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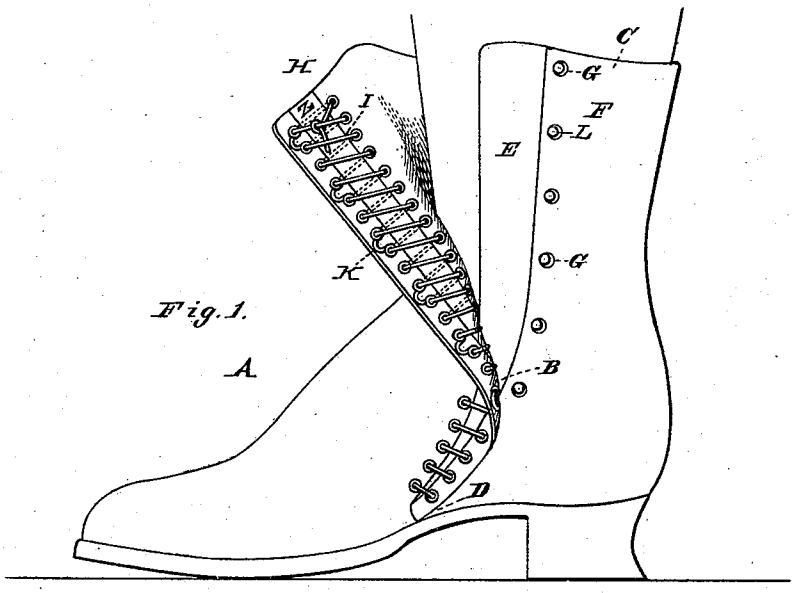


Fig. 1.

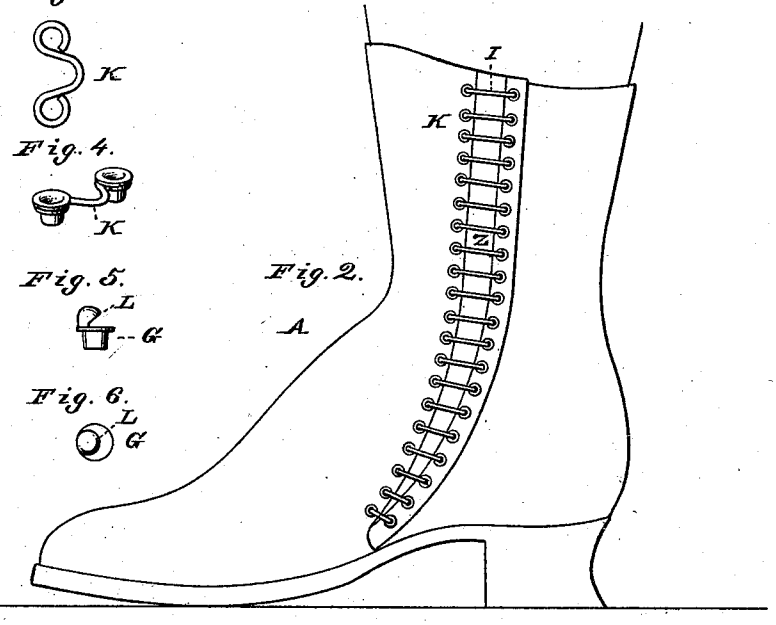


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRED J. HASTINGS and HAZEN S. LITTLEFIELD, citizens of the United States, and residents of Haverhill, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boots or Shoes; and we do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention, and is a side view of the shoe open. Fig. 2 is also a side view, and closed. Figs. 3, 4, 5, and 6 are details.

Our invention relates to boots, shoes, or slippers; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts, as hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of the invention is to manufacture boots, shoes, or slippers with an elastic gore, elastic cord, and metallic fastenings, so combined and applied as to give the boot, shoe, or slipper the appearance of a laced boot, &c., the parts being so arranged as to be quickly and easily fastened, to form, so far as the ankle is concerned, a self-fitting boot, shoe, or slipper.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates a shoe to which our improvements are shown applied.

B designates the opening extending from the top of the leg C of the shoe clear down to the shank D of the same.

E is the tongue-piece, which is connected to the inner face of the quarter F, and extends along the front edge of the same. Just back of the front edge of the quarter F we provide the studs G, which are seated in the material of the quarter, and are secured in any suitable manner—as by upsetting the inner ends of the studs.

The fly H of the shoe is provided with an elastic gore, Z, and is also provided with an elastic cord, I, which latter is inserted in said fly in imitation of lacing. On its inner face the fly H is provided with metal hooks K, which are secured in place by stitching or otherwise, one end of each elastic cord being preferably passed through an eye of each of said hooks. Each stud G is provided on its outer end with a lip, L. When the shoe is fastened, the hooks K engage the lips L of the studs G.

No buttoner is needed to fasten the shoe, and when fastened the shoe presents the appearance of being a laced shoe.

Having described this invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a boot or shoe, the combination, with the quarter provided with the studs having lips thereon, of the fly provided with the elastic gore, the elastic cords, and the hooks on its inner face, substantially as specified.

2. A boot, shoe, or slipper having the elastic gore and the gore-cord made with the fly, the hooks fastened to the same by eyelets through which the elastic cord plays over the gore, and the quarter provided with the studs having hooks thereon, whereby the boot is given the appearance of a lace-boot, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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