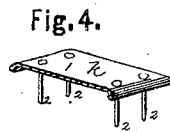
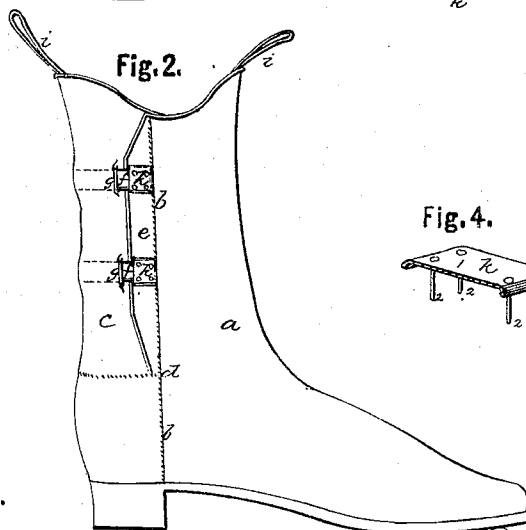
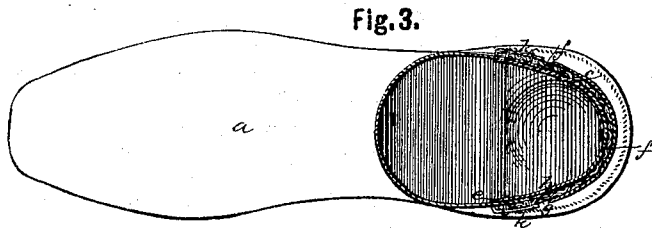
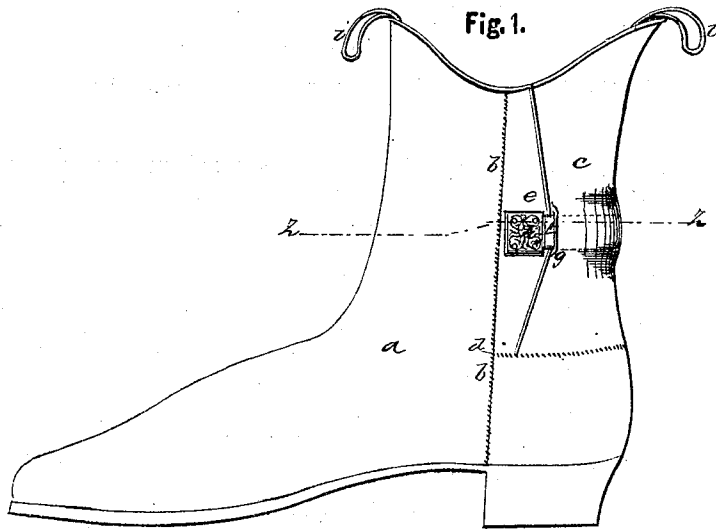


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## IMPROVEMENT IN GAITER-BOOTS.

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Specification describing an Improved Gaiter-Boot, invented by JOHN SCHROEDER, of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio.

This invention relates to that class of gaiter-boots which have an elastic opening to admit the foot, so as to require no additional fastening.

The improved "gaiter" is closed and held on the foot by one or more elastic straps of proper tension passing around the back of the ankle, above the heel, between the lining and the outer leather, and the seams are so arranged as to present the appearance of a long boot. The side openings serve effectually to ventilate the foot. A peculiar metallic clasp is employed to secure the elastic straps at one or both ends when preferred, so as to provide for adjusting or renewing the same by the wearer.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a gaiter-boot illustrating the invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a higher gaiter illustrating the employment of a plurality of straps. Fig. 3 is a plan view and horizontal section on the line *z*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the metallic clasp for securing the ends of the elastic straps.

The front upper *a* may be one part and of the same shape as the corresponding part of a boot, extending back to straight side seams *b*, corresponding with the leg-seams of a boot. The "back" *c* may be made in one or more pieces, in any preferred manner, and extends forward to the rear edges of the "front," but it is sewed thereto only a portion of its depth—that is to say, to points *d*—which may be at the top of the heel-stiffening. Above these points the flaps *e* are attached to the front by

the seams *b*, and to the counter also, and united by one or more elastic straps, *f*, passing through holes *g* in the back *c*, and around the back of the ankle above the heel, between the back *c* and its lining *h*. By this arrangement the elastic *f* is entirely concealed, and, at the same time, so arranged as not to come in contact with the stocking or foot. An equal strain on the front is also secured, and the side openings are perfectly closed, but not so as to exclude air, and the same serve effectually to ventilate the foot. The gaiter may be furnished with the usual pull-straps *i*, by which to draw it on.

To admit of the ready adjustment or renewal of the elastic straps *f* when worn, I propose attaching the same to the "front," at one or both ends, by metallic clasps *k*, one of which is shown in perspective in Fig. 4. This clasp is composed of a square sheet-metal disk, 1, with downturned edges to embrace the ends of the straps, and wire prongs 2 to penetrate the straps and the leather and be clinched securely on the inside; but the elastic straps may, if preferred, be sewed or otherwise permanently attached at both ends.

### Claims.

The following is claimed as new:

1. A gaiter-boot with one or more elastic straps, *f*, passing around the back of the ankle, between the "back" *c* and its lining *h*.
2. The strap or straps *f* secured by clasps *k*, constructed and applied as herein set forth.

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