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Shoe.

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Fig. 1.

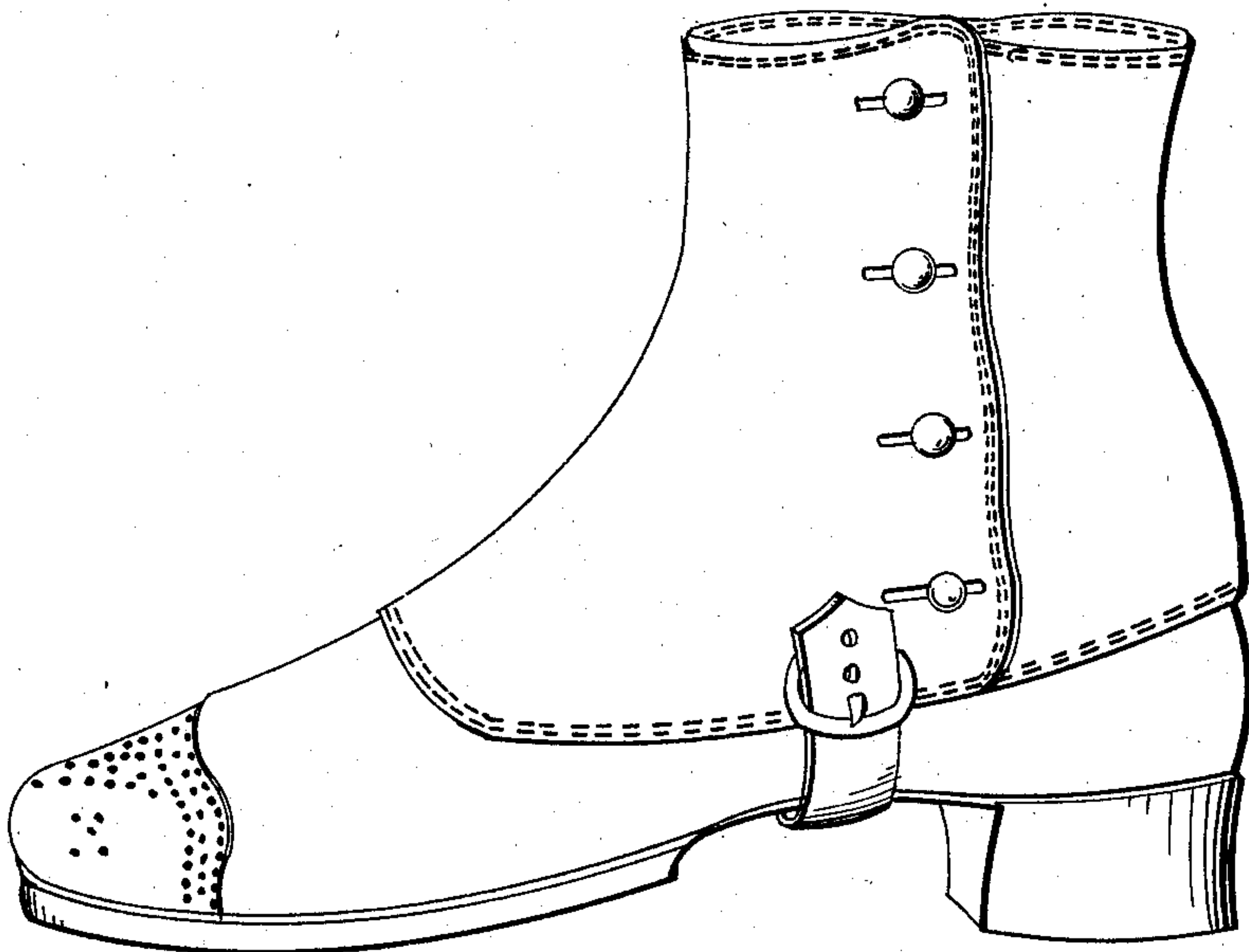
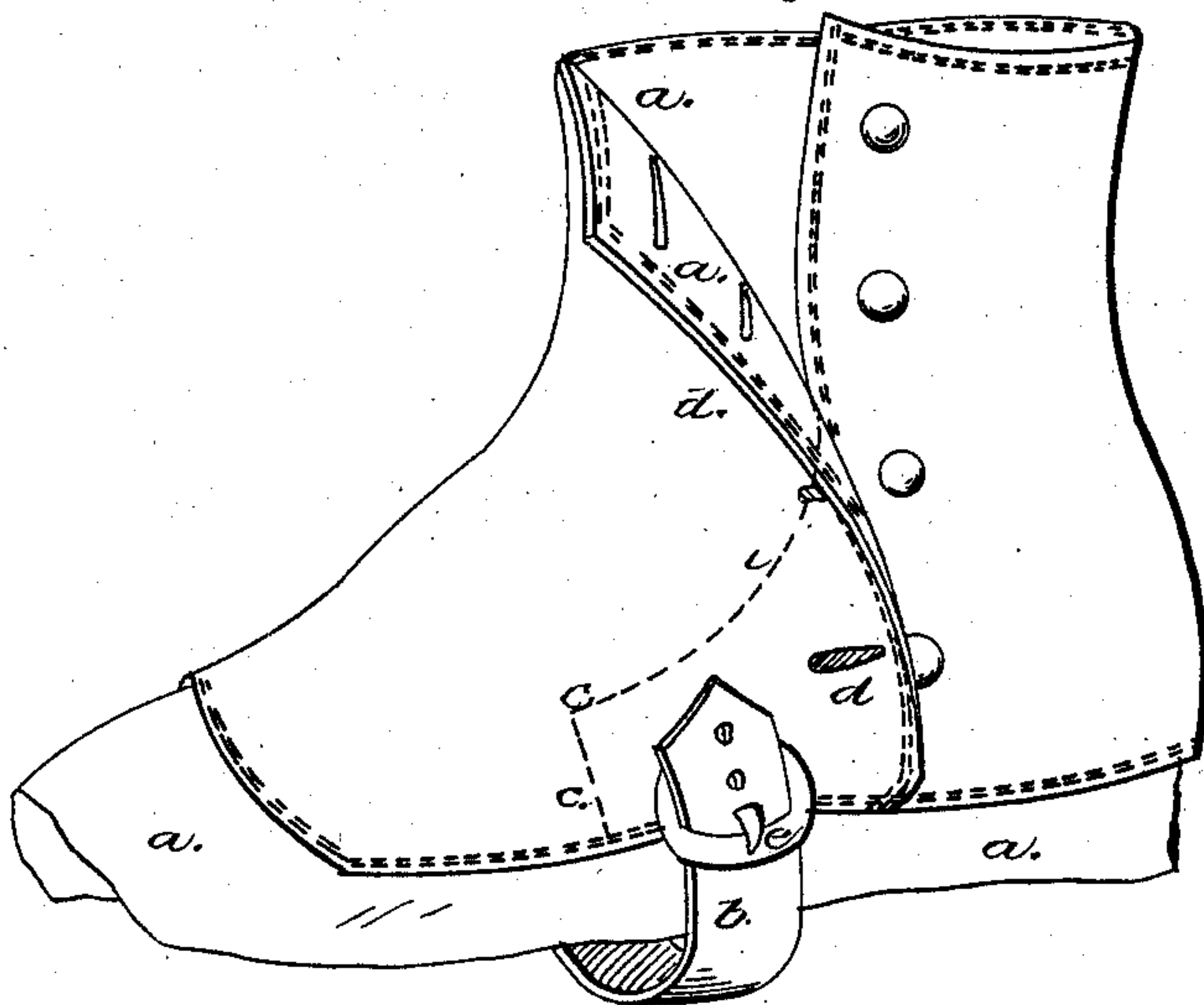


