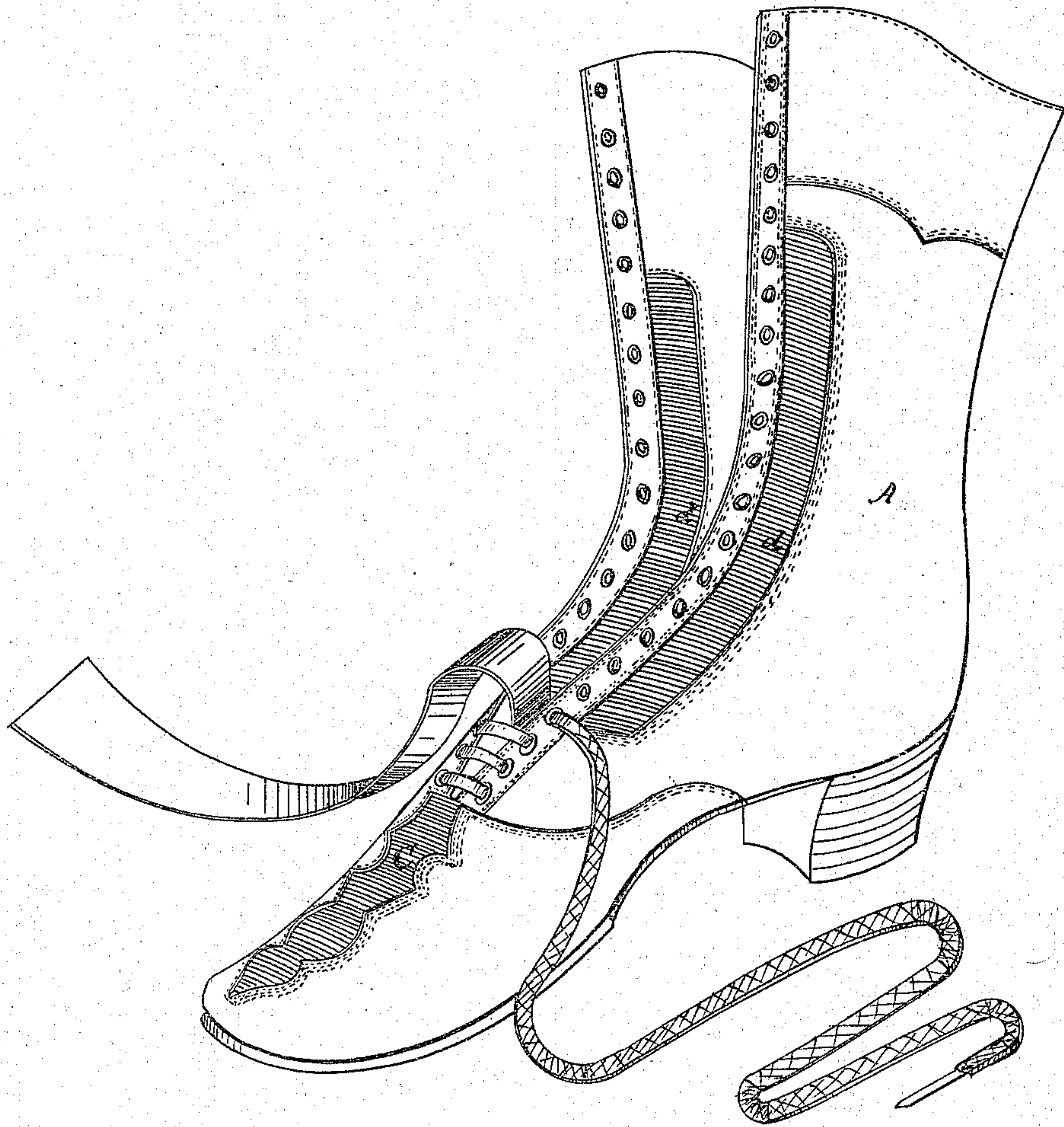


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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, DAVID S. McNAMARA, of Troy, in the county of Rensselaer, and in the State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shoes; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, A represents an ordinary shoe or bootee, provided with and having strips *d d*, of elastic material, inserted and sewed into holes cut in the leather for that purpose on each side of the shoe A, over and above the ankles of the wearer. The said shoe is also provided with a strip or piece, *c*, in the top of the vamp or front of the same. The object of the strips *d d* is to enable the wearer of the shoe A to lace it tight along and over the ankle, and yet have easy and free use of the ankle-joint by reason of the elasticity of said strips *d d*, and the object of the piece *c* is, in like manner, so that the front part of the shoe A will expand and contract in conformity and corresponding with the natural expansion and contraction of the human foot whilst walking, standing, or at rest. It will be seen that the strips *d d* do not extend down as far as the front or vamp-piece, thereby leaving over the instep an inflexible though adjustable space, which may be secured by buckle or lacing, as may be desired, and thereby preventing the foot of the wearer from slipping too far into and pressing against the toe of the shoe A.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—
A shoe, provided with the elastic strips *d d* and *c*, as herein specified and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 21st day of December, 1867.

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