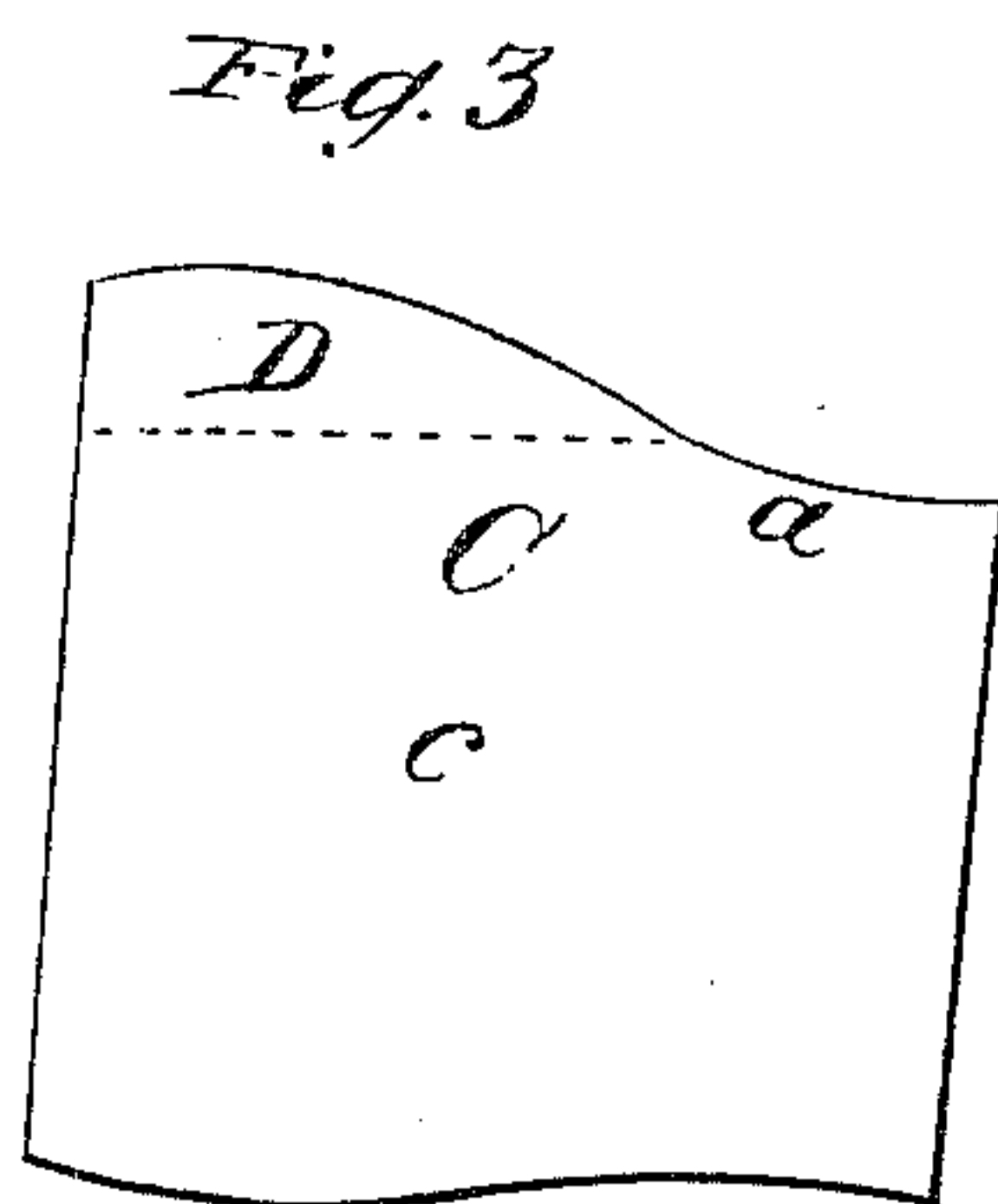
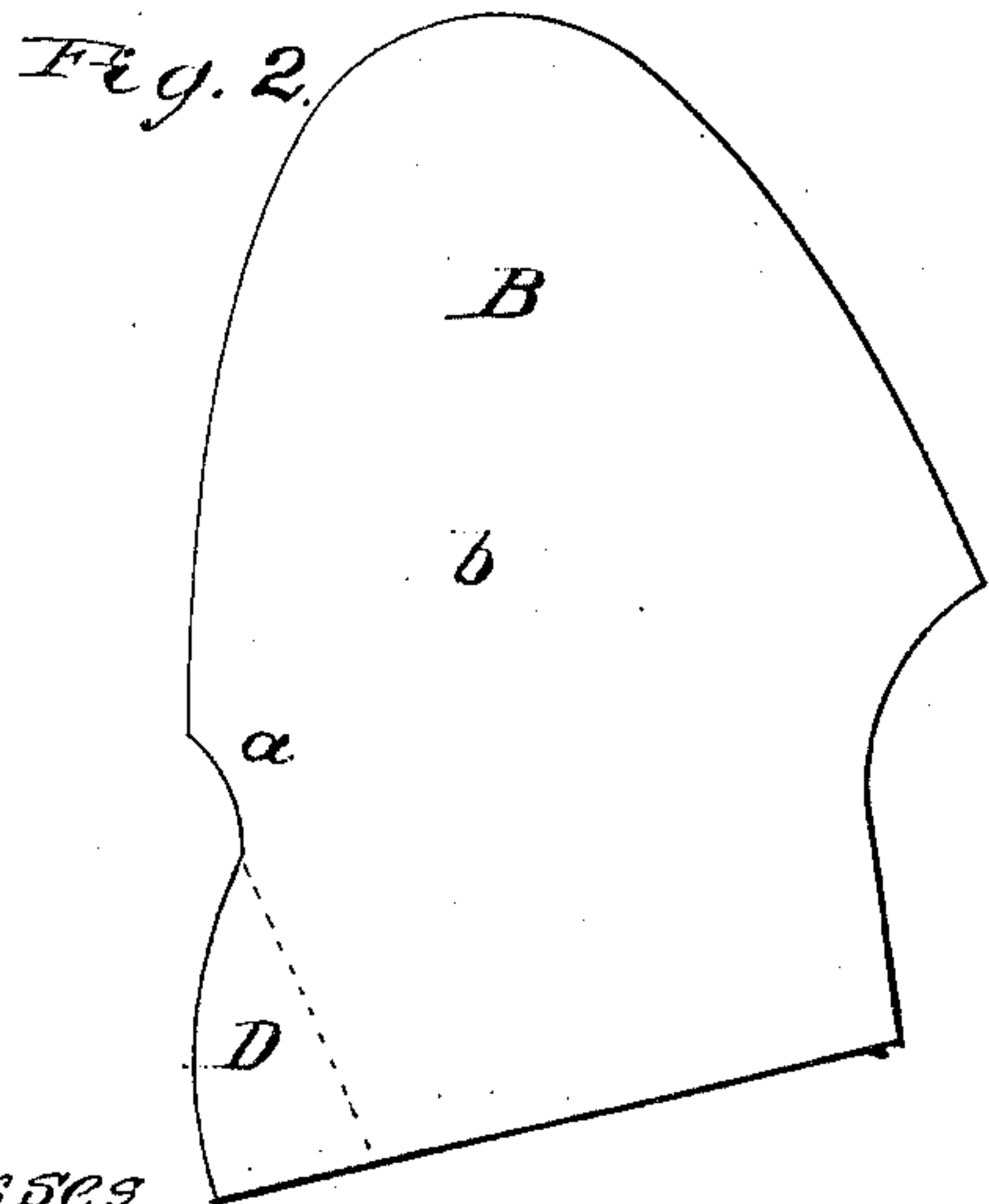
