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Shoe Usher.
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Fig. 1.

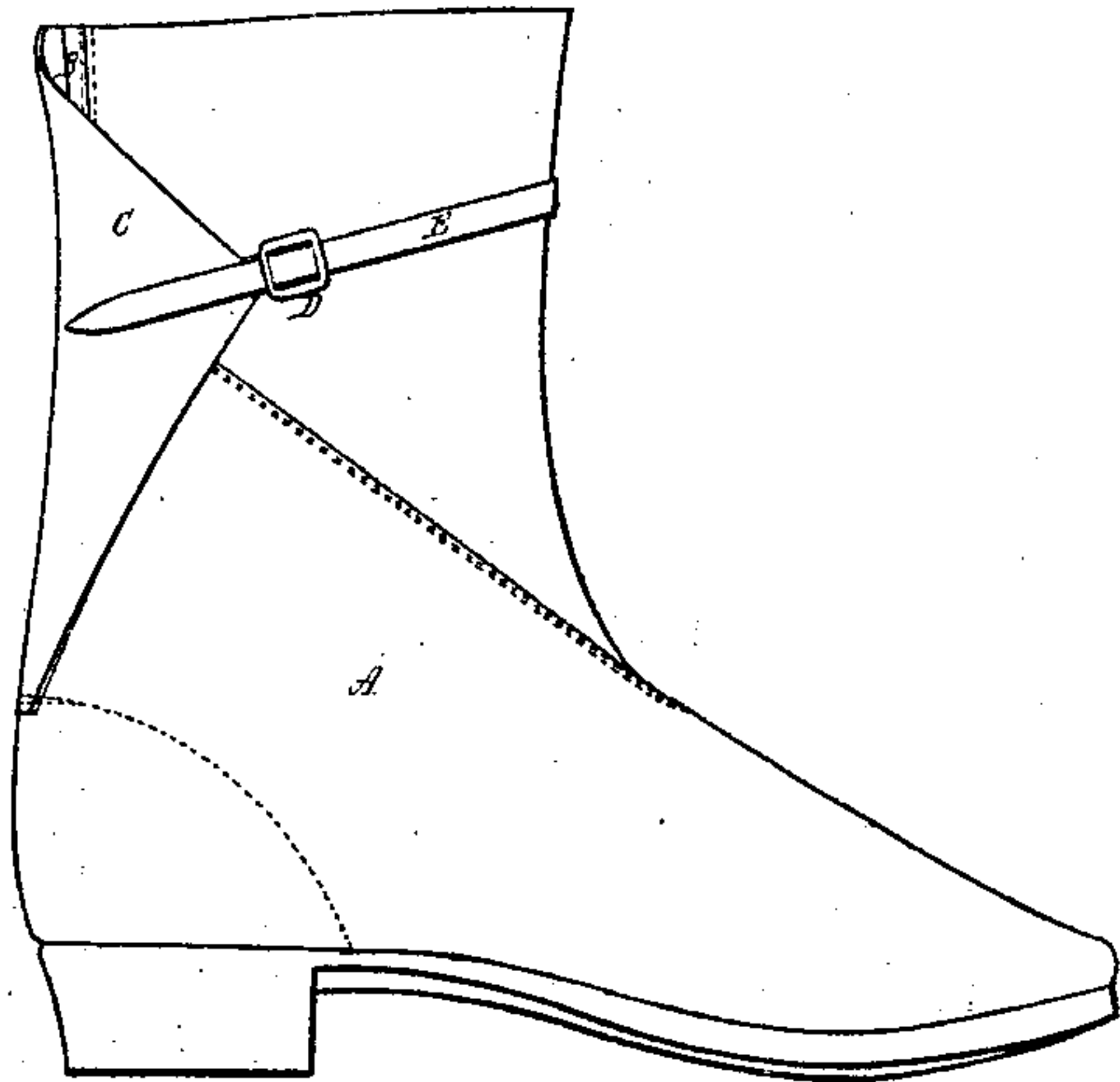


Fig. 2.

