

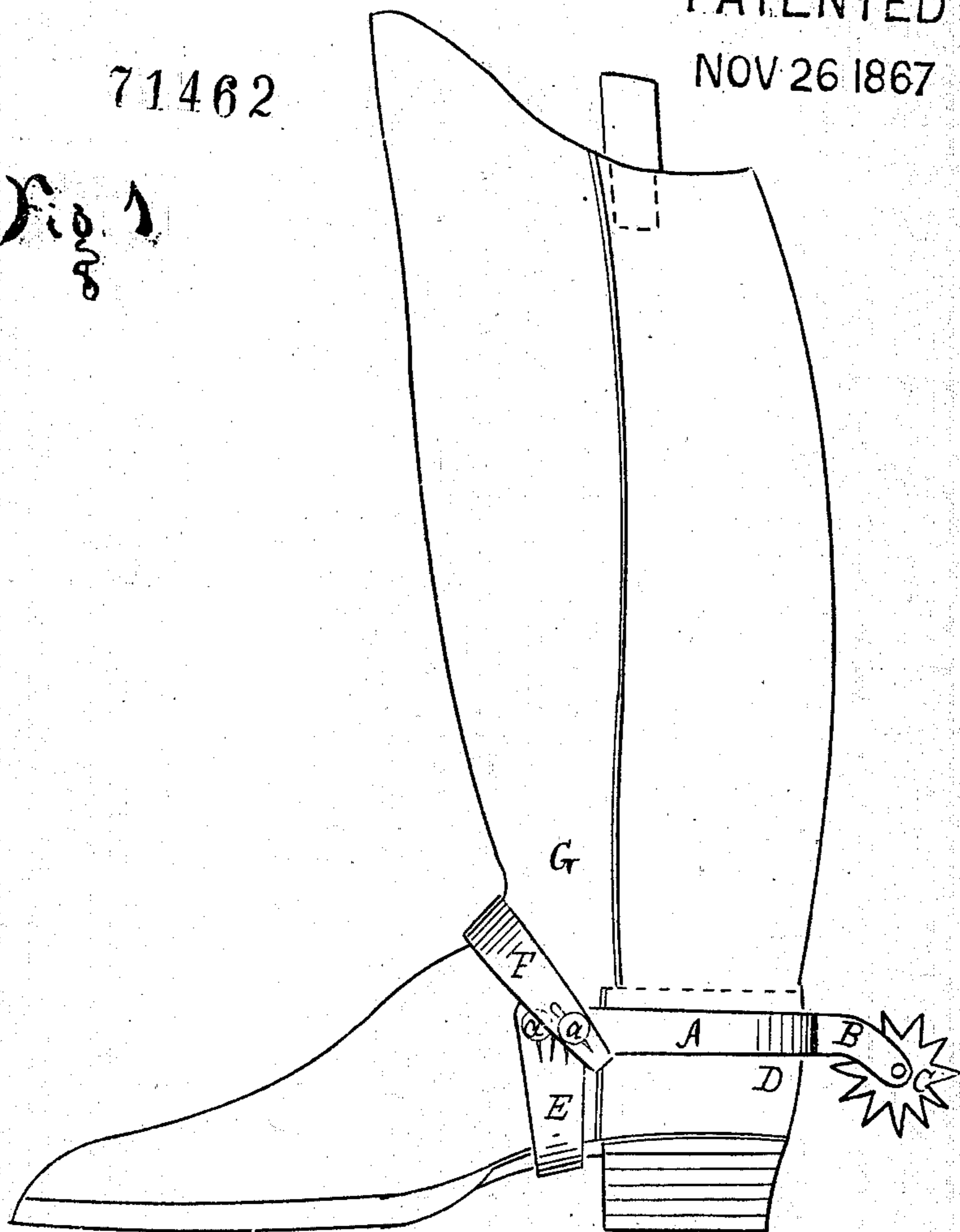
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IMPROVEMENT IN SPURS.

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, BENJAMIN A. DAVIS, of Petersburg, in the county of Dinwiddie, State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in the Method of Constructing and the Fastening of Spurs to the boots or feet of horsemen; and the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which the figure represents a side view of a boot with the spur attached.

The object of my invention is to secure spurs, of the ordinary form, with straps and buttons, to the feet of equestrians, so that they may not be too tight on the instep, and still will not drop down on the heel, or let the rowel come in contact with the ground while walking.

My invention consists in putting two extra buttons or buckles near the others in the ends of the fork or bow of the spur, and the strap which passes under the hollow of the foot being attached to both buttons; the strap which is to hold it on, and is over the instep, being attached to the rear buttons, so as to form the fulcrum of a lever to keep the bow and rowel in their proper position.

To enable others to make and use my improved spur, I will describe it more fully, referring to the drawings, and to the letters marked thereon.

The bow or frame A may be made of any suitable material, and formed in any of the well-known patterns, having a rear stem, B, and rowel C, so that when placed upon the heel D of the boot, and secured, it is in the proper position for use. To both ends of the bow or frame A, I place two strap-buttons, *a a*, from one-half to one inch distance apart; the under strap E being wide enough at the ends, or it may be split so as to part, so that it may be attached to both of the buttons *a a* on each side of the foot. The strap F, which secures the spur to the boot G, is attached only to the rear buttons, so that it is constantly lifting on the spur to keep it from falling on the heel of the boot.

It is well known to horsemen who use the ordinary spurs, that they are constantly falling and working off the heel, so that they have to be often adjusted when riding, or they are of no practical use; and it is also regarded by military men as one of the greatest inconveniences, to be obliged to strap on their spurs so tight, to keep them from changing their position, that oftentimes it has caused great pain, and swelling of the instep, and nothing more annoying than to have them down on the heel, clanking on the sidewalk, while walking. By my improvements, as above described, it will readily be seen that the straps may be quite loose, and yet the spur will be kept in its proper place.

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

Putting two buttons *a a* on both sides of the bow of frame A, and attaching the strap E to both, and the securing strap F to the rear button, so as to form the fulcrum of a lever, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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