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Fig. 3

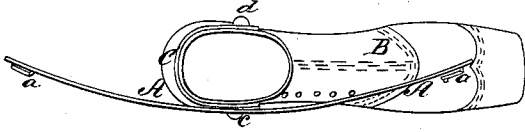


Fig. 1

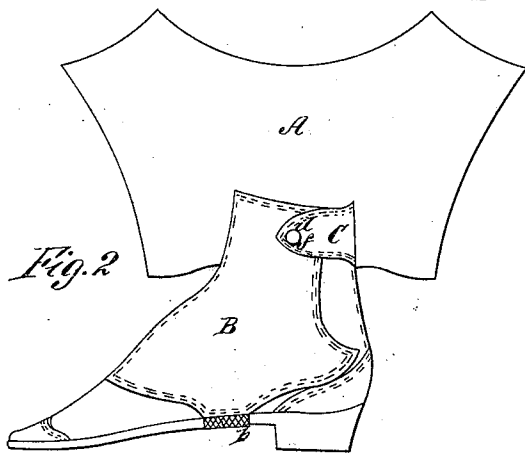
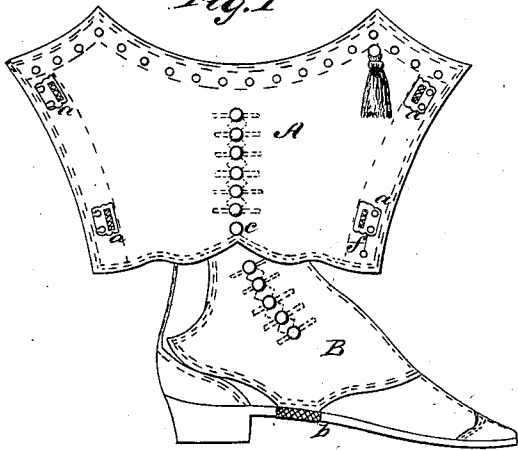
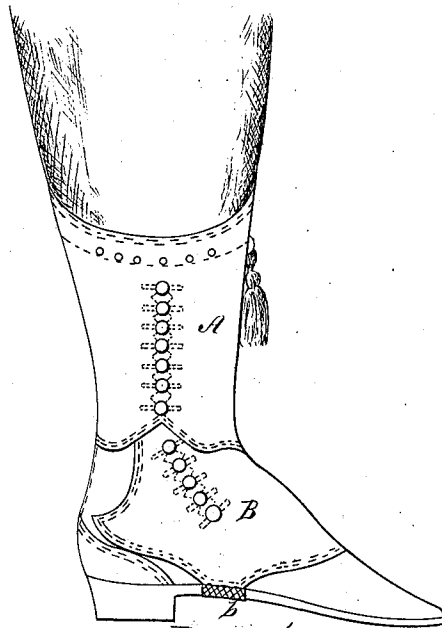


Fig. 2

Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK M. BLODGETT, a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have made a new and useful invention of an Ankle and Foot or Gaiter-Boot Protector; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 denotes an external side view of it, as it appears preparatory to being applied to the leg and boot of a lady or person. Fig. 2 is an internal side view of it. Fig. 3 is a top view of it. Fig. 4 exhibits its application to a boot and leg.

The invention, considered as a whole, consists of a combination composed of an "anklet" or "leglet" and a semi-gaiter or "frontlet," and a back band or piece, they being connected together and arranged substantially as hereinafter described.

In the drawings, A denotes the "anklet" or "leglet," as it is common to term it. B is the semi-gaiter or frontlet, while C is the back band or piece. Each of these parts, as ordinarily made, is composed of two thicknesses or layers, the external one being of either a glazed leather or a glazed cloth. The internal layer or lining may be of cloth or other desirable flexible material, and be connected to the other layer by one or more rows of stitching or by any other suitable means. The anklet A (the form of which is exhibited in the drawings) is provided with clasps *a a*, to confine it to the lower part of the leg, just above the ankle of a person. The frontlet is a half-gaiter open in rear, and provided with an elastic strap, *b*, to go underneath and across the sole of the boot or shoe, while the frontlet may be applied thereto. The said frontlet is to be so formed as to go over the instep and down the sides of the boot or shoe and extend back on both sides of the foot toward the heel. The said frontlet and anklet are connected together at the lower part of the middle of the latter and near the outer upper corner thereof by means of a rivet or button,

c. Furthermore, there is also interposed between them, and connected to them by such rivet or button *e*, one end of the back piece or back band, C, which is intended to go around the rear half of the leg and to button to the inner half of the frontlet by a button, as shown at *d* in Figs. 2 and 3. This back piece serves to secure the frontlet in place on a gaiter-boot preparatory to the fixation of the anklet on the leg, and it also aids in preserving the proper fitting of the frontlet. The anklet is also fastened to the button *d* by means of a button-hole made in such anklet, as shown at *f* in Figs. 1 and 2. The separate anklet and frontlet, connected together as specified, allow free play of the foot at the ankle without disturbing the correct positions of the anklet and frontlet when on the leg and foot of a person.

While the anklet serves to protect the stocking of the wearer from becoming soiled by the dress or otherwise, the frontlet serves as a protection to the instep and cloth portions of the gaiter-boot, the whole while being worn constituting not only a very useful but an ornamental appendage to the foot of a lady.

I do not intend to confine the parts of my invention to the precise forms as exhibited in the drawings, as they may be somewhat varied without affecting the principle on which the invention is based and operates.

I claim—

1. The combination of the anklet or leglet A and the frontlet-gaiter B, the same being arranged and applied together substantially as specified.

2. The combination and arrangement of the leg band or back piece, C, with the frontlet-gaiter B.

3. The combination of the anklet A, the frontlet B, and the back band, C, the whole being made, arranged, and applied together substantially as specified.

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