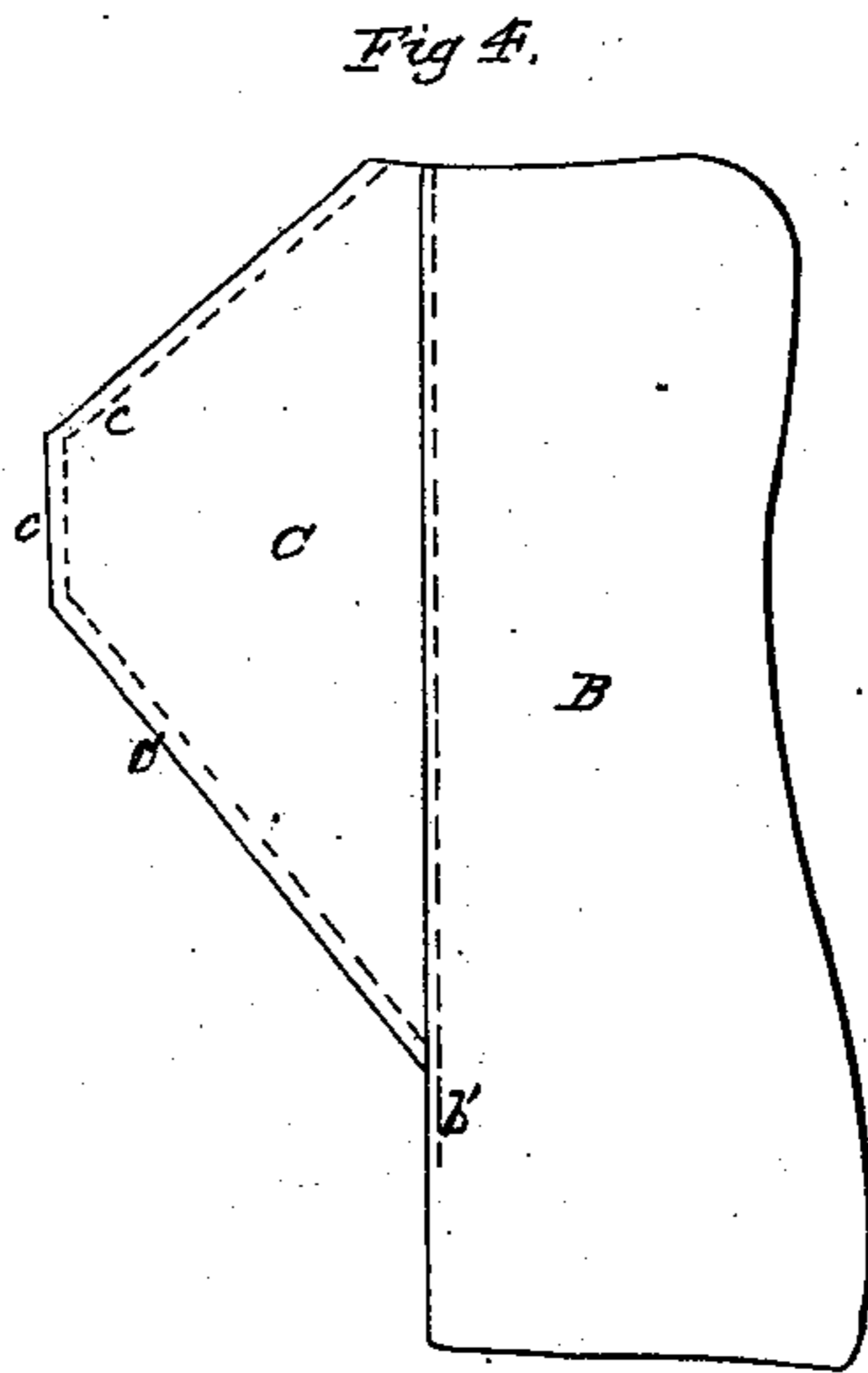
