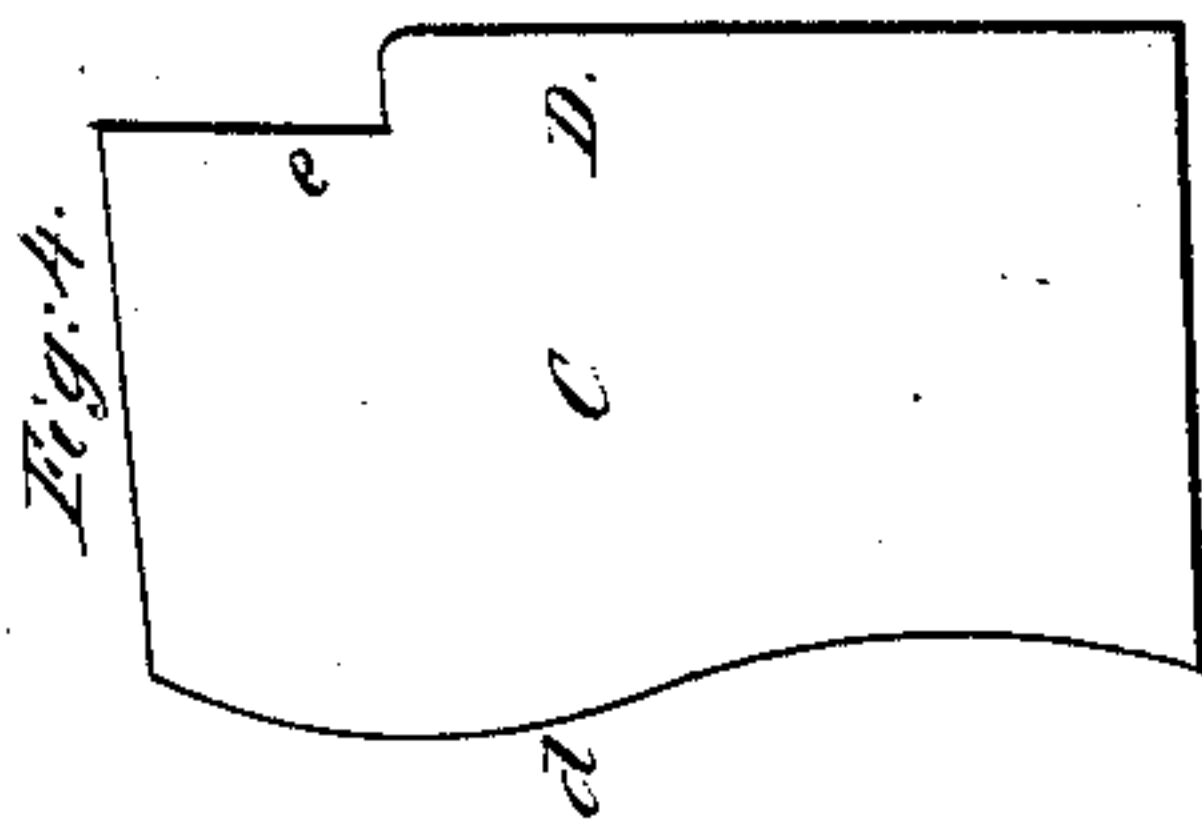
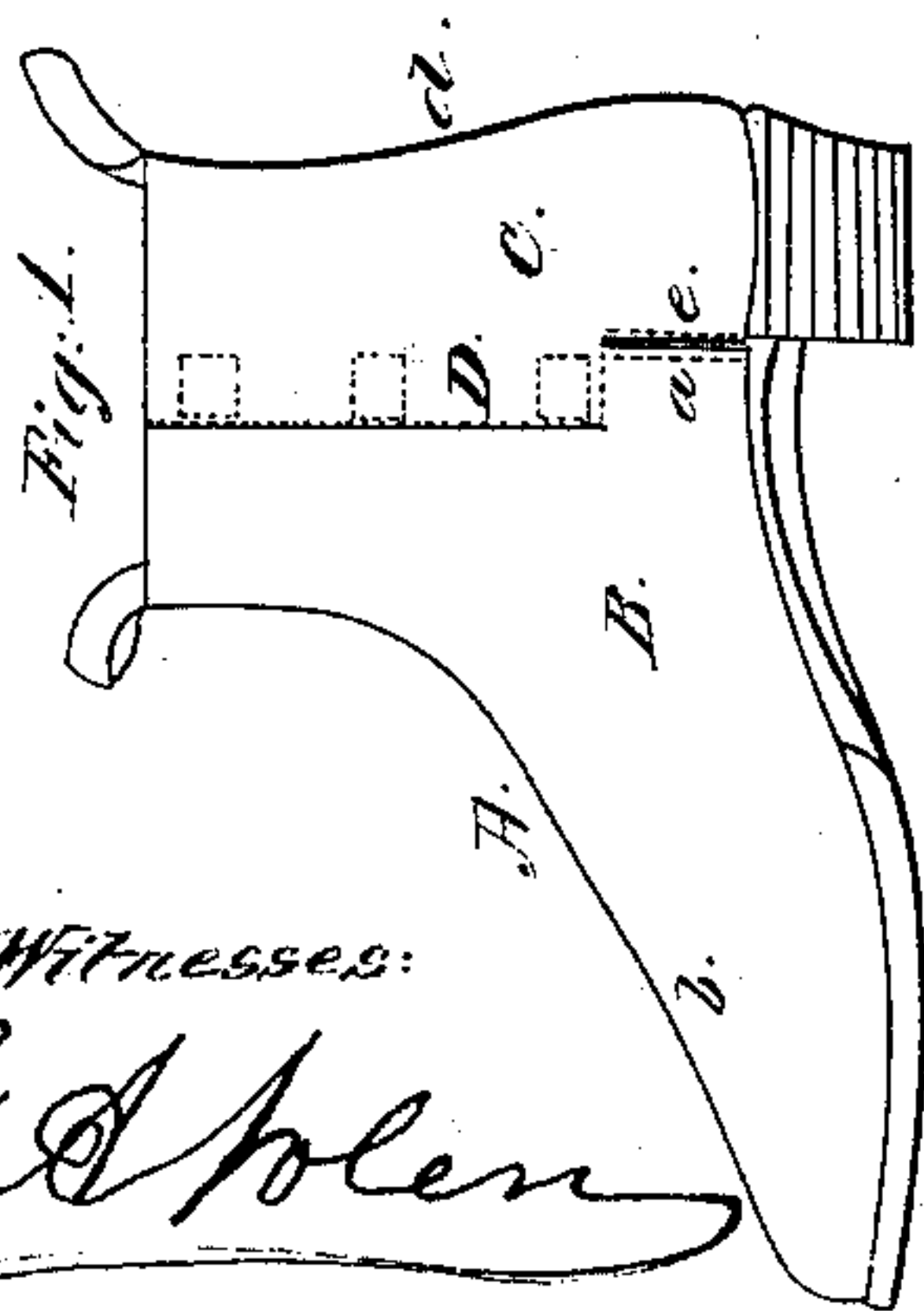
