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Shoe Vamper,

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Fig: 1.

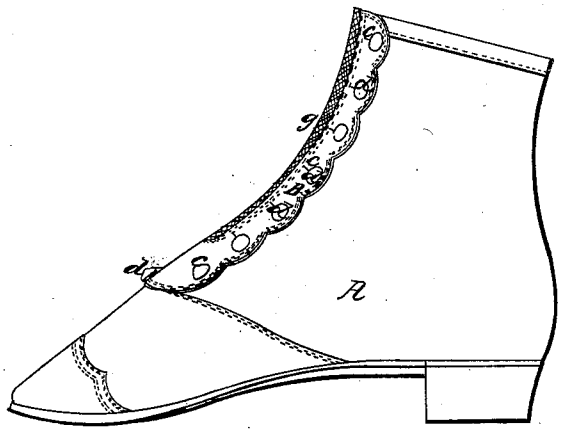


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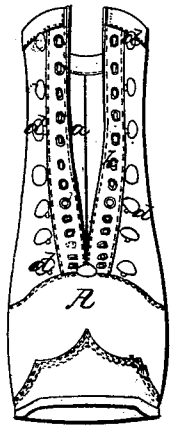
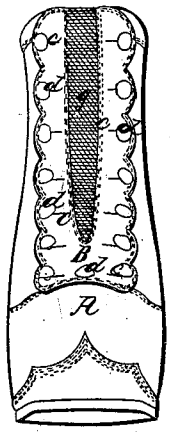


Fig: 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN GAITER-SHOES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMAZIAH M. PREBLE, of Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Gaiter-Shoes or Balmoral Boots; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a gaiter-shoe or balmoral as provided with my invention. Fig. 2 is a front view of it. Fig. 3 is a front view of the shoe without the fly.

The nature of my invention consists in a lacing-shoe fly as provided with an elastic gore arranged longitudinally in it, such fly being applied to the shoe by means of buttons attached to the shoe and by button-holes made in the fly; and my invention further consists in the combination of such a fly and a series of buttons with the instep lacing-holes and opening of a gaiter-shoe or balmoral.

In the drawings, A denotes a gaiter-shoe or balmoral, of which *a* is the instep-opening, the shoe at or near each of the edges of such opening being provided with a row of lacing-holes or eyelets, as shown at *b b*, the same being to receive a lacing.

The fly is exhibited at B, the same consisting of one or more layers of leather or other suitable material properly formed so as to lap over and beyond and cover the instep-opening, such fly having button-holes *c c c* along its edges for connecting it with the shoe by corresponding ranges of buttons *d d d d* disposed on opposite sides of the instep-opening, or in manner as exhibited in the drawings.

The fly is split down longitudinally from its upper end, and has an elastic gore, *g*, inserted in the opening, the same being so as to enable the fly to fit and accommodate itself to the instep and button to the buttons of the shoe when the shoe may be on the foot of a person.

The elastic fly and its buttons may answer as a substitute for the lacing and the eyelet-holes thereof, or it may be used without such lacing and holes. The fly in either case serves to protect and cover what is underneath it, and to make a fine finish to the boot or shoe.

I claim—

1. The fly as made with the elastic gore arranged in it, as described.

2. The combination and arrangement of the fly and its buttons with the instep-opening, or the same and its lacing and lacing-holes, the whole being substantially as hereinbefore described.

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