A represents the upper of a gaiter-boot, made of leather in the parts B and C, and of cloth in the part D, all as ordinarily constructed. *a* the buttons, and *b* the button-holes. These button-holes *b* are in the cloth D, and in leather pieces or patches *c*, which are about each button-hole of the cloth D, and there stitched, as shown by the dotted lines *f* in each case. These leather pieces are on the outside of the cloth, are of the general shape or outline of a button-hole, are first cemented to the cloth where the button-holes should be made, and then there stitched, and through the whole—that is, each leather patch *c* and cloth upper D—a button-hole is punched

with a suitable punching instrument, which completes the button-hole.

Under this improvement the edges of the button-holes in the cloth need not be button-hole-stitched, as the edges of the leather patches give a protection which is substantially equal thereto; and, again, the leather patches greatly re-enforce and strengthen the cloth in and about the button-holes, and as a whole the manufacture is greatly cheapened, and stronger and neater-appearing button-holes obtained.

By using a strong and durable cement the stitching of the patches *c* to the cloth upper D may be dispensed with; but the addition of the stitches is preferable.

I am aware that button-holes have been re-enforced or strengthened by a cord or binding stitched to the same, and I do not claim, broadly, the re-enforcing of button-holes; but

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

A button gaiter-boot, provided with separate re-enforcing pieces of leather on the outside around the button-holes, and secured to the upper, substantially as described.

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