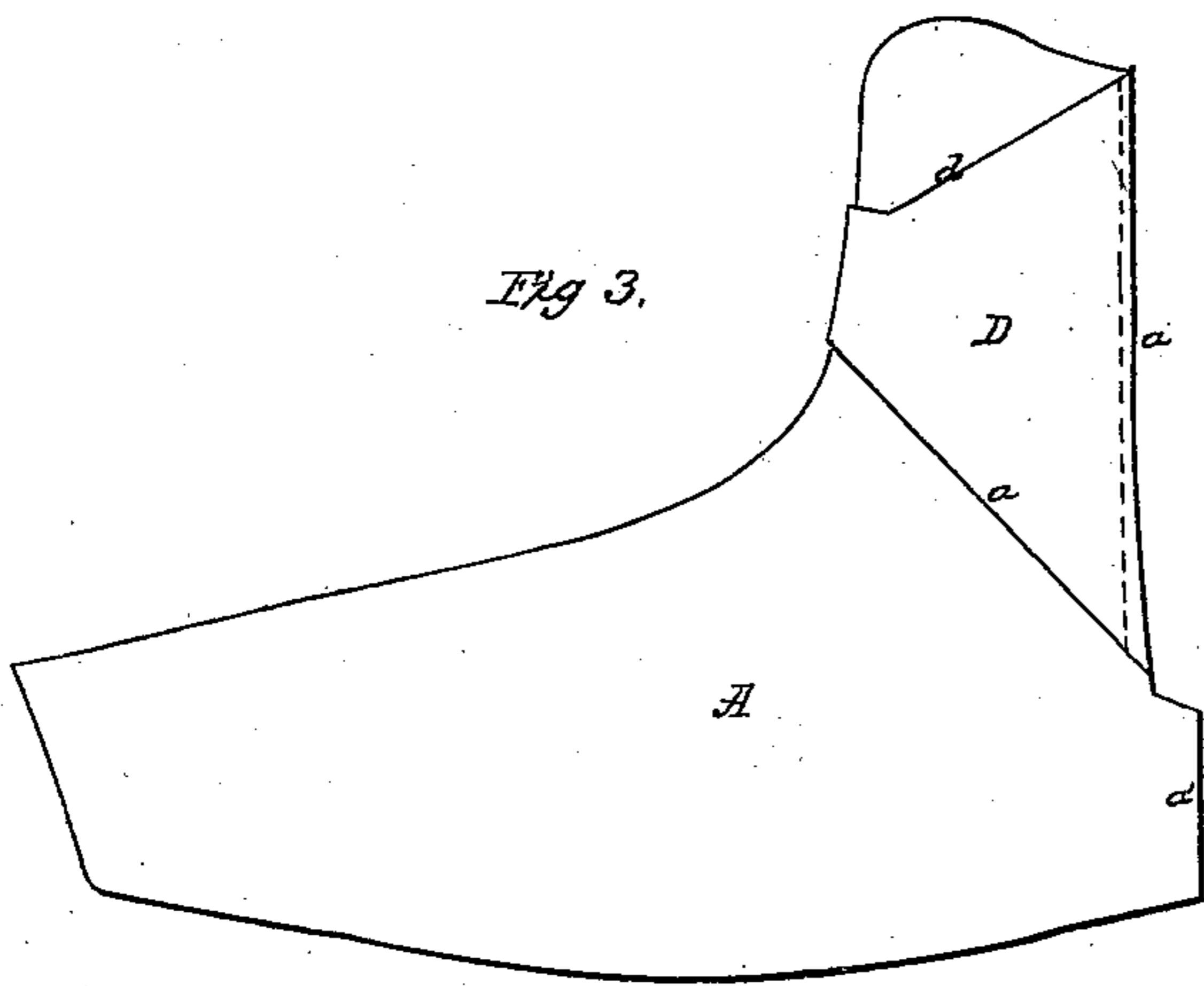
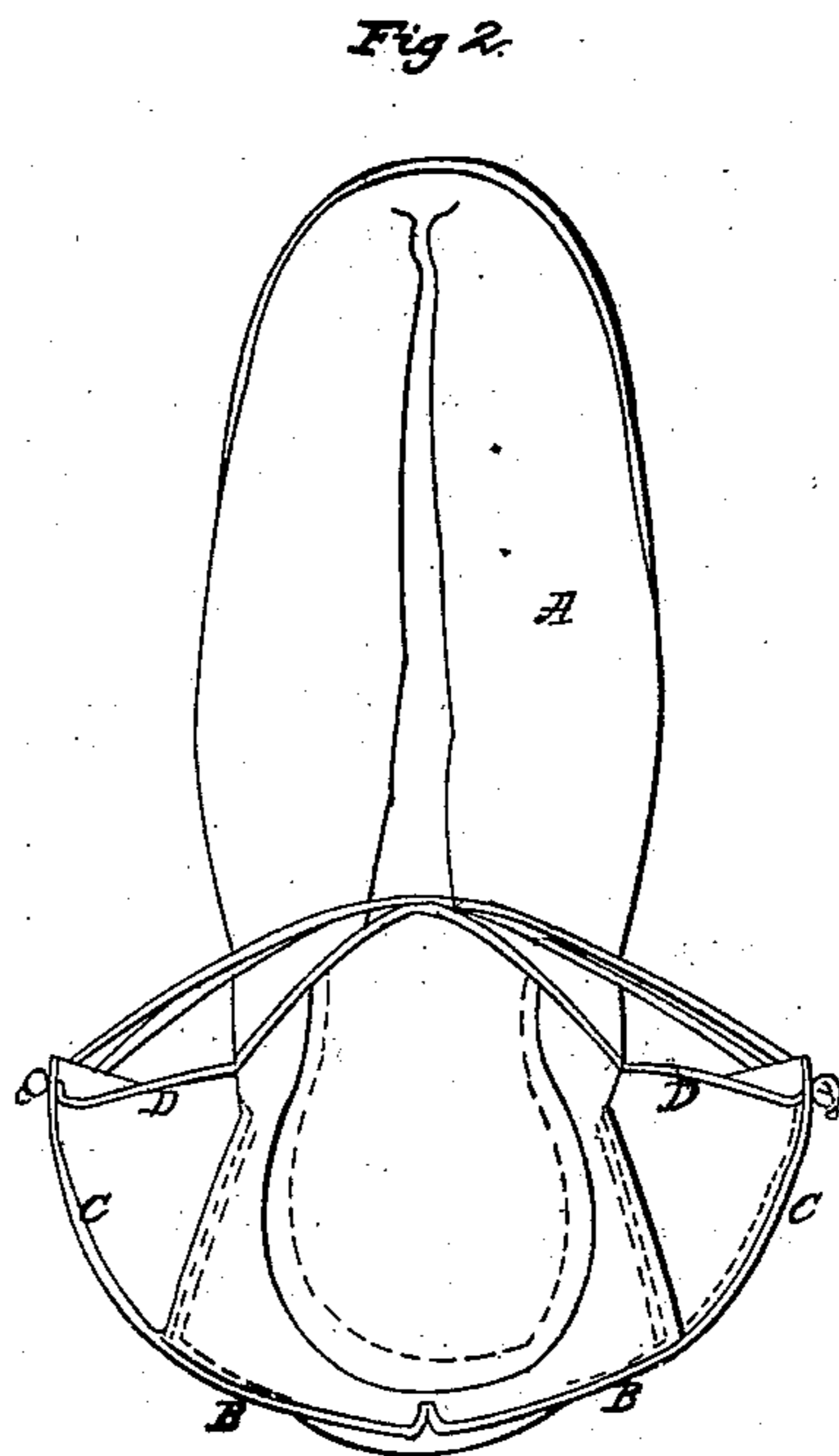
