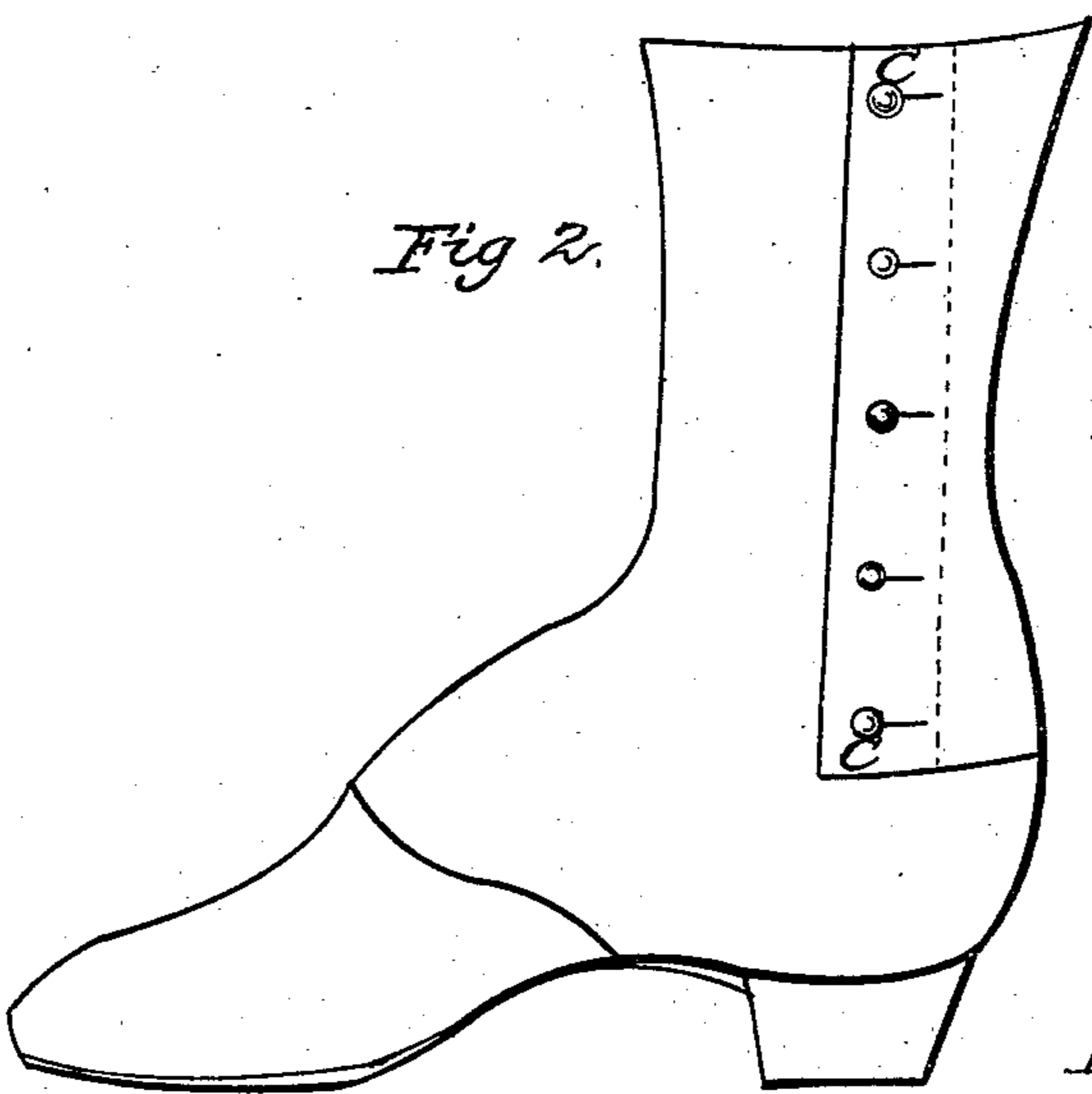
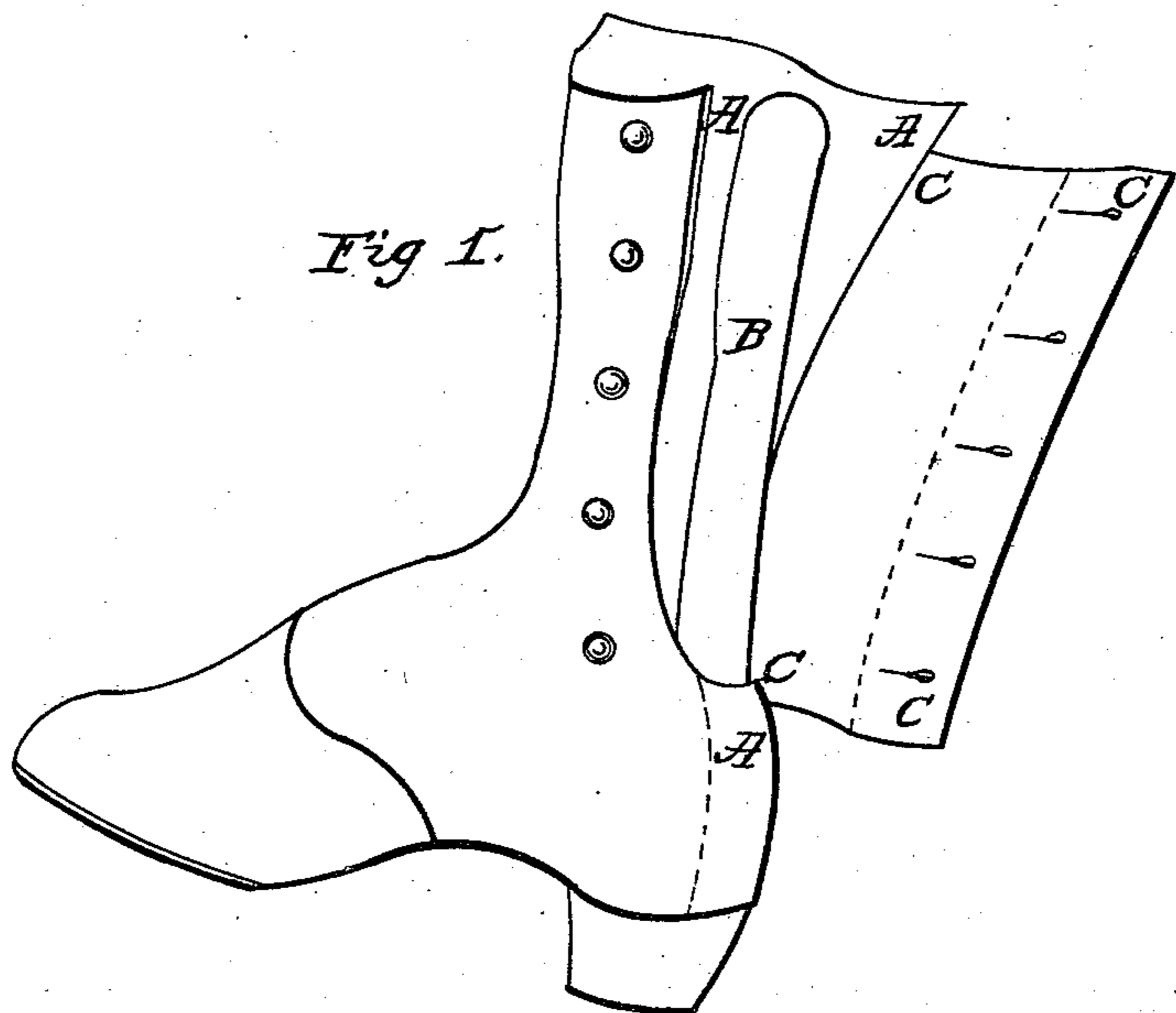


