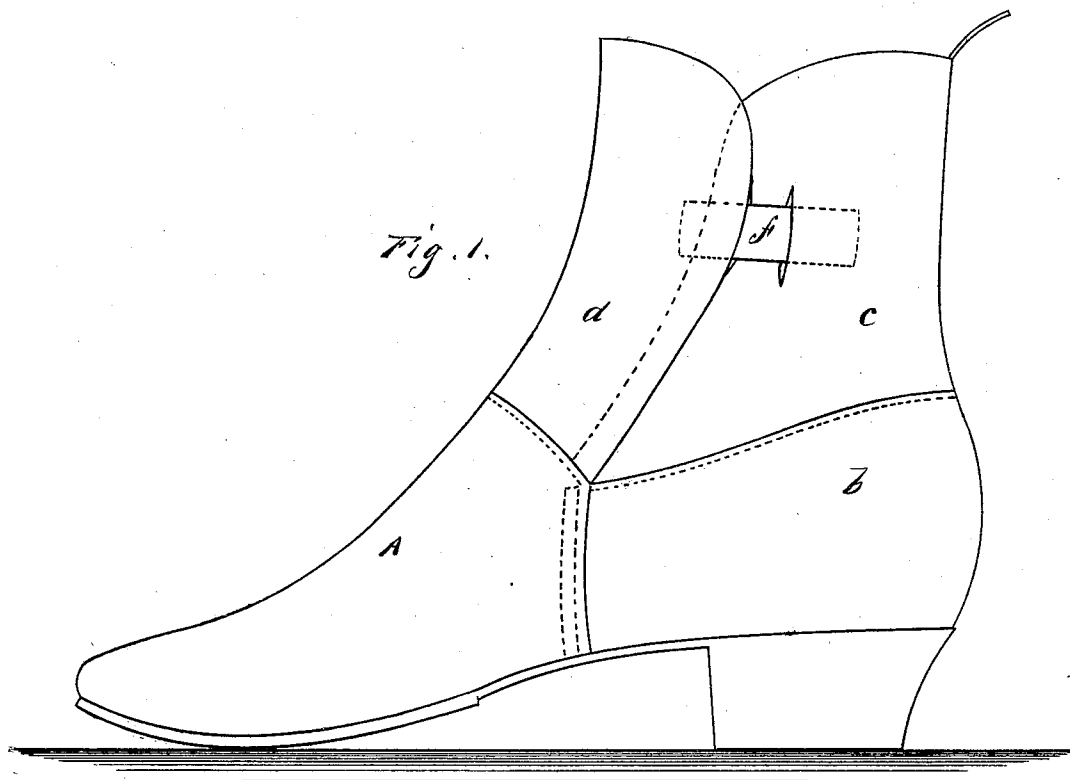


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IMPROVEMENT IN GAITER-SHOES.

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SPECIFICATION.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH BARON, of San Francisco, San Francisco county, State of California, have invented an Improved Shoe; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawing are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention or improvement without further invention or experiment.

The nature of my invention is the production of a cheaply-constructed gaiter-shoe, which will be strong, durable, and convenient, and will possess points of advantage over shoes as ordinarily made.

To enable others to understand how I construct my improved gaiter-shoe, reference is had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved shoe.

The upper front leather A of the shoe may be made in one or more pieces. Generally, I prefer to cap it above the instep with a piece of morocco-cloth, *d*, or other suitable material, as shown, and for this purpose scraps and pieces usually thrown away can be used. The heel-pieces *b* and the cap *c* can also be made of small pieces, thus utilizing the material of which the shoe is made. The edges of the front cap *d* overlap the edges of the heel-caps *c* upon each side of the ankle, as shown, and the two pieces are thus united together by one or more strips or straps of India rubber, *f*, thus providing an extensible slit or opening at each side of the ankle to

favor the wearer in putting the shoe on the foot. The elastic strips *f* are simple strips of India rubber of the proper thickness and width, the ends of which are properly secured in the opposite pieces *c* and *d*, so as to retain them in their overlapping position and keep the shoe snugly to the ankle. This shoe, when fitted by competent hands, can be made to present an appearance similar to a boot without the closeness and uncomfortable feeling usually attending the wearing of boots. The slits upon the sides permit the air to freely circulate inside of the shoe, and thus the feet are kept in a healthy condition.

The elastic strap or strip is not liable to become stretched or worn out like the elastic webbing or cloth ordinarily used in this class of gaiters, as the rubber is in a compact piece, which will retain its elasticity and strength and keep the ankle fit always snug. At the same time these strips or straps can be provided and applied at a much less cost than the elastic webbing or cloth.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with the overlapping edges of the pieces *c d*, the elastic strips or straps *f* for holding the edges in position and for providing an extensible opening, substantially as and for the purpose above described.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal.

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