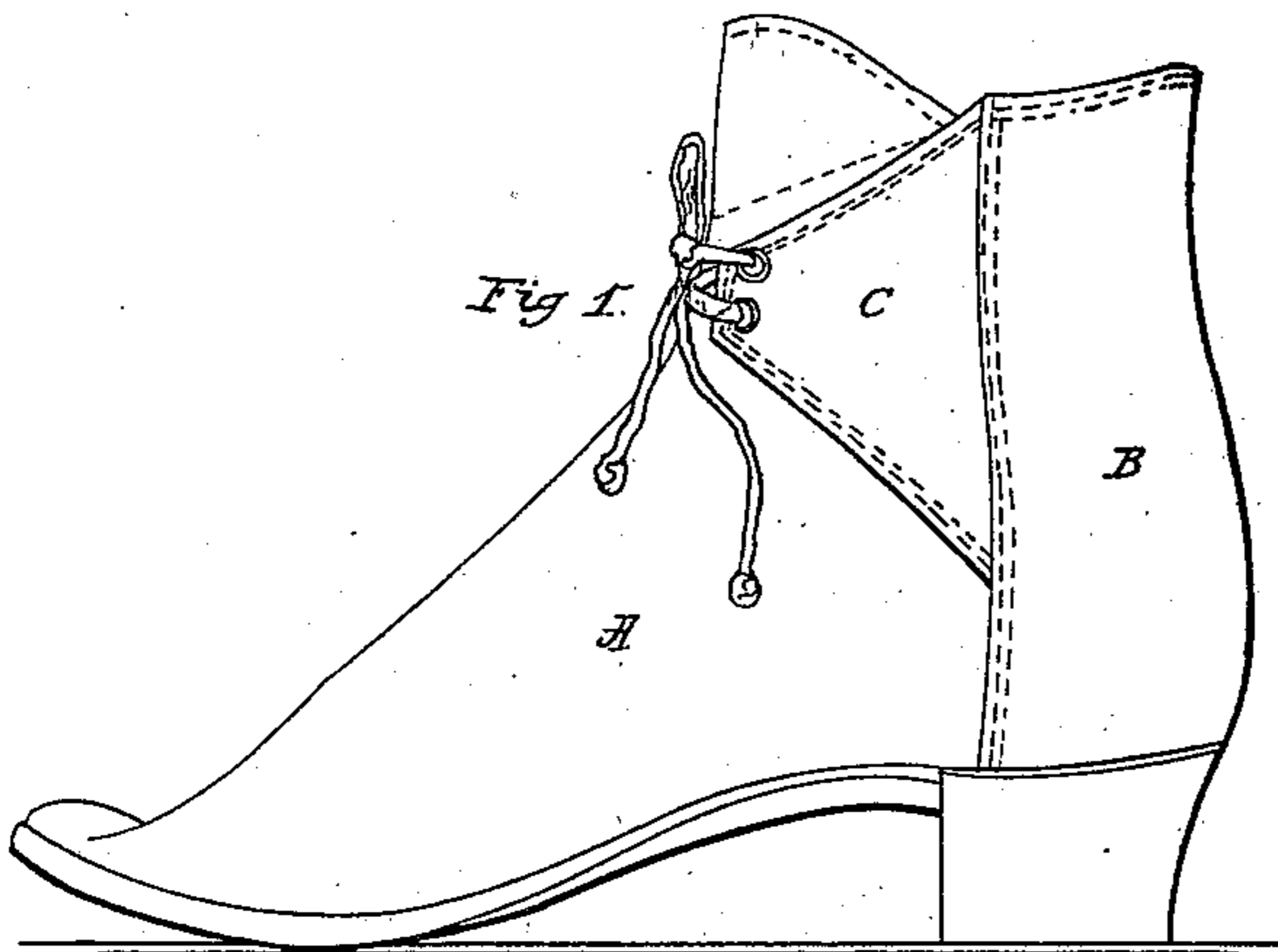


