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Shoe Sole

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Fig: 1.

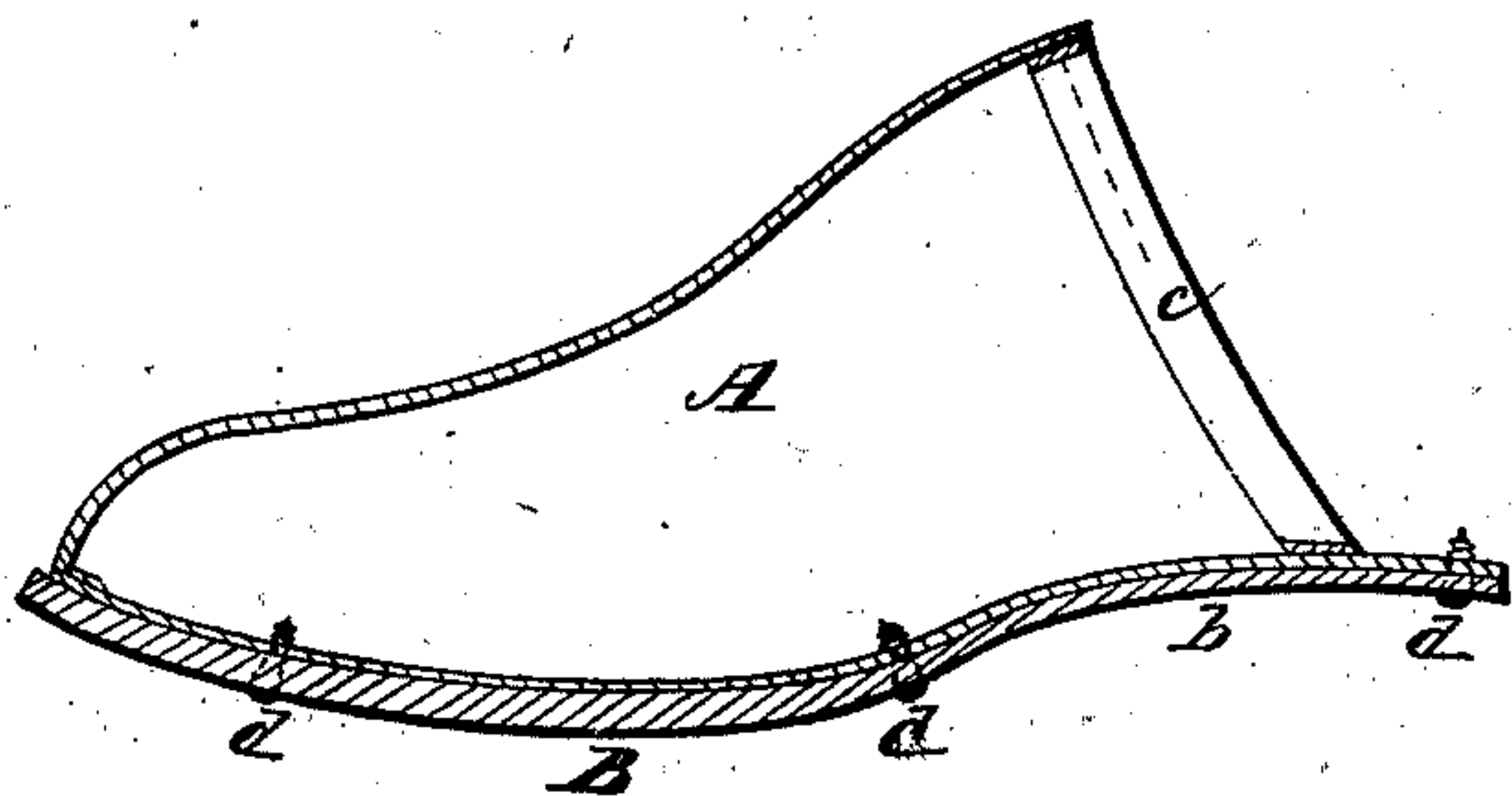


Fig: 2.