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOES.

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

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. DEITZ, of the city of Albany, State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Construction of Boots of the kind usually worn by women, and known as laced or buttoned boots; and I declare the following specification, with the drawings forming part thereof, to be a full and complete description of my invention.

Figure 1 represents in perspective a boot showing my improvement.

Figure 2 represents the same in profile.

The usual method of constructing laced or buttoned boots is well known to be with openings down the front or down the side, drawn together by lacings, or buttoned through an overlap of one of the sides of the opening.

My improvement consists in making an opening, A, in the rear of the boot, extending from the top down to the upper part of the counter, that is, to the top of the wearer's heel, leaving a small space between the edges of the opening, which space is closed on the inside by a tongue of soft leather, B, fastened at its lower edge to the top of the counter. This opening is covered on the outside by a flap of stout leather, C, which extends around the sides of the boot, so as to be held by buttons just behind the ankle bone on one side, the other being secured in similar position on the opposite side by stitching or by buttons, stitching being preferable, as securing the smoothest fit for the flap.

The advantages of this mode of construction are deemed to be: The ease with which the boot can be put on and off, and that without stretching out of shape the front of the boot, as is frequently done when the opening is on the front or side, especially with new and tight-fitting boots. The security from taking in water when passing through gutters or pools, as when stepping on the toe with the heel raised the opening behind is carried above the level of those at the front and side. Cheapness of manufacture, it having been estimated that boots made as described can be made for less cost than those opening at the front or side of similar quality.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The method of constructing boots by making the opening for the introduction of the foot in the back, and covering the opening with a tongue on the inside, and on the outside with a flap, extending around the side of the boot, secured to the same, in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

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