

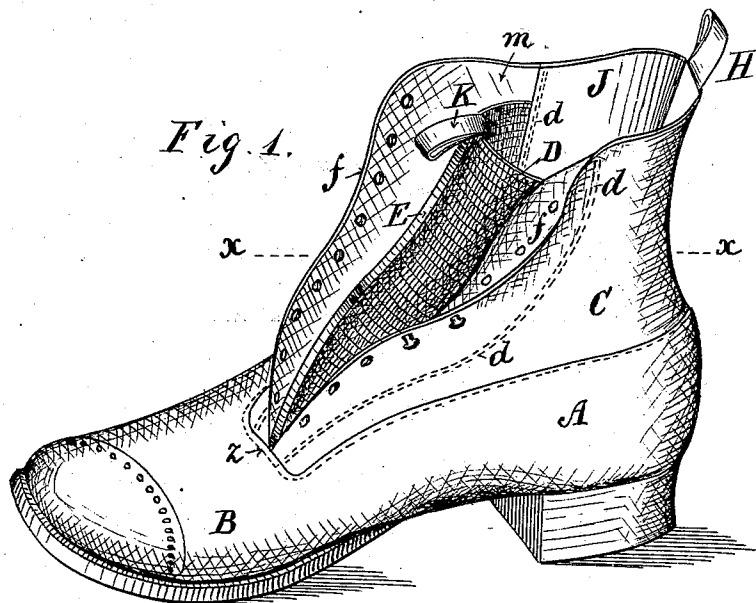
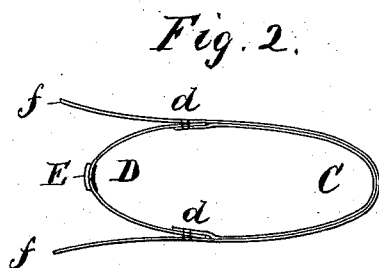
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES B. TURNER, of Brockton, in the county of Plymouth, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Boots and Shoes, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which said invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an isometrical perspective view of my improved boot or shoe; and Fig. 2, a horizontal section of the same, taken on the dotted line *x x*.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

My invention relates to that class of boots and shoes which are provided with elastic gores; and it consists in a novel construction and arrangement of the parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed, by which a more desirable article of this character is produced than is now in ordinary use.

The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation, its extreme simplicity rendering an elaborate description unnecessary.

In the drawings, A represents the quarters, B the vamps, and C the leg of the upper.

Disposed in the front part of the shoe, and secured to the leg portion of the same by the seams *d d*, there is an elastic gore, D, extending nearly to the top of the leg, and downwardly to where the flaps *f* unite at *z*.

Arranged centrally down the front of the gore, and firmly attached thereto, is a leather or inelastic stay, E, the lower end of which is secured to the vamps in the seam at *z*, and its

upper end provided with the loop or strap K. The elastic gore affords nearly all the advantages possessed by a Congress boot, excluding the dust and air, and at the same time being hidden from view by the buttoned flaps *f*.

The stay E being attached to the vamps at *z* enables the shoe to be pulled on readily by the strap K and the ordinary strap H without injury to the gore, which would be liable to injury if the strap K were used and the stay omitted.

The lining J of the leg C overlaps the raw edges of the gore at the seams *d*, and the linings *m* of the flaps *f* pass under the gore at said seams, said linings, the gore, and leg being stitched through and through or united by the seams *d*.

I do not confine myself to fastening the flaps *f* with buttons, or to using the strap H, as the strap may be omitted and the flaps laced instead of buttoned, if desired, although I deem it preferable not to omit said strap, and to use buttons instead of lacings or strings; neither do I confine myself to forming the gore D of one piece, as it may be constructed in two parts, or more, if desired, the parts being properly united.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

1. A boot or shoe having in its front opening the elastic gore D, provided with the longitudinal central non-elastic stay, E, and the strap K, substantially as described.

2. In a boot or shoe, the combination of the button-flaps *f* and the strap H with the elastic gore D, having longitudinal central non-elastic stay, E, and the strap K, substantially as described.

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