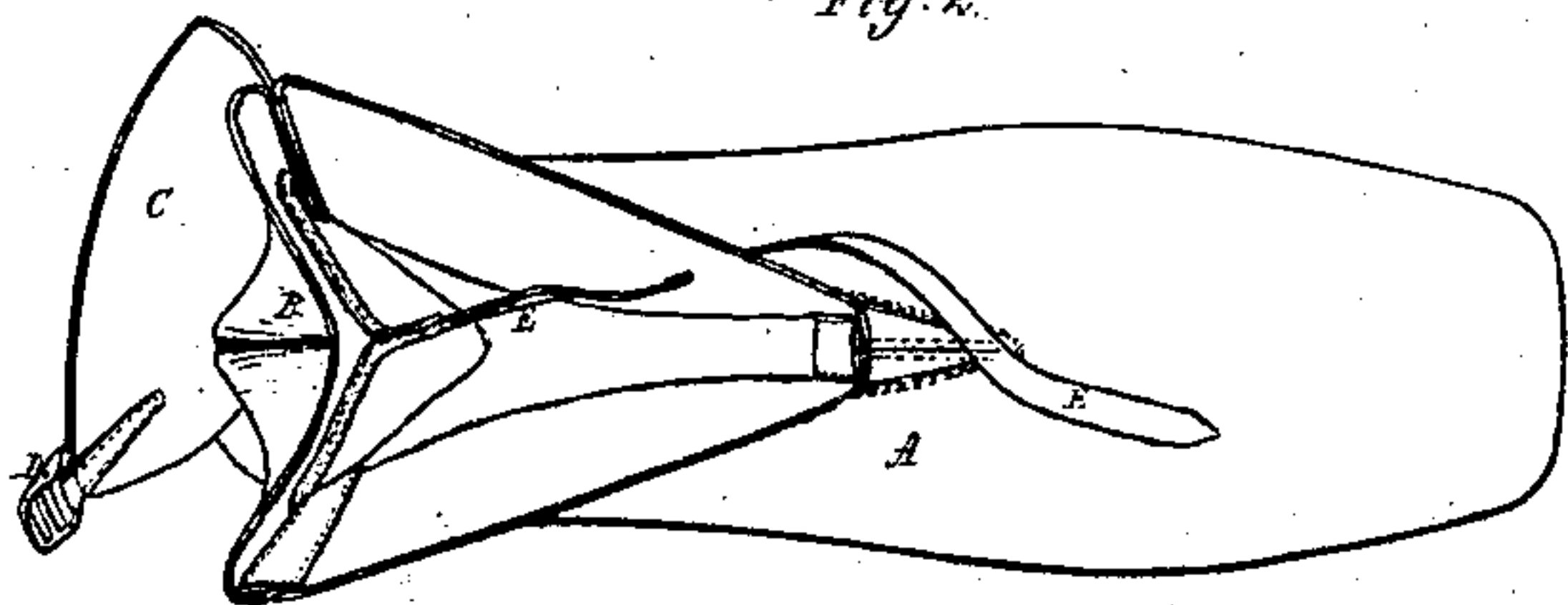


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVED SHOE.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **107,289**, dated September 13, 1870.

To all persons to whom these presents may come:

Be it known that I, JOEL PUTNAM, of Danvers, of the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shoes; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, of which—

Figure 1 is a side view of one of my improved shoes as closed. Fig. 2 is a top view, and Fig. 3 a side elevation, of it as open or ready for being drawn upon the foot of a person.

In carrying out the invention, I form the leg part of the vamp A with an opening at the back to receive a triangular gore, B, of leather or other proper material, and I form one side of the opening with or affix to it a fly or lap piece, C, to the free upper corner of which I fix a buckle, B, or other proper fastening. I also affix to the gore, at or near its middle and on its inner side, a strap, E, which I lead through a hole or slit made in one side of the leg part of the vamp, the strap being of sufficient length to be extended through the buckle. The gore, when the strap is unbuckled and the fly is free or loose, will enable the shoes to be applied to and drawn upon the foot of a person.

After it may have been so drawn on a foot

by pulling upon the strap, the gore will be drawn and doubled in against one side of the leg of the person, and the fly will be drawn over the gore-opening and about the leg, so as to cause the leg part of the vamp to fit closely to the leg of the wearer, the gore serving to keep water or other matters from getting into the leg of the shoe through the gore-opening.

I make no claim to the subject of United States Patent No. 59,399.

In my improved shoe the gore-strap is attached to the inner side and middle of the gore, and thence passes through an opening in the leg part of the vamp. This enables the gore to be drawn at its middle and folded by the strap, which will not be the case when a strap is fastened to one edge of the gore. Furthermore, besides the strap I have a separate fly to cover the gore.

I therefore claim—

In the shoe as made with the gore B at the back, the fly C and the separate strap E, as arranged with such gore and the upper, in manner as described.

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