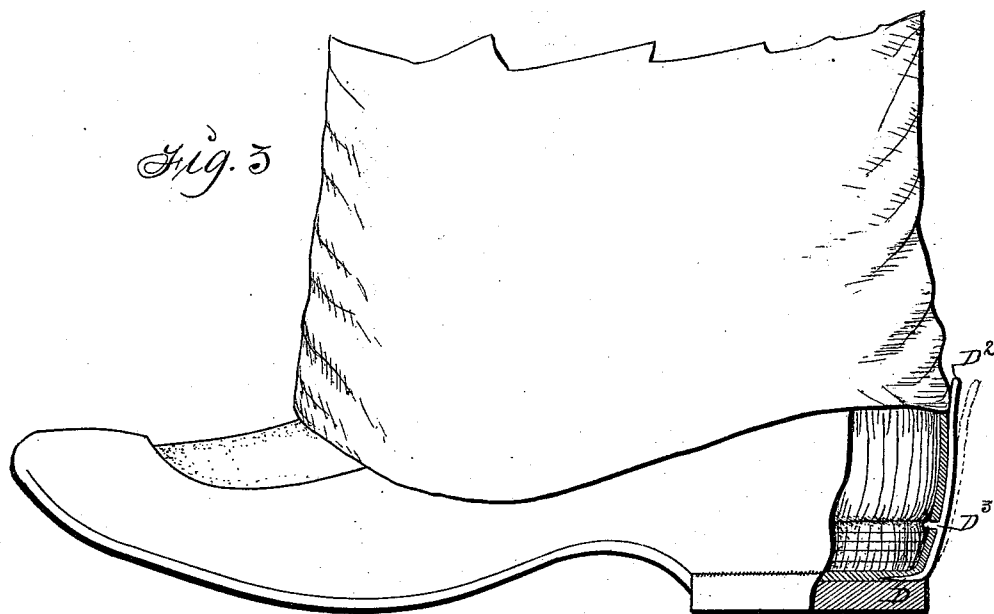
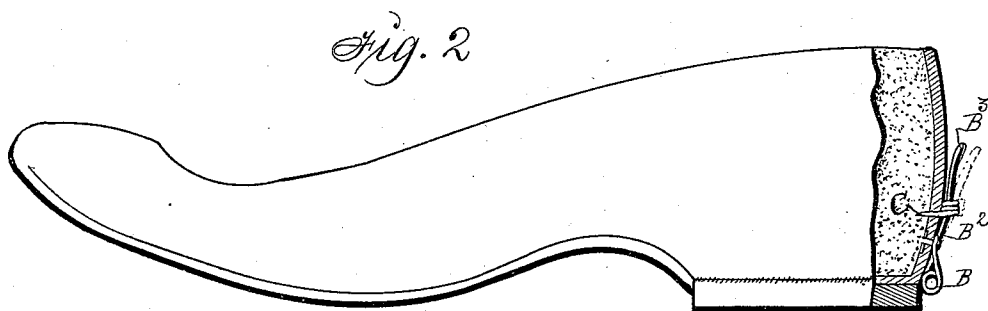
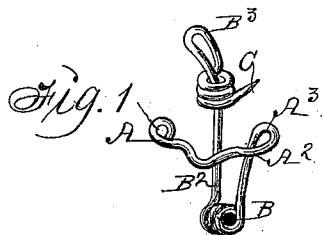


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. POLING, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Harlan, in the county of Shelby and State of Iowa, have invented an Improved Fastener for Overshoes, of which the following is a specification.

My object is to provide a simple attachment for overshoes adapted to detachably fasten an overshoe to the heel of an inner boot or shoe and also at the same time fasten the bottom and rear portion of a pants-leg as required to prevent the overshoe from slipping off and the pants from becoming soiled and worn from contact with the lower portion of the heel of the overshoe and the ground tread upon.

My invention consists in the device applied and operated as hereinafter set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows the device detached. Fig. 2 shows a side view of an overshoe with the fastener attached thereto, part of the overshoe being removed to show the fastener. Fig. 3 shows a view similar to Fig. 2, with a shoe in the overshoe and a modified form of fastener.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, the fastener is seen to be composed of a single piece of wire. Starting at one end, a loop A is first formed therein to admit a rivet. The wire is then bent horizontally to conform to the heel of an overshoe and bowed backwardly at A². A like loop A³ is formed therein equidistant from the said bowed portion. From the loop A³ the wire is bent downwardly and coiled at B, the end portion B² being extended straight upwardly through the bowed portion A², inclined rearwardly at its top and having its end bent downwardly, coiled around the upwardly-extended part and then bent forwardly at C to pass through the overshoe. Its end is preferably pointed so as to firmly engage the heel of a shoe in the overshoe.

In practical use the device may readily be applied to an overshoe with two rivets through the loops or eyes A and A³. When placing the overshoe on the shoe the top B³ is grasped and drawn rearwardly, the backwardly-bowed portion A² serving as a guide and preventing it from being drawn backwardly so far that the end C may be drawn through the overshoe. When the overshoe is in place the top B³ is released and the end C forced into the shoe

proper, thus securing the overshoe to the shoe. It is obvious also that the top B³ will hold the wearer's trousers elevated and when it is desired to remove the overshoe serve the double function of withdrawing the end C from the shoe and providing a convenient handle for removing the overshoe.

In Fig. 2 a modified form is shown. It comprises a leaf-spring having its lower end D bent at right angles and inserted in the solid heel portion of the overshoe. This may be done during the manufacture of the overshoe. The spring is then extended upwardly and inclined outwardly at its top at D² to form a trousers-support. At its central portion is a spur D³ that may project through the overshoe to engage a shoe.

It is obvious that the normal action of my device will simultaneously retain an overshoe in its place and the pants clasped thereto and retained elevated relative to the heel of the shoe.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States therefor, is—

1. A device for fastening an overshoe to an inner boot or shoe and also simultaneously clasping and fastening the bottom and heel portion of a pants-leg in an elevated position relative to the heel of the overshoe, consisting of a spring adapted to be fixed to the lower portion of the heel on an overshoe and provided with a pin extending at right angles from its central portion to enter a perforation in the heel of the shoe, and terminating at its upper end in a clasp adapted to fasten a pants-leg to the overshoe, in the manner set forth, for the purposes stated.

2. An overshoe-fastening device, composed of a single piece of spring-wire having two loops to admit rivets, a rearwardly-bowed portion between them, a coil formed in the wire beneath the said loop and a part extended upwardly from said coil through the bowed portion with its upper end inclined rearwardly and a spur formed on the said upright part to extend through the overshoe and engage a shoe, substantially as and for the purposes stated.

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