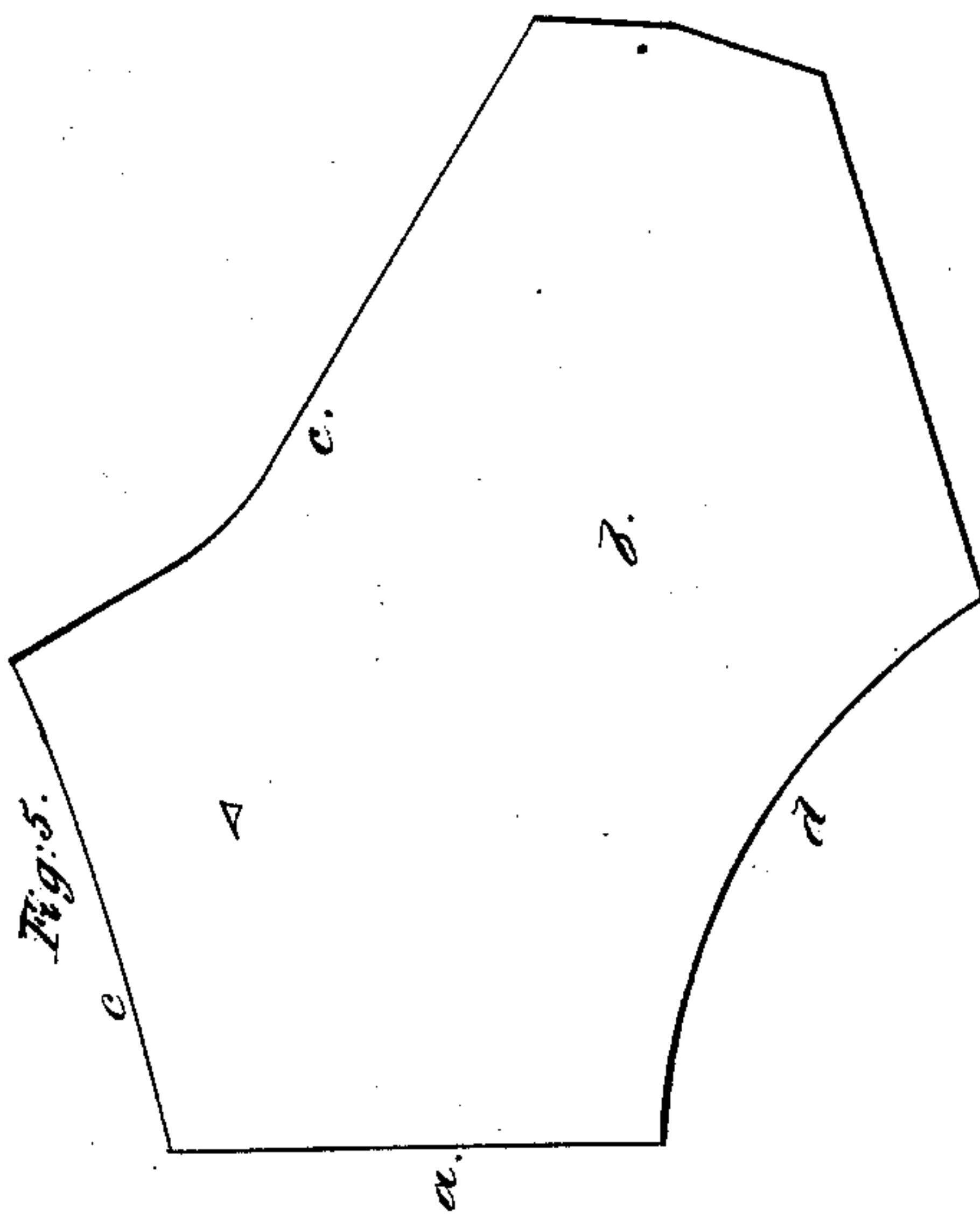
