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BOOT TOP.

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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

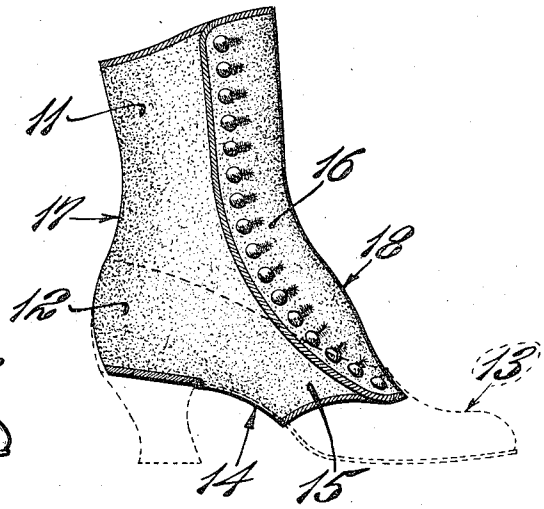


Fig. 4.

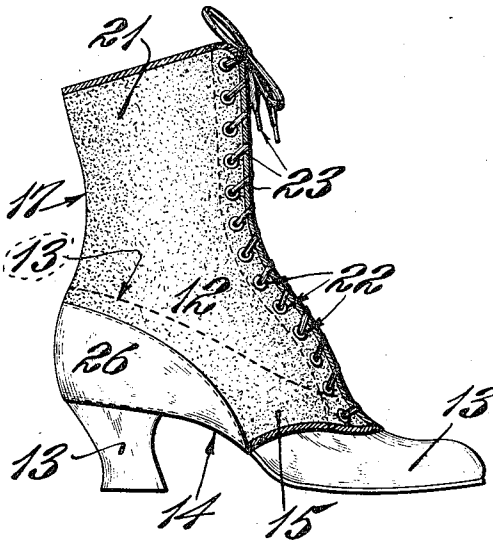


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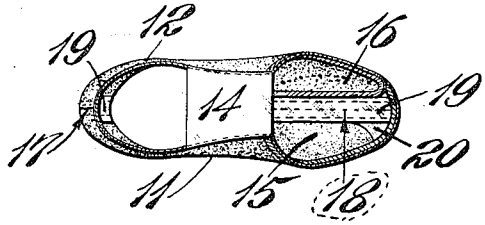
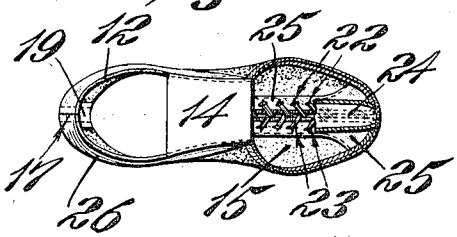


Fig. 5.



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BOOT-TOP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES TWEEDIE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jefferson City, in the county of Cole and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boot-Tops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to boot-tops which are made and sold separately from the boot, and which are intended to be worn over low shoes in the manner of over-gaiters.

The object of the invention is a full quarter boot-top of cloth or other distinctive material, and which is adapted to be worn over a low shoe to simulate the appearance of a cloth top boot, thereby disguising its true character.

The invention consists in a boot-top having the quarters cut full length to the line of the sole at the heel and instep, with a strap conforming to the shape and width of the sole across the instep, and with the forepart cut approximately on the line of a circular vamp.

The invention further consists in the arrangement of the back seam near the heel and the front seam from over the instep to the forward end, which are cut a trifle scant in order to put "spring" into the top at these places and cause it to hug the shoe.