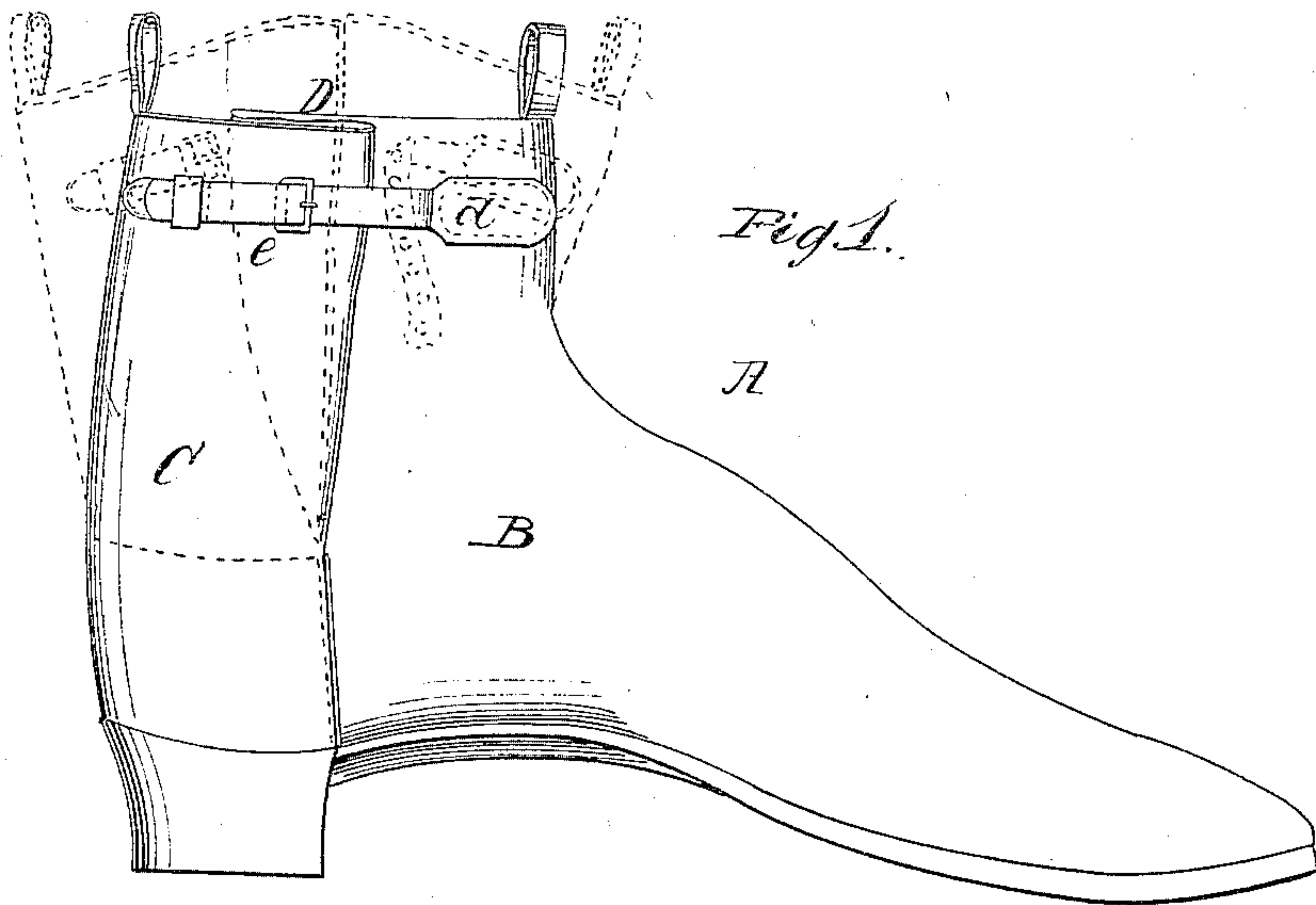