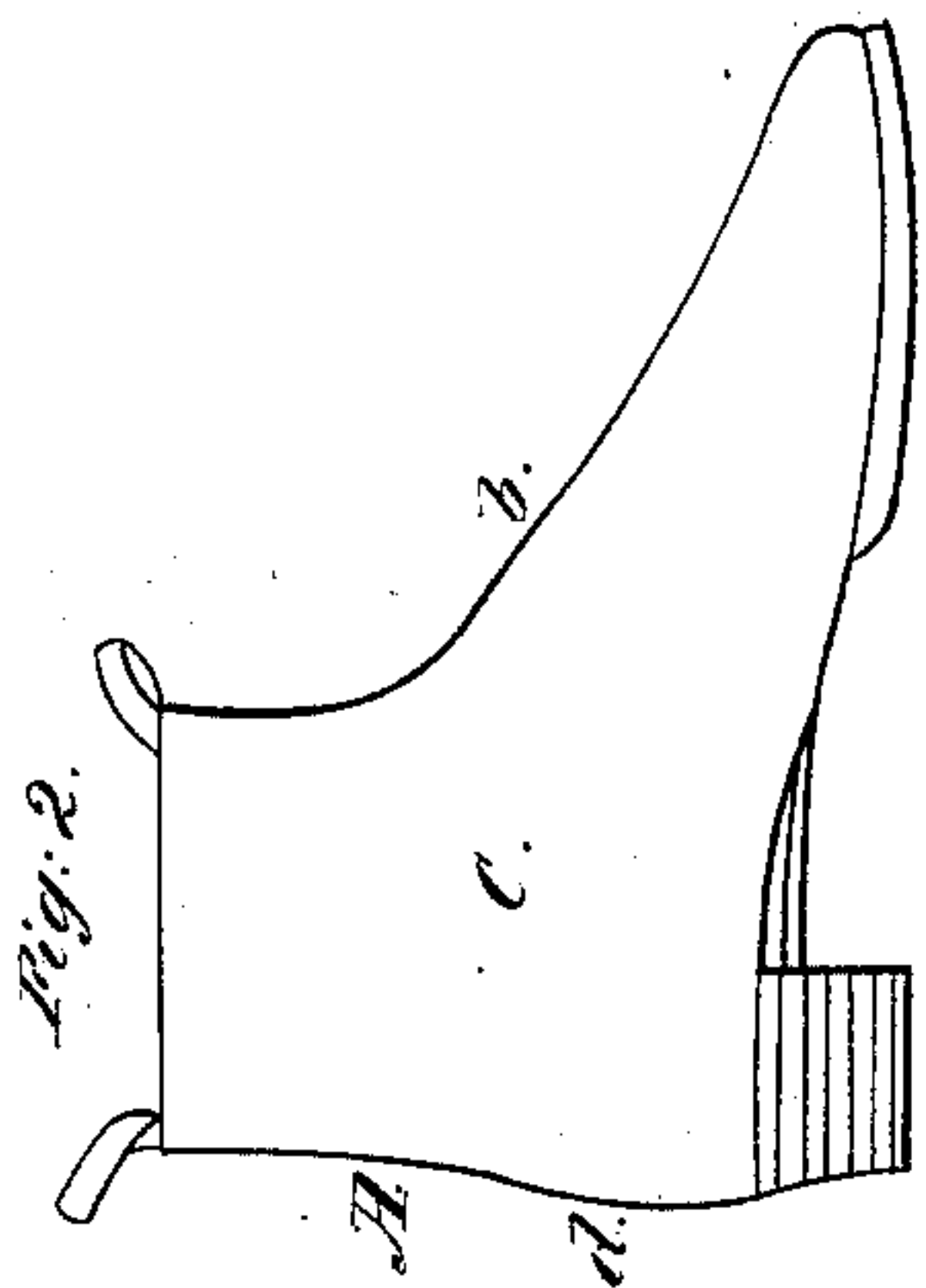
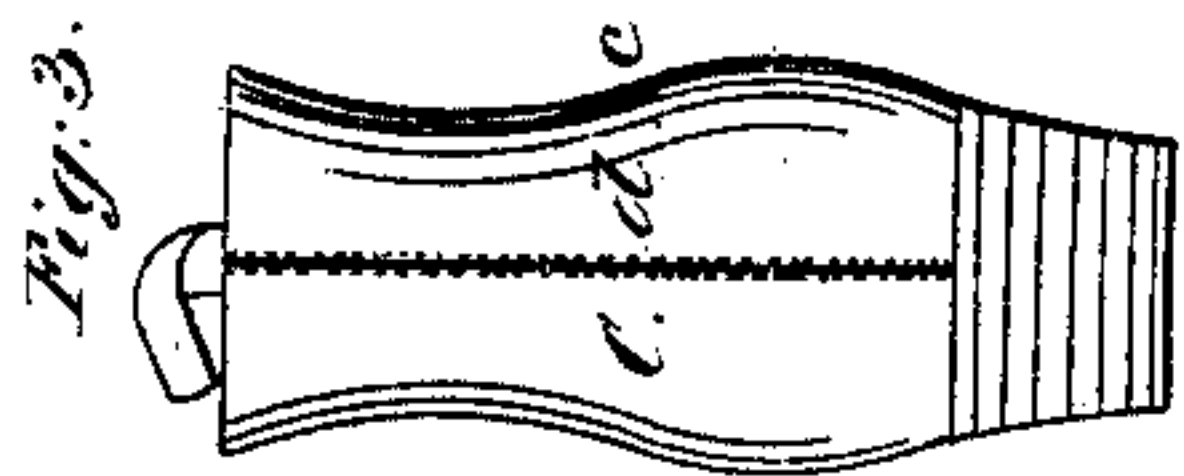


