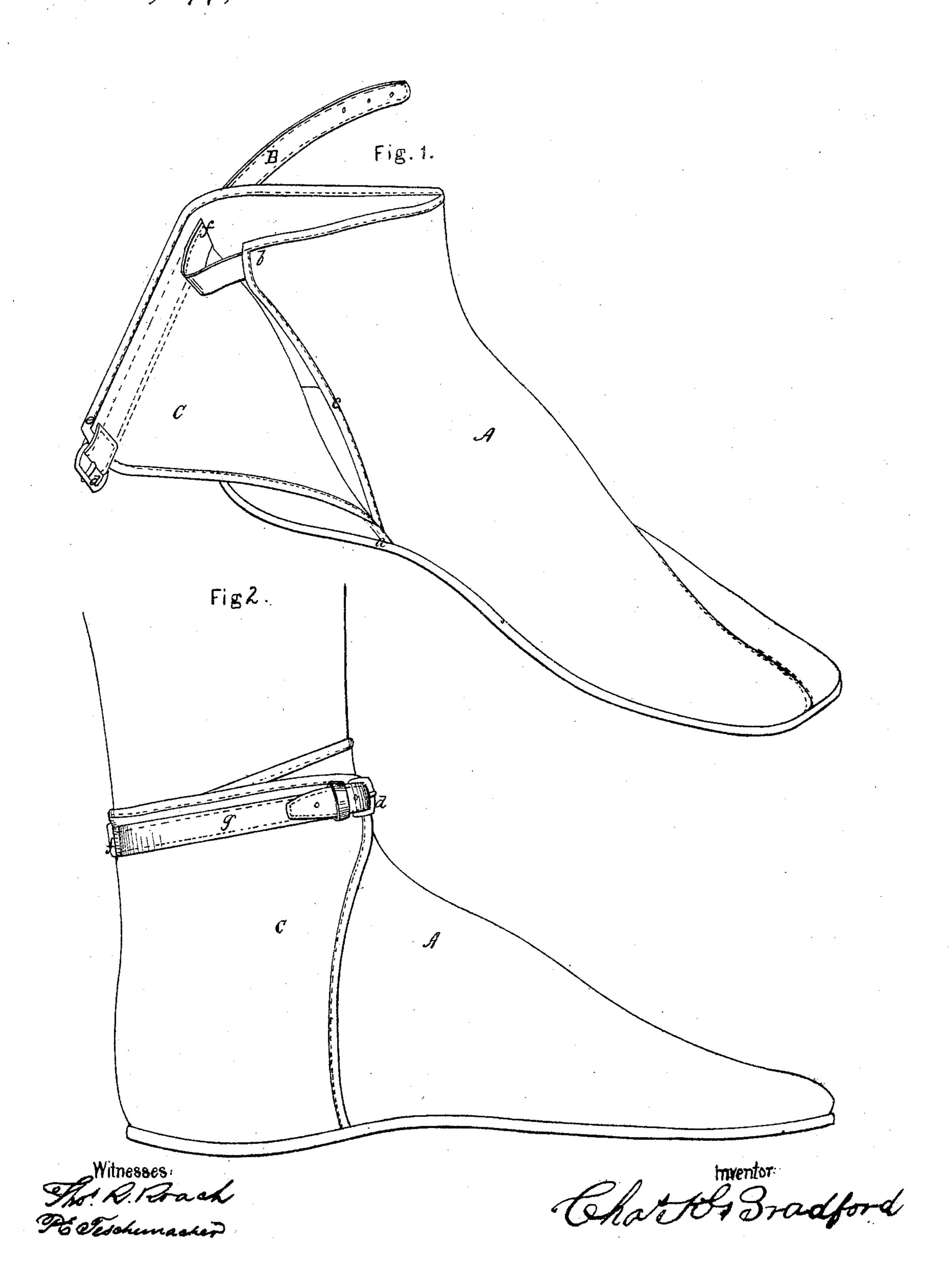
C.K.Bradford, Gaiter Boot, Patented Oct.2 1860.



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GAITER-BOOT

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Charles K. Bradrord, of Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an 5 Improved Gaiter-Boot, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1, is a view of the boot unfastened. Fig. 2, a view of the boot on the foot and

fastened up.

The object of my present invention is to dispense with the gore of elastic cloth which is usually inserted in one or both of the sides of the boot, and which soon becomes stretched and worn, or with the lacing or buttons which are tedious and troublesome to fasten; and to produce a boot which may be easily drawn onto the foot and fastened with very little trouble.

My invention consists in a boot made open at one side with one part or flap overlapping the other and secured in place when on the foot and fastened up, by a strap as will now be more fully set forth and described in such a manner, that others skilled in the art may understand and use my invention.

In the said drawings, A is the front or upper of the boot, which is continued back around the ankle rather more than half way to b, where it has attached to it a strap B. From the point b down to a, where it joins the sole, the edge c is protected by a binding. The back part of the boot is continued around on one side in a flap C, which is cut full enough to overlap the front part as shown in Fig. 2. A buckle d, is attached

to this flap C, near its point e; and the edge from e to where it joins the sole and the 40 front part at α is protected by binding. This edge as well as the edge c are cut on a curved line as shown in the drawings, as I consider that it makes them set closer to the foot. The strap B passes through a suit- 45 able slit at f in the top of the back part of the ankle. This serves to keep the point bfrom falling down as it would otherwise do when the boot is fastened on the foot, and allow the edge c to gape, and the front of the 50 boot to wrinkle down. When the boot is put on the foot as in Fig. 2, the strap B is drawn close around the ankle and is secured by the buckle d. To strengthen the top of the flap C, a band g is stitched to it 55 from the edge of the slit f to the buckle d.

The above described gaiter boot is particularly convenient and easily put on or taken off from the foot, while its fastening is very durable.

What I claim as my invention and desire

to secure by Letters Patent is—

In a gaiter boot having a front and flap divided by a side opening as herein shown, the holding up and fastening of said front 65 and flap to each other and to the ankle of the wearer, by means of the strap B, fastened to said fore part, and passing through a slot f, thence around the ankle, and buckled to the flap C, as herein described and 70 represented.

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