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## IMPROVEMENT IN SHOES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. HALL, of Rising Sun, in the county of Ohio and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gaiters and Shoes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the gaiter with the strap unbuckled. Fig. 2 is a perspective view with the strap buckled. Figs. 3, 4, 5, and 6 are detail views of the several parts of my invention.

The nature of my invention consists in forming a gaiter so as to have no front seam or opening, the front being made of one piece from the counter forward, and dispensing with the use of springs and side gores. The back part, above the counter or heel-piece, is made of two pieces of leather, one of which has the extended strap for fastening the same in the buckle, causing it to fit snugly around the ankle and lapping over the inside piece; also, of a piece of elastic rubber placed behind and above the counter.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will describe its construction and use.

In Fig. 1, A is the rear piece, having the tongue which is intended to pass through the buckle for securely fastening the same around the ankle; B, the elastic rubber which surrounds the heel, and also assists it to fit the foot snugly; C, the inside rear piece of the gaiter. The rear pieces A and C are fastened in the inside of the counter, extending down to the heel. D is the counter or heel-piece. The rubber B is placed above and fastened to the counter D; also, it is attached to pieces A and C, and is intended to draw the gaiter snugly around the ankle, making a smooth

fit in front when the same is buckled on the foot; G, the front piece of the gaiter. The lower ends of the pieces A and C are sewed securely to the upper end of the counter D, and may be extended further down, if so desired. F is the strap or loop placed in the rear of the gaiter, and is sewed firmly to the counter piece D for the purpose of pulling the gaiter or shoe on the foot; F, the buckle.

In Fig. 2, A represents the tongue passing through the buckle and securely fastened. The same parts in this figure are designated by the same letters as in Fig. 1. Figs. 3, 4, 5, and 6 are detailed parts of the gaiter, and are designated by the same letters.

It will be seen that by my invention I am enabled to greatly save material, inasmuch as the rear or quarter pieces can be cut out of pieces which would be of no use if the quarter is made of one piece instead of two. Again, by forming the quarter of two pieces, it will be seen the gaiter is much easier put on and off, as the opening in the rear between the pieces readily admits the insertion of the foot.

Having thus described my invention, what I wish to claim and secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The pieces A and C having the form shown, when arranged with respect to the counter D and elastic gore B of a gaiter or shoe, as described, and for the purposes set forth.

2. The rubber elastic gore B, when placed between and on the inside of the pieces A and C, and arranged in relation to the vamp and quarter, substantially as described and for the purposes set forth.

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