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Pantaloons

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Fig. 1.

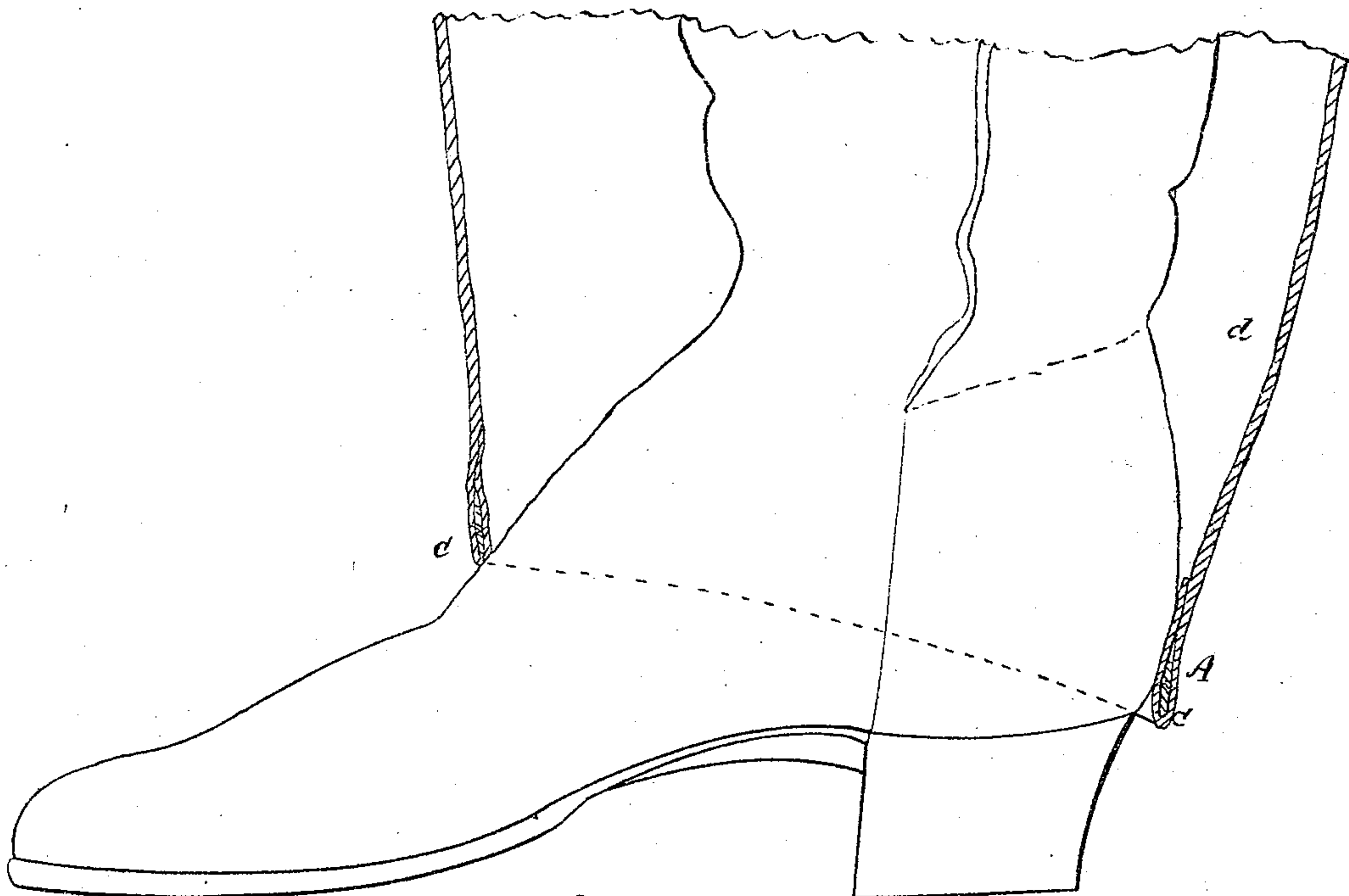


Fig. 2.