Further details of the invention appear in connection with the following description of the boot-top shown in the accompanying drawing, wherein the same reference characters designate like parts in the several views.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a low shoe fitted with a boot-top embodying the invention; Fig. 2 is a side view of the top alone, showing in dotted lines the outline of the shoe shown in Fig. 1, and illustrating the departure of the top from the lines of the shoe at the heel and over the instep; Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the top shown in Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing a different style of boot-top; and Fig. 5 is a bottom view of the top shown in Fig. 4.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the button boot-top 11 comprises quarters 12 of suitable material, such as leather, broadcloth, or other fabric, cut full length, that is, from the upper extremity of the leg portion to the top line of the sole and heel of the shoe 13. A strap 14 of patent leather or other suitable material connects the lower edges of the quarters in front of the heel. The lower portion 15 of the quarters extends forward of the instep, their front edges following line of the top of the vamp across the front of the shoe and sloping downward and backward at the sides to about the forward line of the shank portion of the sole of the shoe. The boot-tops are made rights and lefts, and the two quarters of each top are cut slightly different along their front and bottom edges. The quarter which comes on the inner side of the foot has a flap 16 which laps over the outside quarter and is buttoned thereto. The quarter on the inner side is cut slightly longer from top to bottom at the forward end of the sole than the quarter on the outer side, the difference in length between the two gradually diminishing toward the heel, at which point the length of the two sides is alike, whereby the strap 14 may conform to the shape of the sole of the shoe. The back seam 17 is sprung in slightly at the heel, the amount of springing being greatest at the bottom of the seam and running out to nothing at the fullest part of the swell above the heel. The front seam 18, in button boot-tops, is sprung down toward the forward end of the top, the amount of springing being greatest at the front end and running out to nothing over the instep. That is, the front and back seams are cut scant at their lower ends to throw the top in toward the last, and thereby the top does not fit the last exactly and cannot be pulled on to the last quite to its proper position. It will pull on to a shoe made on the same last, and will grip it in such a snug fit as to appear to be sewed thereto, because it squeezes in the fore part of the shoe slightly where it would bind the last, and as it has the same lines as those of the shoe it appears to be a continuation thereof. The boot-top is lined with cotton, duck or other suitable material, and the front and back seams are covered with strips 19 of suitable material, whereby the seams are stiff enough to prevent the top from wrinkling. The front part of the boot-top is also stiffened by an extra piece 20 of buckram or other suitable stiffening material.

The boot-top 21 shown in Fig. 4 is similar to the boot-top 11, except that it has no front flap, but is provided with eyelets 22 down the front edges of the quarters for

lacings 23. A tongue 24 is also provided, which is secured at its lower front end to either quarter alone, preferably the outside quarter, or to both quarters. The front edges of the quarters are reinforced by strips 25 of buckram or other suitable stiffening material. A foxing 26 of patent leather or other distinctive material is sewed around the heel portion of the quarters to give the appearance of a fancy dress shoe.

It is evident that the style of the boot-top may be varied, and its appearance may be changed without departing from the invention. For example, the seams may be covered with leather, and a leather foxing may be put around the heel in imitation of a full length vamp. The invention is not restricted to the precise forms shown and described herein.

I claim the following as my invention:

1. A boot-top to be worn over a low shoe, said boot-top having full length quarters following the general lines of the upper portion of a high boot, the lower edges of said boot-top being arranged to coincide with the edges of the sole of the shoe around the heel and along the sides of the shank, and the front and back lower portions of said boot-top being sprung in a sufficient amount to make the lower edges of such portions closely hug the shoe, and a strap connecting the lower side edges of the boot-top, said strap being arranged to lie beneath and fit the shank of the shoe from the breast of the heel to the points where the lower edges of the boot-top intersect the edges of the sole.

2. A boot-top to be worn over a shoe, said boot-top having full length quarters following the general lines of the upper portion of a high boot, the lower edges of said boot-top being arranged to coincide with the edges of the sole of the shoe along the sides of the shank, and the back lower portion of said boot-top being sprung in a sufficient amount to make the lower edges of the heel portion closely hug the shoe, and a connecting strap sewed to the lower side edges of the boot-top where they coincide with the edges of the sole, said strap being arranged to fit snugly beneath the shank of the shoe and draw in said lower side edges.

3. A boot-top to be worn over a shoe, said boot-top having full length quarters following the general lines of the upper portion of a high boot, the lower edges of said boot-top being curved to coincide with the arched edges of the sole of the shoe along the sides of the shank, and the lower portion of the front of said boot-top being sprung in a sufficient amount to make the lower edges of the front portion of the boot-top closely hug the shoe, and a strap connecting the lower side edges of the boot-top, said strap having curved ends to conform to the concave shank of the shoe and which ends are sewed to the lower curved edges of the boot-top where they coincide with the concave edges of the sole.

4. A boot-top to be worn over a shoe, said boot-top having quarters following the general lines of the upper portion of a high boot, the lower edges of said boot-top coinciding with the edges of the sole of the shoe along the sides of the shank, said boot-top having a side opening and a front seam, a strip of material along said front seam for stiffening it lengthwise, the lower portion of said front seam being sprung in a sufficient amount to make the lower edges of the boot-top closely hug the shoe in front, and a strap connecting the lower side edges of the boot-top, said strap having ends shaped to conform to the shape of the shank of the shoe and which ends are sewed to the lower edges of the boot-top where they coincide with the edges of the sole.

Signed at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 5th day of December, 1914.

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