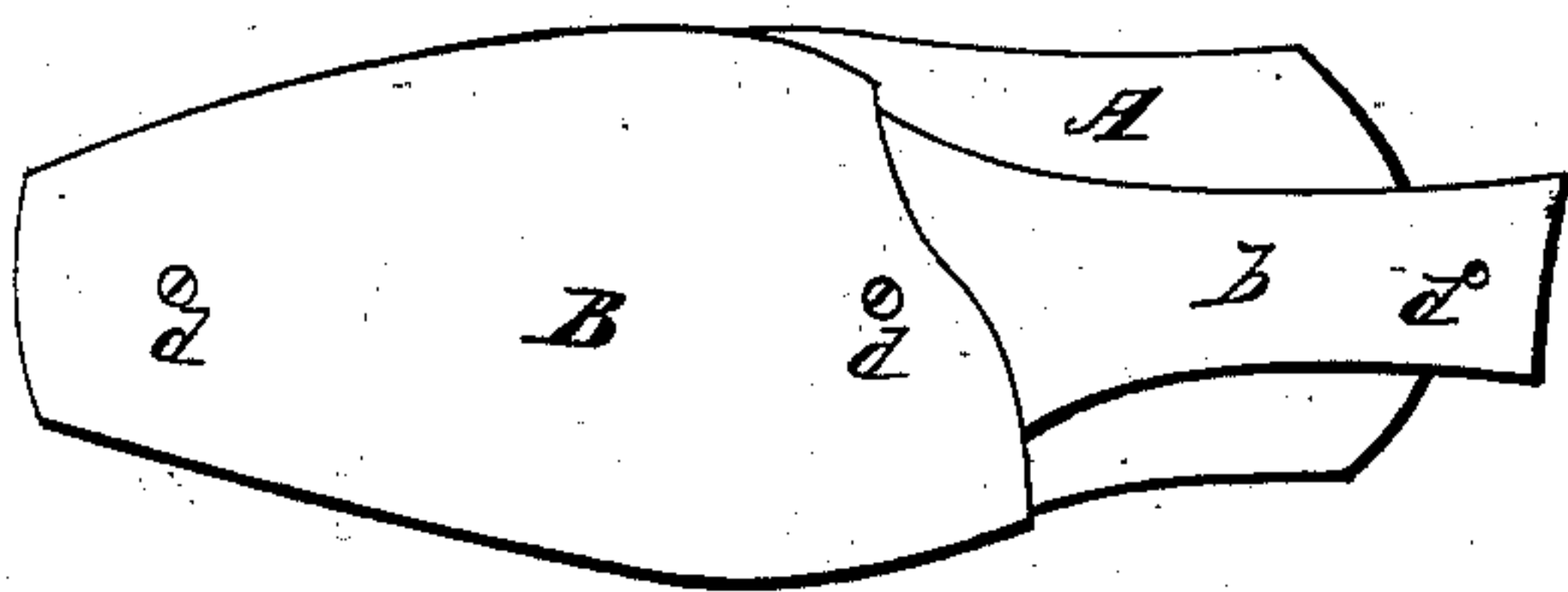
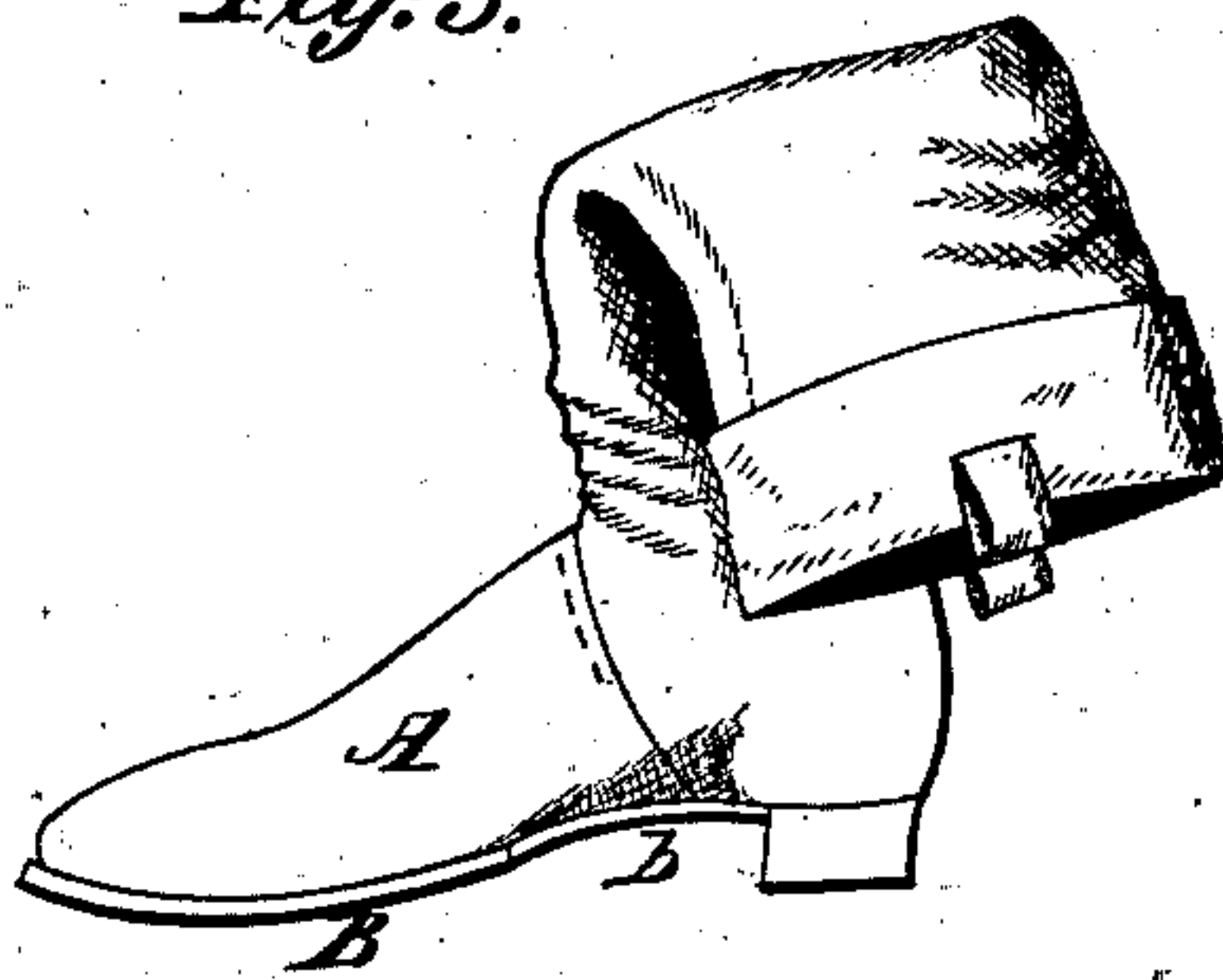


