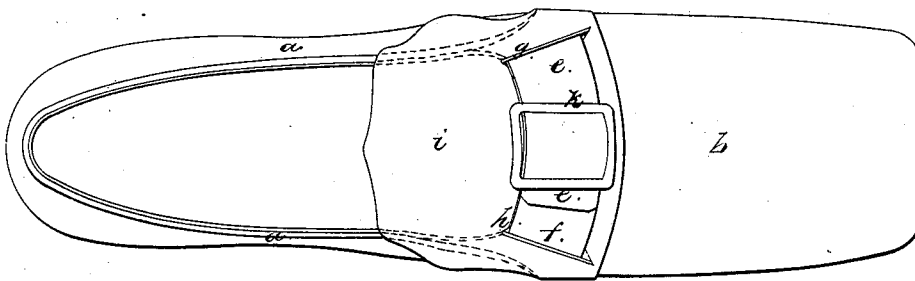
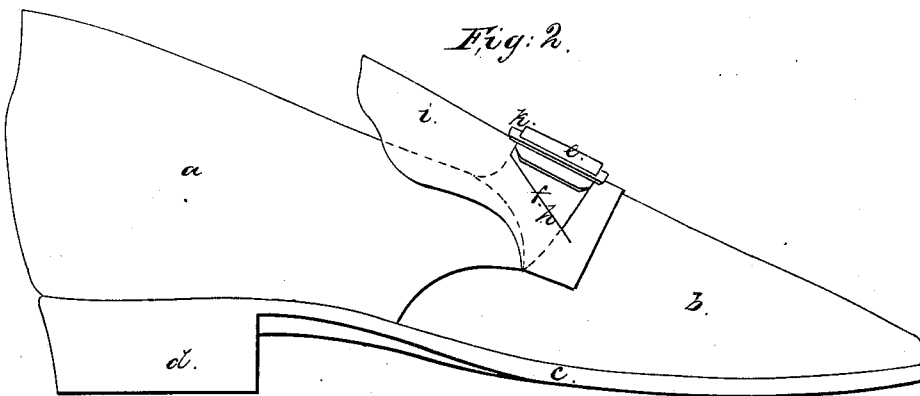


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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SHOES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 52,110, dated January 16, 1866.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN C. BAILEY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shoes; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view, and Fig. 2 a side elevation, of a shoe provided with my invention.

The improved shoe containing my invention is made not only with buckle-straps, or their equivalents, extending from the quarters and over the instep, but with a tongue or fly so constructed as to extend up the instep and lap over the quarters, and have slits or passages so arranged as to enable the said buckle-straps to be passed upward through said fly, the whole being substantially as hereinafter described, and as exhibited in the drawings.

In the said drawings, *a a* denote the quarters, and *b* the vamp. *c* is the sole, and *d* the heel, of the shoe. *e* and *f* are the buckle-straps, which are extensions of or are pieces of leather or other suitable material fastened to the two quarters, one of the straps being attached to each quarter. The buckle *k* is fastened to one strap, *f*, and receives the other, *e*, in the usual manner.

The fly is shown at *i* as projecting from the vamp, and so as, when in use, to cover and extend up the instep of the foot and lap more or less over each of the quarters *a a*. The said fly has two slits, *g h*, arranged in it to receive the straps *e f*, which go up through the slits

and over the upper surface of the fly and to the buckle resting on such surface.

Instead of fastening the two straps by a buckle, a button or any other well-known and proper means of fastening them together may be adopted. So, instead of the two straps being used, but one may be employed, in which case it would be carried up through one slit, thence across the fly, and down through the other slit, and be either buttoned upon a button fixed to the quarter or be buckled into a buckle attached thereto. I mention this last-described mode of fastening the quarters as an equivalent for the two straps and the buckle, as hereinbefore explained.

A shoe-upper made as above described, besides presenting an agreeable appearance to the eye, affords a greater protection to the stocking at the instep than one with a short tongue, which does not lap over the quarters. Furthermore it has other advantages, which render it both valuable and useful.

I claim as my invention—

The shoe-upper made not only with the fly *i* to lap over the quarters and provided with the slits *g h* arranged in it, as described, but having one or more straps, *e f*, extending from one or both the quarters, so as to be capable of being passed through the slits of the fly, as specified.

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