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Heel-Protector.*

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Fig. 1.

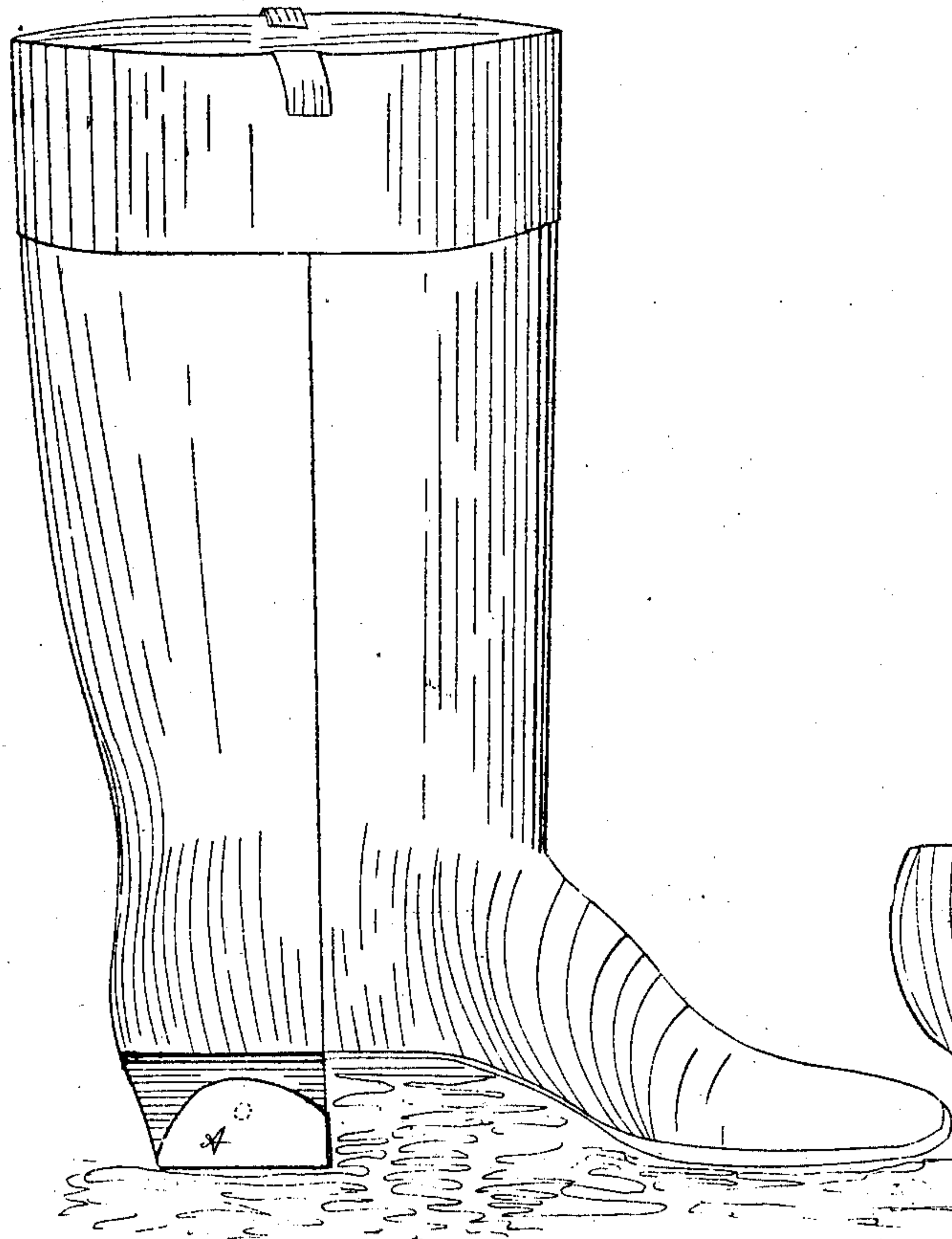


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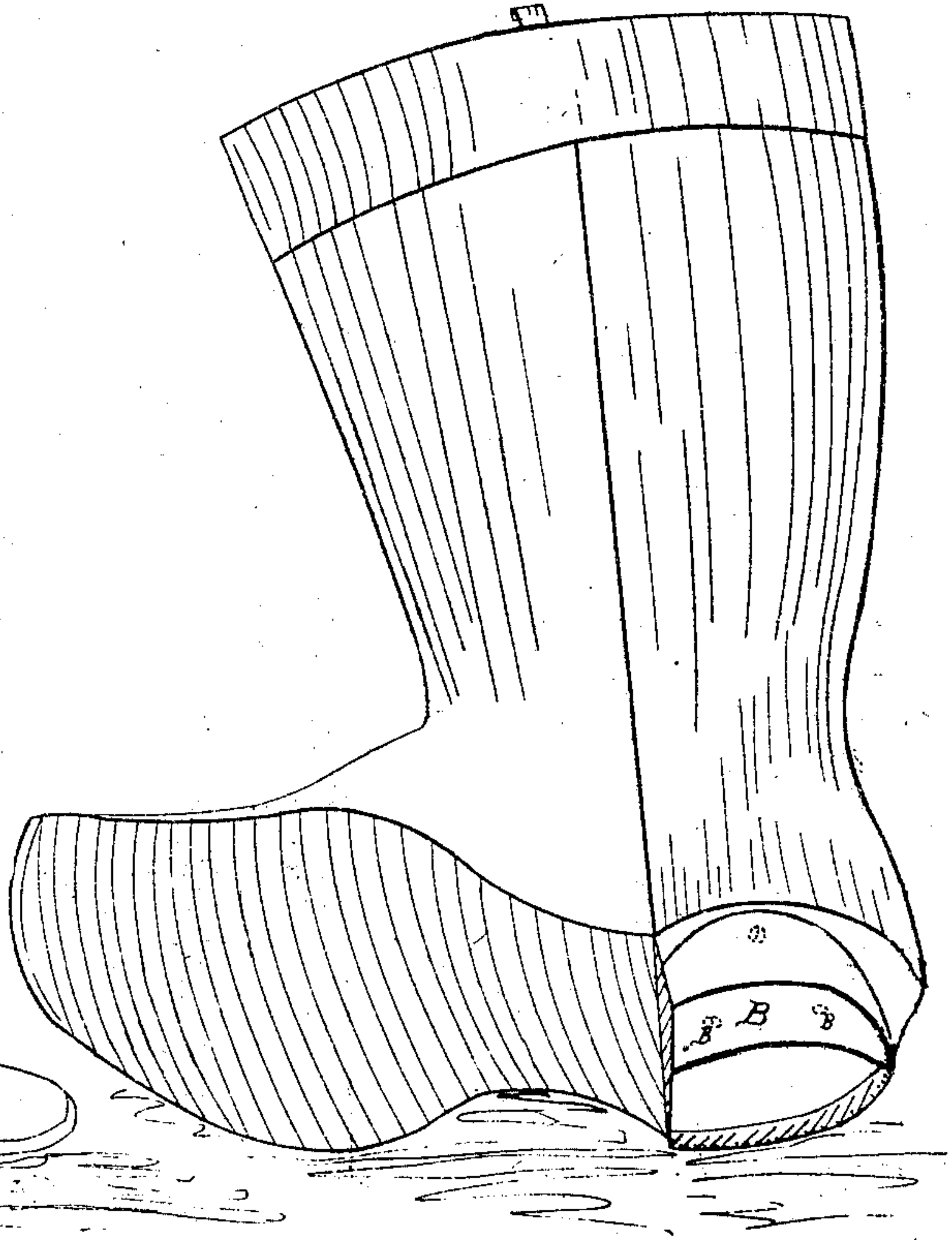
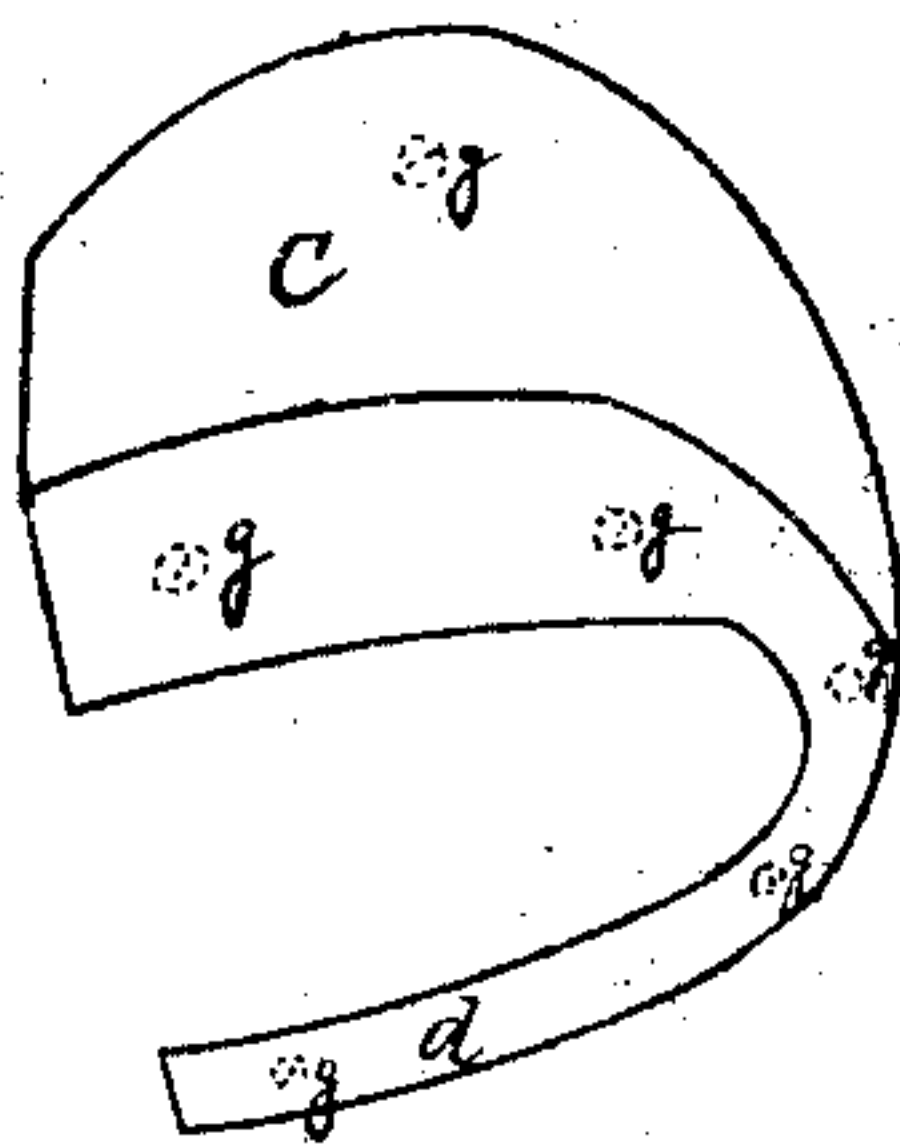


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVED HEEL-PROTECTOR.

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, ALBERT H. SOUTHWICK, of Mahaska county, State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in "Devices for Keeping the Heels of Boots and Shoes Level;" and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention consists in the construction of neat and economical device, of brass or other metal, which may be attached to the heel of any boot or shoe, and prevent the irregular wearing away of its under surface, while, at the same time, supporting the side of the heel and keeping the heel in its normal position.

This invention is cast or otherwise formed of one piece of metal, and consists of a narrow rim of metal, *d*, made in the shape of the under part of the heel, and provided with a series of perforations for connecting it thereto by screws or nails. This rim of metal is broader and thicker at one side than it is at its other, and has a flange, *A*, which projects upwards so as to extend up the side of the heel far enough to stay it, and prevent the wearing, and keep it level. This flange is bevelled to correspond with the heel, and of a size about one-half the circumference of the rim *d*, being provided with an opening in its face for tacking or screwing to the side of the boot or shoe-heel.

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

The metallic rim *d*, for attaching to and around the entire under surface of the heel, when said rim is provided with the curved and bevelled flange *A*, to extend up the side of the heel and keep the same level, as and for the purposes described.

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