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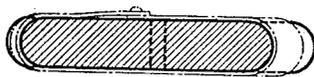
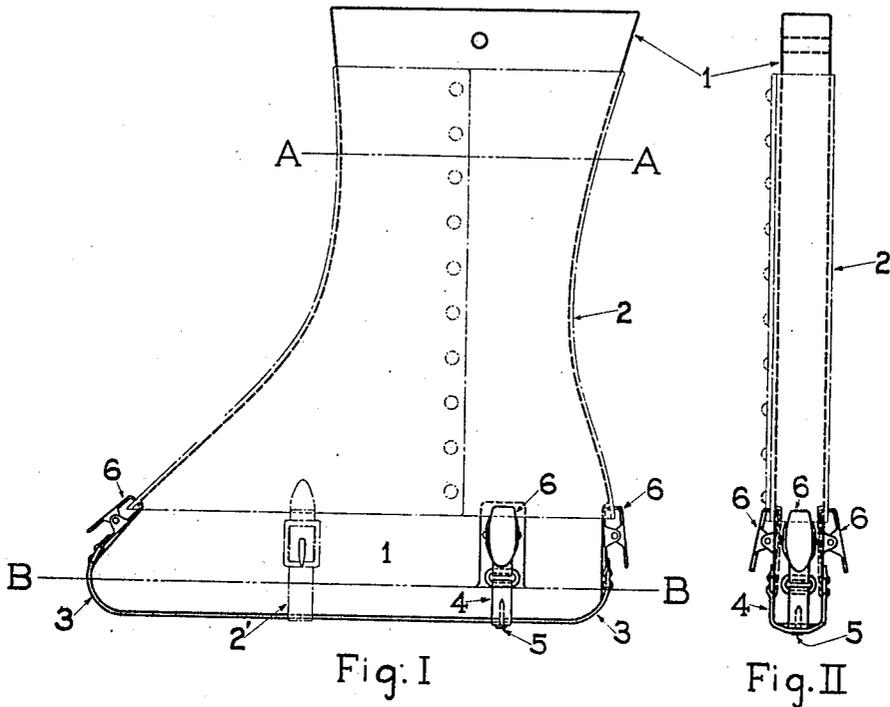


Fig. III  
(Section A-A)

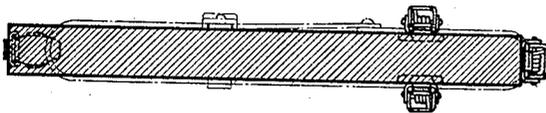


Fig. IV  
(Section B-B)

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDITH MABEL TRINKS, a citizen of the United States, residing in Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny, State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Gaiter-Drying Apparatus, of which improvements the following is a specification.

The purpose of the herein described invention is an apparatus for the drying of washed gaiters without perceptible shrinkage.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification Figure I is a side elevation of my gaiter drying apparatus and Fig. II is an end elevation of the same, Fig. III is a horizontal section through the drying block on line AA, and Fig. IV is a horizontal section through the drying block on line BB. In these illustrations 1 is a drying block preferably made of wood, fiber or other non corrosive material. 2 is a gaiter, buttoned and strapped on the block 1. 3 and 4 are resilient straps of rubber, cloth covered rubber or other resilient non corrosive material. 5 are tacks or screws fastening the resilient straps to the block, 6 are clips fastened to the ends of the resilient straps and adapted to firmly grasp the buttoned end of the gaiter at its extreme ends and midway between these ends and the arch strap 2 forming part of the gaiter 2.

I have tried the gaiter drying block without the straps 3 and 4 and without the clips 6; in fact I claim such a drying block with-

out the parts 3, 4, 5, and 6 as parts of my invention. However, the block in this simple shape is not entirely satisfactory, because the gaiter has a chance to creep up on the inclined portions of the drying block and to shrink in that direction.

The edges of the block are preferably rounded as shown in Fig. III, down to the place where the gaiter stops. Below that section they are preferably made sharp-cornered as shown in Fig. 4, for the purpose of offering a better bearing surface to the resilient straps. Depressions are preferably made in the block 1 under the clips 6 to accommodate them. The blocks 1 are to be made in different sizes to fit marketable sizes of gaiters.

The resilient straps 3 and 4 need not necessarily be fastened to the drying block 1, but may be separate or detached. Having them separate does not evade my invention, but I prefer to have them attached for practical reasons, namely that the straps are apt to be mislaid and lost if separate or detached.

What I claim as new and for which I desire Letters Patent is this.

A non yielding flat form of the outline of a gaiter lying flat, an elastic, non corrosive strap extending around the bottom of the form from one tip of the gaiter to the other, said strap carrying clasps at its ends adapted to grip the gaiter and hold it in position while drying.

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