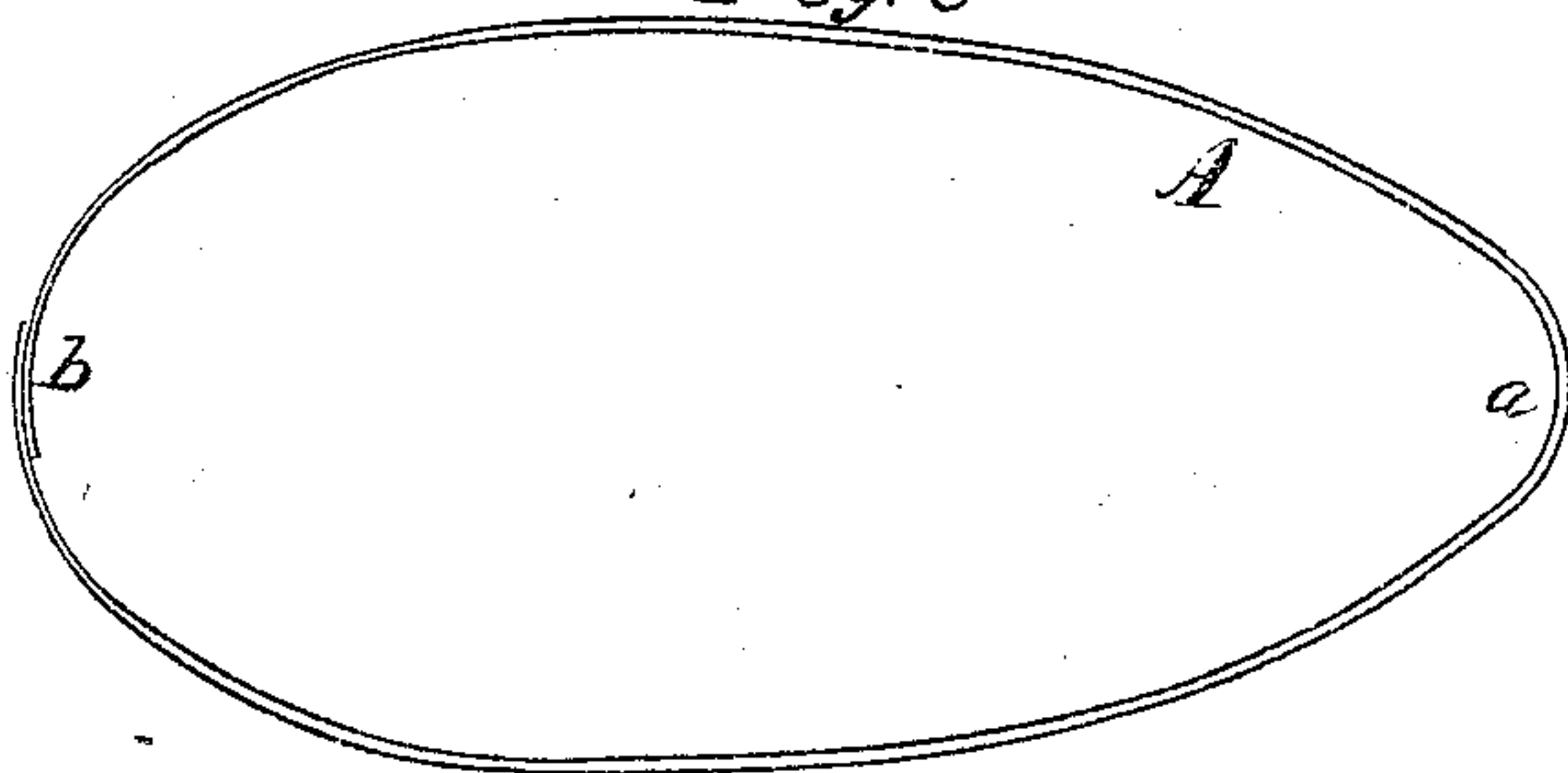
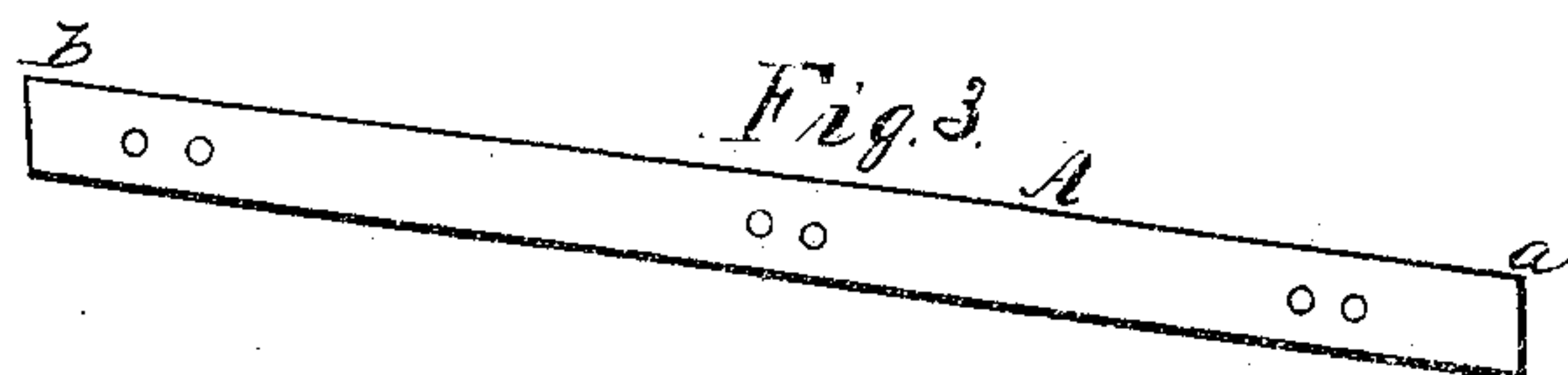