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Boot and Shoe Upper.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOTS AND SHOES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WAGNER, of the city and county of Washington, and District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful improved Boot and Shoe; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact specification of the description of the nature thereof, sufficient to enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains, to construct and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are side views of a shoe illustrating my invention.

Figure 3 is a back view thereof.

Figures 4 and 5 represent sections of the parts of the shoe comprising the "uppers" thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

This invention relates to a novel mode of forming a boot or shoe, whereby a saving of leather is effected, a better fit obtained, and a neater shoe produced with but two seams, and it consists in forming the front, two-thirds of one side, and the entire opposite side, in one piece of leather, and the other third of the side stated of another piece, as will be more fully hereinafter described.

A, in the drawings, represents a shoe or gaiter consisting of the usual uppers, back, sole, and heel. B is the "upper," in this case commencing at *a*, the line of the heel on one side continuing around the front *b*, and opposite side *c*, to the middle of the heel *d*, and is cut in one piece, as shown in fig. 5. C represents the remaining piece, which commences at the middle of the heel *d*, continues toward the front, and is secured to the front-piece at its lowest forward end, as shown at *e*; this does not extend the full length of the piece, but is cut out so that the portion above the seam *a* will form a flap or covering, D, for the open space formed by the two ends of the pieces. It will be seen that the flap D not only covers the opening, but forms means of attachment for securing the parts together when the shoe is placed on the foot. The flap, however, may be cut with the front-piece if desired, and thus cover the opening from the front to rear. In the present case, I employ hooks or catches and eyelets on the inner face of the flap, but other modes of securing may be employed. It will be readily seen that a very superior finished shoe may be produced. The absence of seams at the instep and on the sides from top to the bottom is a decided advantage; this is accomplished in my shoe by having a seam at the middle of the back of the heel, and a short one at the side, just at places where they will not rub and blister the feet, in the manner as has been described.

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

The combination of the piece *a b c*, and the piece C, leaving the opening on the side covered by flap D, in the manner described for the purpose specified.

To the above, I have signed my name this day of , 186

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