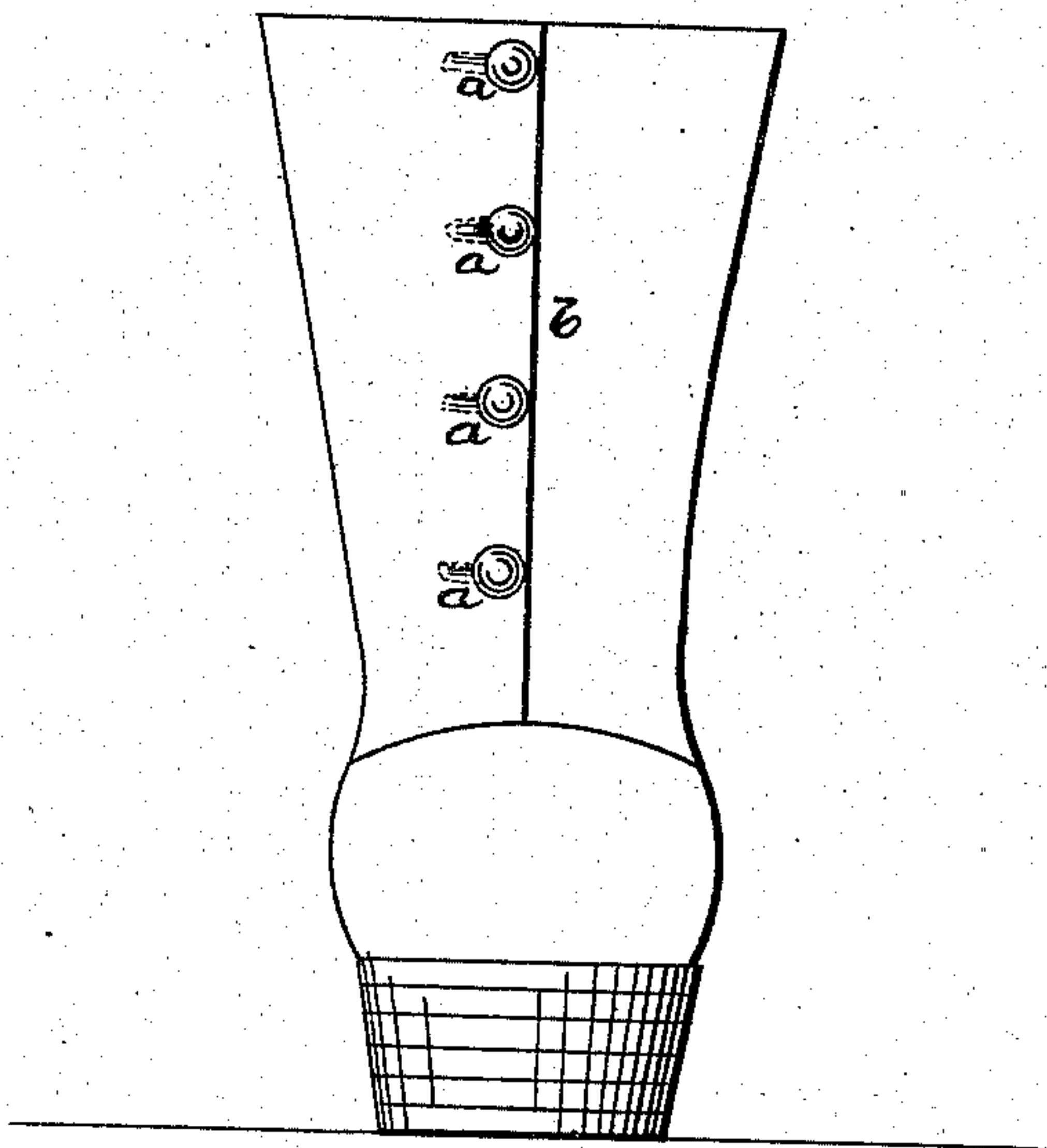


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## BOOT AND GAITER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES P. HERRON, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boots or Gaiters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof; reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

10 The object of my invention is so to make a boot or gaiter, that it shall be more easily put on, and better fitted to the ankle than any heretofore invented. To accomplish this object I make the boot or gaiter of the  
15 ordinary shape, but, instead of having the opening in front or at the side and buttoned or laced up, or instead of having no slit as in the common boot or in the elastic "congress boot", I make the opening *b*, in the  
20 back of the boot, as represented in Figure 1, which may be closed up, when the boot is upon the foot, either by means of buttons, as shown by *a, a, a*, &c., buckles, lacings, or in any other convenient way.

25 The advantages gained by this improved boot or gaiter over those heretofore invented may be stated as follows:—1st. The boot or gaiter made as above described is more easily and neatly fitted or accommodated to  
30 the shape of the ankle and leg, and at the same time more easily drawn or put upon the foot. 2nd. While the elastics used in the so-called congress boot hinder the circu-

lation of the blood when the boot is new, and after being worn awhile become too  
35 much relaxed, losing their proper shape and destroying the beauty and fit of the boot, this improved boot or gaiter of mine is not subject to these objections, but remains the same easy fit. 3rd. In walking on tiptoe  
40 in water the wearers of my gaiter are less liable to wet their feet as the opening of the boot, being in the rear, becomes elevated higher above the surface of the street or  
45 walk. 4th. Another advantage gained is, that the boot or gaiter may be more easily put on while in a sitting posture, as it requires but little stooping down or leaning over to do this, since with the knee joint bent, the toes downward, and the heel ele-  
50 vated, this improved boot or gaiter may be put on and laced or buttoned up with but a slight movement of the body and with but little inconvenience or discomfort. This  
55 is particularly advantageous to ladies as they are thereby saved the necessity of exposing their ankles.

What I claim as new and wish to secure by Letters Patent is—

The opening *b* in the manner and for the  
60 purpose set forth.

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