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN DEVICES FOR PRESERVING THE SHAPE OF PANTALOOON-LEGS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 43,714, dated August 2, 1864.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM D. SINCLAIR, of Trenton, in the county of Mercer and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Device for Keeping the Bottoms of Pantaloon in Proper Shape or Form; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal vertical section of my invention fitted in the bottom of one leg of a pair of pantaloon, also in section and shown in use; Fig. 2, a detached and diminished plan or top view of the same; Fig. 3, a detached and diminished side view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

This invention is designed as a substitute for buckram and canvas lining now used in the bottoms of the legs of pantaloon for rendering the same stiff and keeping them in proper shape over the boot or shoe.

The invention consists in the employment or use of a band or hoop of sheet metal, whalebone, or other suitable firm and elastic material fitted to or in the bottoms of the legs of the pants, and bent or made in such a shape as to cause the bottoms of the legs of the pantaloon to fit snugly over the boot or shoe, and to keep the same in proper shape.

A represents a band or hoop, constructed of a flat piece of sheet metal, whalebone,

wood, or other proper material. Sheet metal will probably be the material used. The band or hoop is bent in elliptical form, the part *a* designed to encompass the heel of the boot or shoe being rather narrower than the part *b*, which covers or extends over the instep, (see Fig. 3,) and the hoop is bent transversely, so that all parts of it will hang in a vertical position, or nearly so, when fitted in an inclined position in the bottoms of the legs of the pantaloon. (See Figs. 1 and 3.) The hoop may be secured in a hem, *c*, at the bottoms of the legs *d* of the pantaloon or in any other way; the hem would probably be preferable. By this means the bottoms of the legs of pantaloon may always be kept in proper shape and made to fit snugly over the boot or shoe. The hoops will always retain their elasticity, not losing their shape on account of moisture, as is the case with buckram or canvas, while the expense attending their adoption will be quite inappreciable.

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

The employment or use in the bottoms of the legs of pantaloon of hoops or bands constructed of sheet metal, whalebone, wood, or other suitable material possessing a requisite degree of firmness and elasticity, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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