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Manufacture of Boots.

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Fig. 1.

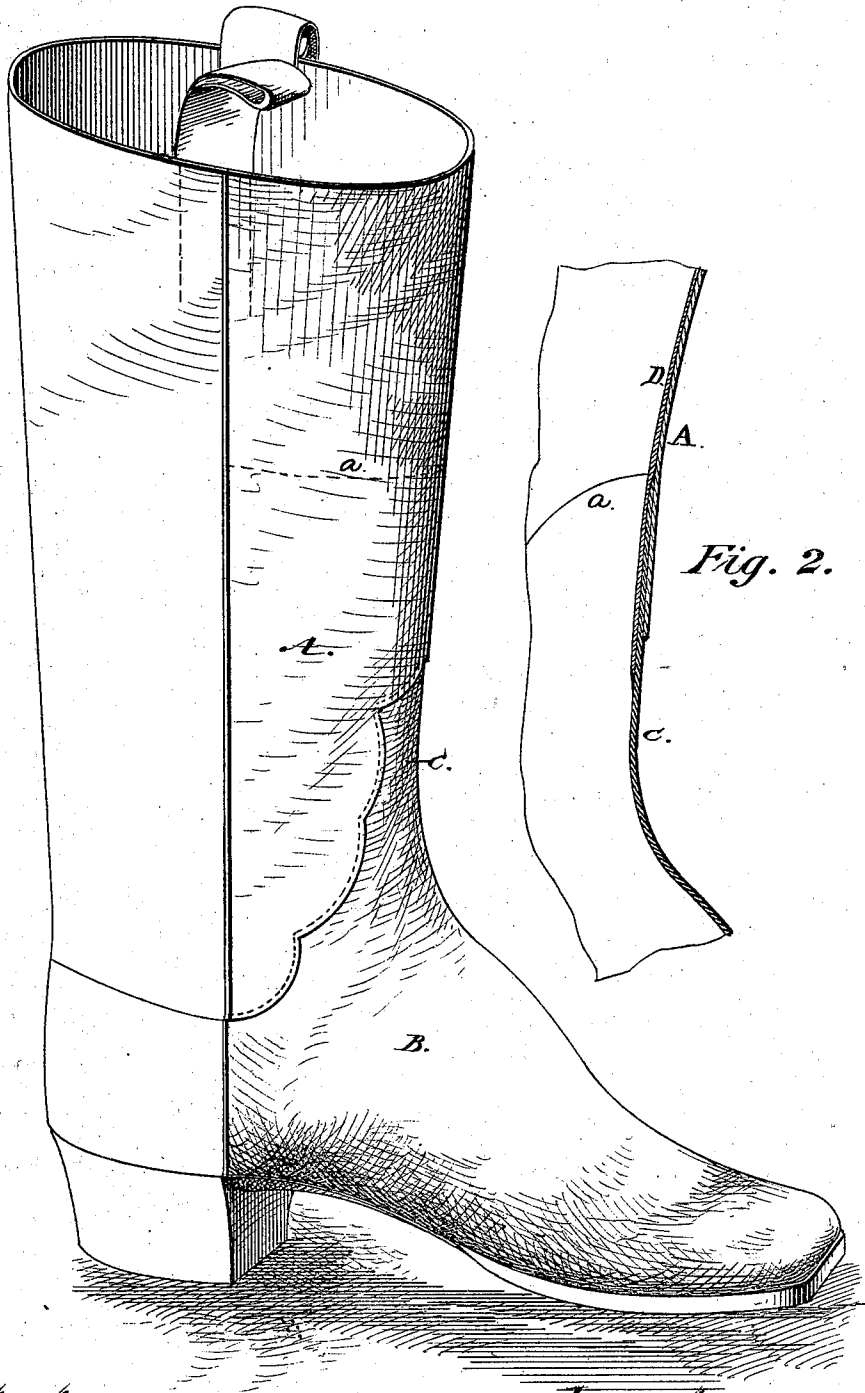


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF BOOTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, W. H. FERGUSON, of the town of Forest, county of Livingston and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Manufacture of Boots, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a sectional view.

Like letters in both figures of the drawing indicate like parts.

This invention relates to that class of boots where it is designed to give the front of the foot around the instep an ornamental appearance; and it consists in extending the tongue or upper front portion of the foot up to about half-way of the leg, the edges of the top being splayed off, and in bringing the lining down over the said tongue and stitching it thereon, so as to avoid the unpleasant binding sensation usually experienced in the drawing on and wear of the boots now being made, as will be hereinafter more fully explained.

A is the leg portion of the boot, and B the front portion thereof. C is the tongue or upper front portion of the foot, which is extended up to about half-way of the leg. (See *a* of Fig. 2, and also the dotted lines of Fig. 1.) The top of this tongue is cut to a semicircular shape, or the corners rounded off, as may be desired, and the edges splayed off, so as to allow the lining D to lie flat down over it,

which lining is brought down from the top of the leg, and made to lap over the tongue to a point a little below where the cut is made in the lower front portion of the leg to form the ornamental part of the boot, the sides of the leg, where the piece is cut out to accomplish this, being stitched onto the tongue in the usual manner.

Thus, as will be seen, a soft and smooth surface is presented on the interior from the top of the boot down to the foot, so that no unpleasant binding sensation will be experienced in the drawing on or in the wear of the boot; and, in addition to this, there will not be that liability of the boot becoming wrinkled around the front of the leg, the latter retaining its proper shape until worn out.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim therein as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The tongue C, having its upper edges splayed off and arranged to extend half-way up the leg A on the inside, in connection with the lining D, arranged to extend down from the top of the leg over the lining, all constructed in the manner and for the purpose as herein shown and set forth.

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