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

Be it known that I, FRANK T. FERGUSON, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Boot or Shoe, being an imitation of an English gaiter, as worn over a shoe or boot; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention consists in constructing and uniting together, in the manner hereinafter described, the parts which usually form the separate shoe and separate gaiter, so that they shall compose a single article, and yet have greater value and advantages, and be more economically made, than when made and worn separately; some of the advantages being the much greater ease and dispatch in putting on and taking off from the foot, the securing of a much neater fit, and the better preservation of the gaiter-part from strain and wear, relieving it from the pull of the strap which passes under the foot, and preventing its dropping down and chafing, or being trodden upon at the heel.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

Figure 1 represents my improvement, as it appears on the wearer's foot.

Figure 2 represents the same over-gaiter and a part of the lining, but not the shoe, the gaiter-part being shown unbuttoned partially at the side, and with a portion of the lining turned down to view.

This lining, both of the over-gaiter and of the shoe, is shown at *a*, and *b* is the strap, which is put on

simply to make more complete the resemblance to an over-gaiter, as usually worn.

The dotted line *c* shows the shape of the gaiter and lining under the fly *d*, the latter, when the gaiter is closed and in use, covering the part beneath, and lapping it, so as to keep out dust and water.

I prefer to make the over-gaiter open at its side, for, say, three inches or thereabout, as shown, and to attach the strap *b* to the fly by a buckle, *e*.

The over-gaiter, I fasten together by buttons and button-holes, springs, or other well-known contrivances, such as are used for ordinary gaiters.

I connect or fasten the over-gaiter and shoe together in the following manner:

The lining *a* extends all over the inside of both the gaiter and shoe, there being a continuous piece from the top of the gaiter to the toe of the shoe. The material, whether of leather or fabric, of which the upper or vamp of the shoe is made, extends between the gaiter and the lining *a*, and is fastened by stitches between the two, and so that the gaiter part shall be stitched at its edge to the outside of the shoe, and so that such stitching shall resemble the usual stitching on an ordinary removable gaiter.

I claim, as a new article of manufacture, the described imitation of an English over-gaiter and shoe, made in the manner set forth.

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