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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOTS AND SHOES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 59,375, dated November 6, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALEXANDER F. EVORY and ALONZO HESTON, of La Porte, in the county of La Porte and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shoes; and we do hereby make known and declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters and figures marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

Our said invention consists in a novel mode of constructing shoes and gaiters, whereby the ordinary elastic goring at the sides and the tedious lacing-up at the front are both dispensed with, while at the same time the tops will expand to receive the foot, and fit neatly and closely around the ankle when the shoe is on, being also water-tight to the extreme top of the shoe.

To enable those skilled in the art to understand how to construct and use our invention, we will proceed to describe the same with particularity, making reference in so doing to the aforesaid drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of our invention; Fig. 2, a plan or top view of the same; and Figs. 3 and 4 represent detached views or patterns of the several parts.

Similar letters of reference in the several figures indicate like parts of our invention.

A represents the front of the shoe, and has attached to its rear edge, *a*, as shown, a gore-flap. (Marked D.) B represents the back of the shoe, and has attached to its front edge, *b*, as shown, a corresponding gore-flap. (Marked C.) The front and back are sewed together at those parts of their contiguous edges marked *a'* and *b'*, and the flap C is arranged upon the flap D, bringing their corresponding edges *c* and *d* upon each other, which are then sewed together, the two flaps thus arranged forming a double extension-gore upon each side of the shoe, which readily expands to admit the foot, and which may then be folded forward over the instep, and be secured by a buckle or knot, or by a suitable lacing, as desired.

It may be observed, furthermore, that shoes can be constructed after the above-described plan much cheaper than in the ordinary mode, and the material used in their manufacture can be much more advantageously and economically used.

We do not claim, broadly, for an extension-gore flap inserted in the ankle of gaiter-shoes, for this is fully covered by the broad claim of Samuel Babbett's patent, issued March 7, 1865, to which our patent will be subject; but our mode of construction is an improvement upon that, and all the other modes since patented, in the following particulars, viz: First, it requires less stock in its construction, and is therefore cheaper than those in which the gore is inserted in the heel; second, it is neater in appearance, and being adjustable to the ankle it may be fitted even where there is a variation in the size of the shoe, thus rendering it more available in the construction of shoes for sale at wholesale; third, it avoids the wrinkle in the heel in Babbett's construction of shoes, which being exposed to the friction of the leg of the pantaloons soon wears into a hole; fourth, by giving expansion forward to the vamp in front of the ankle it admits of the more easy introduction of the foot, and allows a neater fit than is attainable when the gore is in the heel.

What we do claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A shoe when constructed with an expansion-gore flap, C D, the external fold, C, of which is attached to and in front of the quarter B, and the internal fold, D, of which is attached to and in rear of the vamp A, the said several parts and pieces being respectively constructed and the whole arranged for use substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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