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FOXING AND SOLING BOOTS.

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, ALFRED G. SMITH, of Marathon, in the county of Cortland, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Method of Foxing or Fronting and Soling Boots, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional view of my invention,

Figure 2 is a bottom view of the same, and

Figure 3 shows it applied to a boot.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

The method of foxing boots heretofore has been to construct the foxing directly upon the boot to which it is to be applied.

My improvement consists in constructing foxings separately from the boot, and fitting them thereto after they are completed, which gives certain advantages over the old method, as hereinafter explained.

I construct my foxings A over a last, and give them a sole, B b, so that the old work to which they are applied is foxed and soled at the same time. A rubber band, c, fig. 1, is secured inside of the foxing at the instep, so that a tight joint is formed between its rear edge and the old work. The sole of the foxing is provided with several short screws d, for securing it to the boot. In applying it to a boot (or shoe,) the under sole of the boot is removed, and the foxing A B is then slipped on, and secured in place by the screws d. The foxing may be secured by pegging, if desired, but the screws d are all that are necessary.

The advantages of this method are, the foxings can be made with less labor over a last than they can on old work, and can also be made more true and perfect. Another advantage is, that they can be manufactured by the quantity, of different sizes, and kept on sale by the trade, the same as boots or shoes, and, when wanted, can be quickly furnished and fitted.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a foxing or fronting and soling for boots and shoes, constructed separately from the work to which it is to be applied, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 4th day of February, 1868.

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