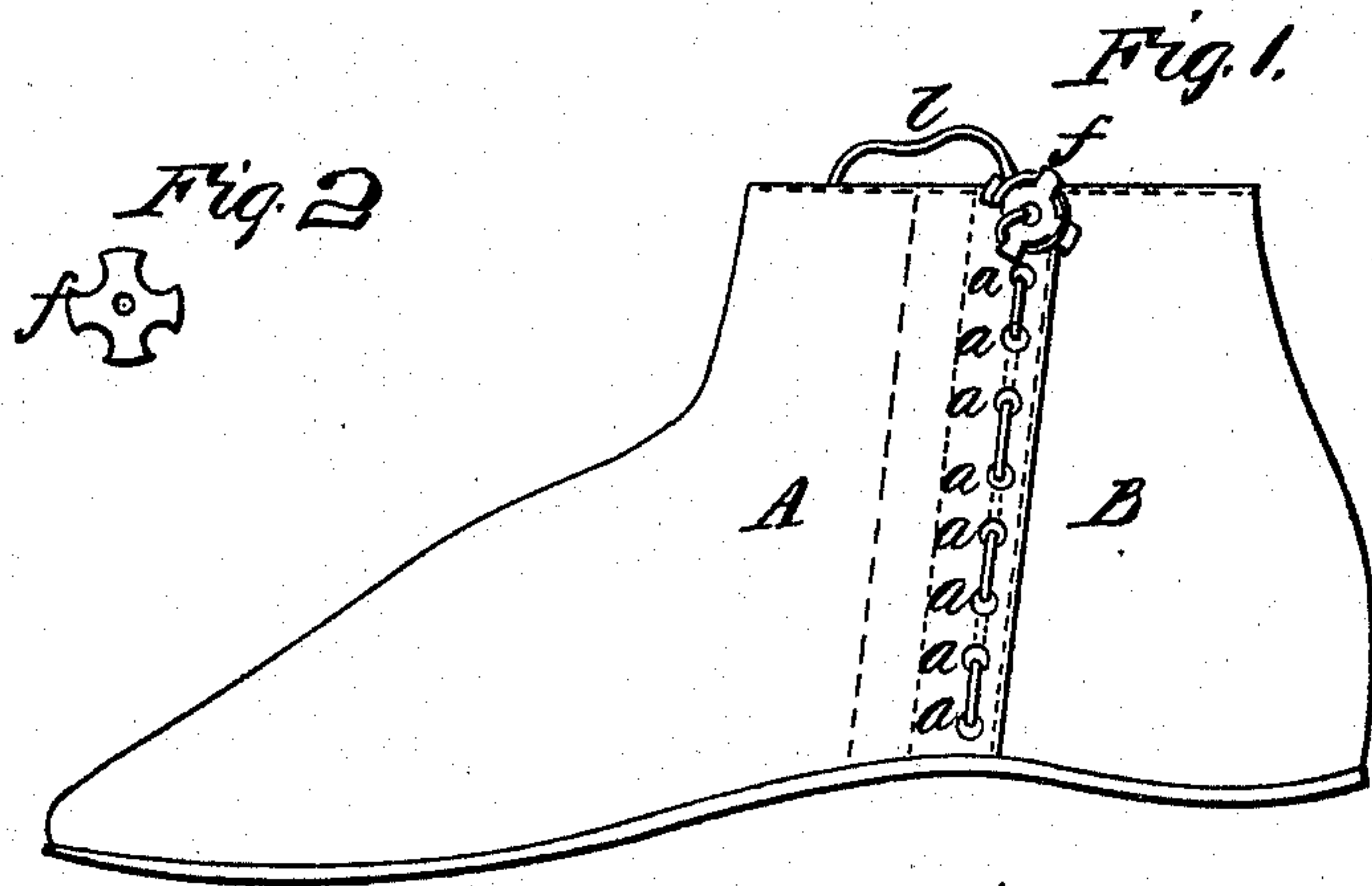


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IMPROVEMENT IN GAITER-BOOTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, I. C. BREED and CHARLES K. BRADFORD, of Lynn, in the county of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have made a new and useful Improvement in Gaiter-Boots; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation representing a boot having two rows of eyelets, one in the front, A, and one in the back, B, and a vertical lacing. Fig. 2 is a view of the stop or fastener detached.

Like parts are represented by the same letters in the drawings.

The nature of our invention consists, first, in providing the two parts A and B of a gaiter-boot, when so constructed as to overlap each other from the sole to the top, with two rows of eyelets—the row in the one part being over the row in the other part, and holding said parts together by a vertical arrangement of the lacing, as shown in Fig. 1; second, in the use of a sliding stop or fastener, constructed and operating substantially as set forth, and for the purpose described.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use our improvement, we will now proceed to describe its construction and operation.

Our boot, as shown in the drawings, is open at the side from the sole to the top, the two parts A and B being so constructed as to overlap each other about three quarters of an inch, (more or less,) thereby avoiding the necessity of having the usual tongue inside to cover the opening. The back B in Fig. 1 is also provided with a similar row of eyelets, so arranged as to be directly under the row in A, when the contiguous edges of the front and back are parallel.

l is the lacing, which is fastened inside of the lowest eyelet, and in Fig. 1 is simply

passed out and in through the two rows of eyelets, forming, as it may be called, a “running stitch,” vertically to the top of the boot. The string *l* thus arranged is so short and free from friction as to be laced or unlaced with the greatest ease and dispatch, is very neat in appearance, and unites the overlapping edges of the front and back of the boot sufficiently close. The one part overlapping the other so much, it is obvious that the row of eyelets in the front A need not be drawn so as always to be directly over or parallel with the row or rows in the back B, and thus it is obvious that the leg of the boot is in a measure self adjusting or adjustable to ankles of different sizes.

f is the sliding stop or fastener, which is made of sheet-tin or other suitable material, provided with a central hole and a number of radial arms, (more or less,) as shown in Fig. 4. This stop is slipped on over the end of the lacing-string, and when the boot is laced as tightly as required, said stop is pushed up close to the boot-leg and the string passed round the radial arms, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and then tucked into the boot in the usual manner. This method of fastening is very rapid, simple, neat, and effectual.

Having thus described the construction and operation of our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A gaiter-boot, the two parts A and B being so constructed as to overlap each other from the sole to the top, with a row of eyelets in the one part directly over and parallel with a similar row in the other part, substantially as set forth and described.

2. The sliding stop or fastener *f*, in combination with the lacing arrangement, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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