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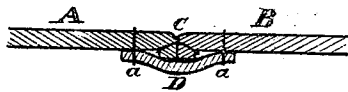
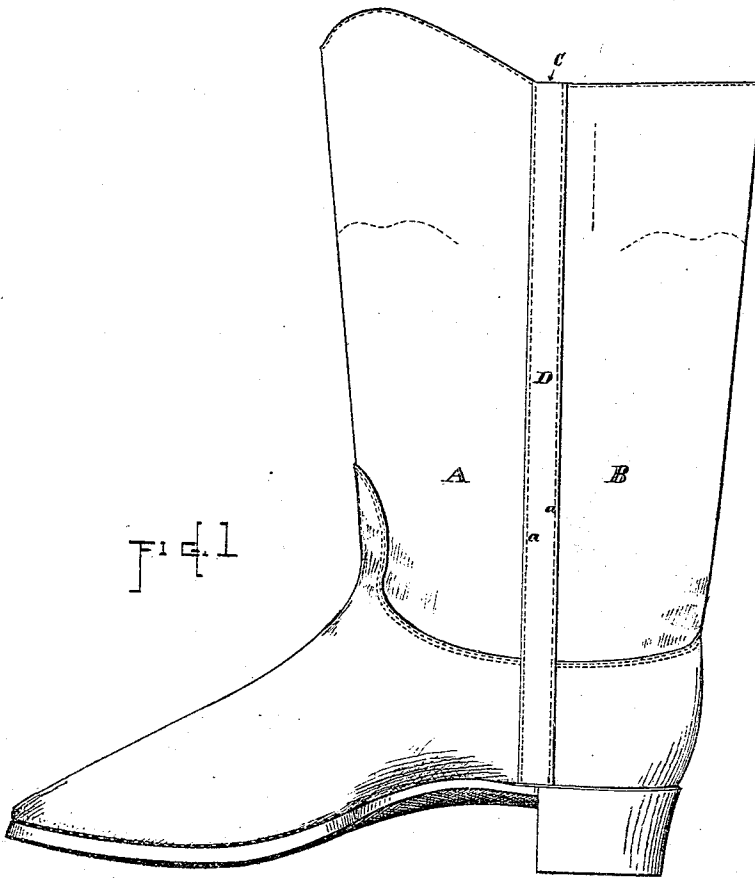


FIG. 2

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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PRESBURY WEST, of the city and county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boots; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of a boot embracing my improvement. Fig. 2 represents a transverse section of the siding-seam.

My invention relates to certain improvements in high-legged boots as an improved article of manufacture, as hereinafter described.

In the drawing, the parts marked A represent the front, and B indicates the back of the boot-upper, which two parts are joined to each other by siding-seams C, closed upon the outside of the upper throughout the full length of the leg. These seams are covered by a brace, D, which extends from top to bottom of the leg upon the outside of the boot, and is stitched onto the parts A and B with seams *a* at each of its edges in the manner shown. The siding-seams can be closed with a welt, when desired, or the welt may be omitted, as in the present instance, and all of the seam can be quickly and conveniently stitched upon a sewing-machine, and when finished the sidings are stronger than the ordinary sidings, even when the latter are stitched by hand.

By forming the siding in the manner herein described I am enabled to construct the boots without turning the legs after the seams C are

closed, as is required with the ordinary method of manufacture. This operation of turning the leg often destroys the crimp of the boot by stretching the parts out of shape, and it is also liable to break out the stock along the line of the seams, especially upon stiff or heavy work, or to break or weaken the stitches, thus causing the seams to rip out with but very little wear, even if they are not destroyed during the immediate operation. This is a source of vexation, trouble, and expense, which is by my improvement entirely obviated. By closing the seams C upon the outside the interior of the boot is left smooth and even, with no projecting ridges to gall the ankle and irritate the wearer, while the bead upon the outside protects the seam from wear, adds strength to the sidings, and forms a neat and desirable finish to the boot.

Having described my improved boot, what I claim therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent as an improved article of manufacture, is—

A high-legged boot, the front and back parts of which are cut in the usual manner, having the side seams C closed upon the outside, and extending from the boot-sole (with or without welts) to the top of the boot-leg, and covered throughout their entire lengths with outside braces D, in the manner as and for the purposes shown and described.

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