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IMPROVED SHOE.

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, CHARLES D. LETHERBURY, of Chester, in the county of Delaware, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful improvement in Gaiters, Boots, and Shoes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the nature thereof, sufficient to enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to fully understand and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a shoe illustrating my invention, showing the main improvement in red.

Figure 2 is a plan of the pattern of one section of the gaiter, boot, or shoe.

Figure 3 is a plan of the pattern of another section of the gaiter, boot, or shoe.

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

This invention consists in so constructing gaiters, boots, and shoes, that the same shall be made in two pieces, leaving a flap at one side, whereby a neat fit is obtained, cheapness and saving of material secured, and also forming ready means for applying and withdrawing the same from the foot, and preventing the passage of water to the foot.

In the drawings, A represents a gaiter, boot, or shoe made according to my invention. It consists of two parts, of which B is the front, and C the rear and heel part. These two parts are united at the point *a*, which is the line of the front part of the heel. The two parts are so cut, as shown at *b* and *c*, figs. 2 and 3, that when sewed or united, a flap, D, shall be formed on one side of the foot wear. It will be seen that the seam at the union of the two parts will form the middle of the flap, admitting of said flap being turned to the front or rear, and so that it lie flat against the inner side of the gaiter, boot, or shoe. In applying my shoe to the foot, the flap is extended and the foot introduced. The flap is then folded either to the front or rear, and the means of securing it will hold it snugly in place. I have shown a strap, *d*, and a buckle, *e*, for this purpose, but any other equivalent means may be employed. If the gaiter, boot, or shoe should be brought in contact with water, this cannot pass further than the seam, and it will run off on account of the curved form that the seam assumes when the flap lies flat in position. The shoe is thus made in two pieces only, and consequently with two seams, and at such places where they will not rub or chafe the foot. The flap is not a separate piece with the other parts, but being cut therewith, obviates the necessity of more seams, as is usual when the flap is sewed to the pieces of the shoe.

I am aware that flaps have been hitherto employed and constructed, but never, to my knowledge, where they have been cut off the same pieces of leather which comprise the foot wear, especially so when this wear is made of only two parts, having the seam at corresponding sides at the line of the front part of the heel.

The advantages derived from my mode of constructing gaiters, boots, or shoes are, that there is a great saving of material, time, and labor; that there is ease in wear, and readiness of application; that water cannot pass to the foot, as is the case in all shoes where there are openings or open flaps on the side, and that a better fit is made than by the ordinary mode of making foot wear.

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

The within covering for the foot, consisting of the parts B and C and the flap D, when cut of two pieces of material, arranged as described.

The above specification of my improvement in gaiters, boots, and shoes signed this twenty-sixth day of March, 1867.

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