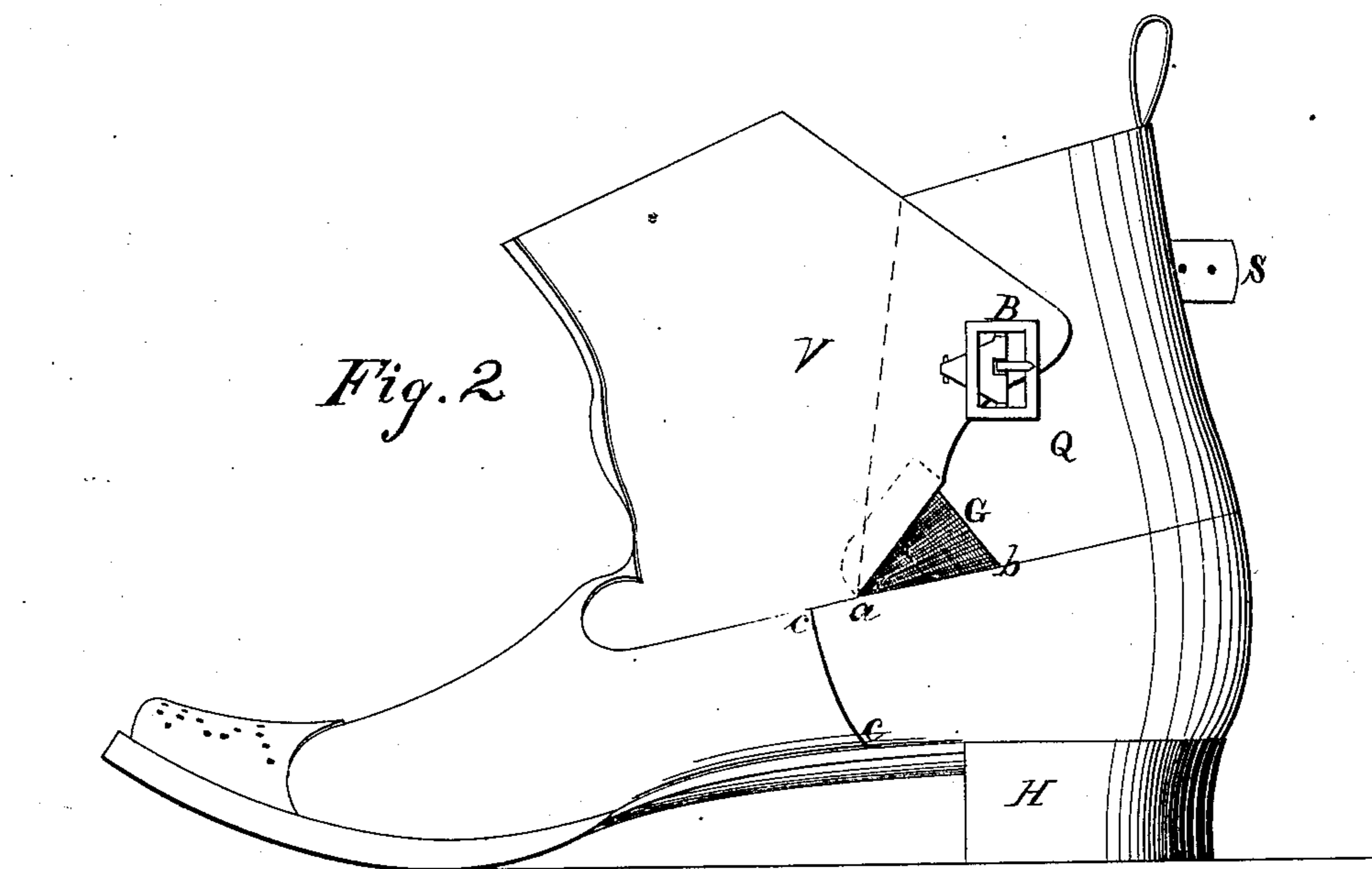
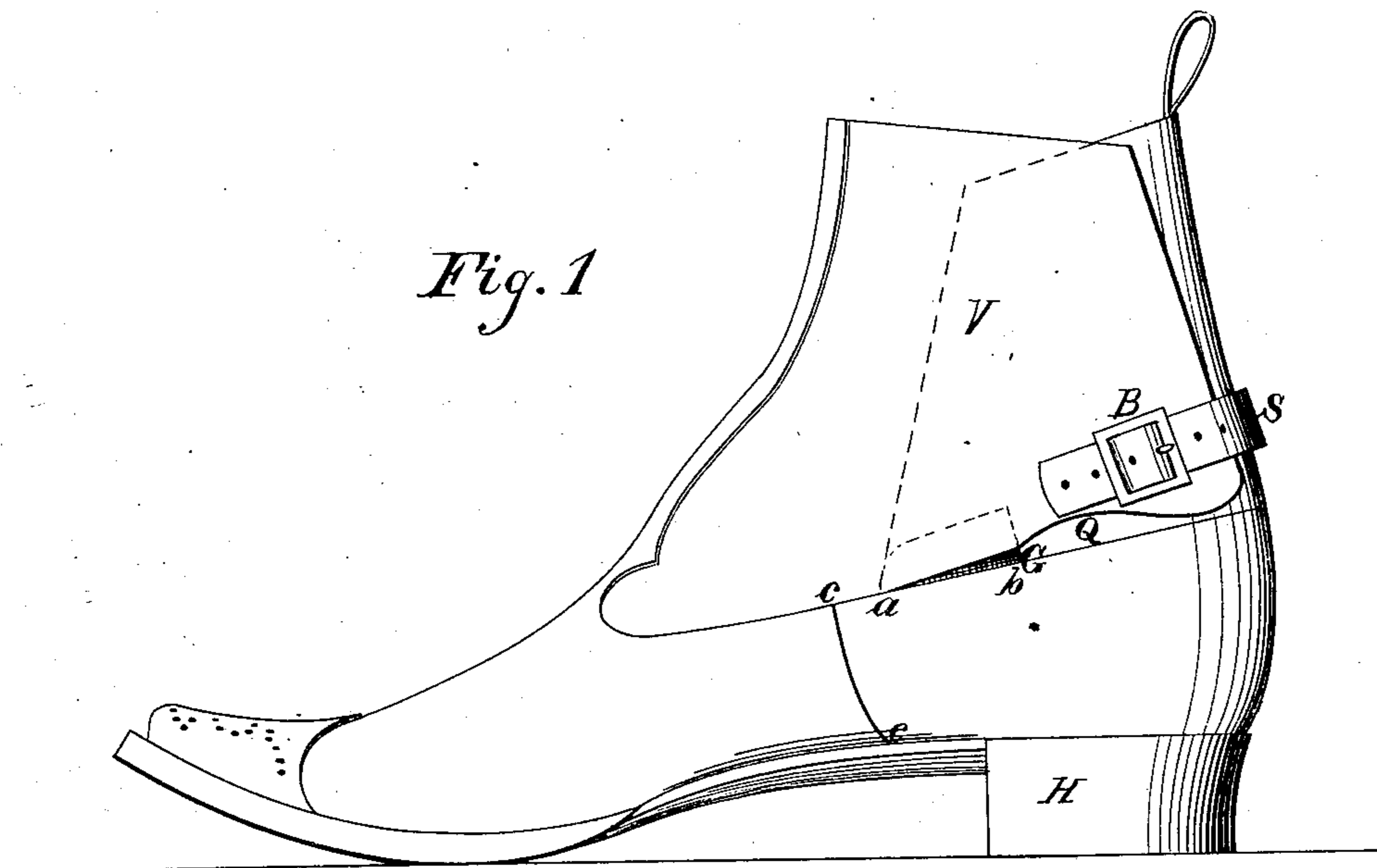


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## IMPROVEMENT IN GAITER BOOTS AND SHOES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **163,525**, dated May 18, 1875; application filed April 20, 1875.

*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. PUTNAM, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Gaiter Boots and Shoes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and correct description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved gaiter as it appears when strapped upon the foot, and Fig. 2 is a similar elevation of the same when opened to the position to receive the foot.

The same letter marks the same parts in both figures.

My invention relates to that class of shoes in which the front quarter or instep-piece overlaps the rear quarter and extends nearly to the back seam, and is fastened at the back by a strap or other suitable device; and consists in the insertion of an elastic gore in each side of the gaiter on the line of junction between the instep-piece and the upper or main portion of the shoe, the front edge of the gore coinciding with the point on which the instep-piece turns down to receive the foot, and the rear edge of the gore being nearly in a vertical line with the breast of the heel, the objects of the construction being to allow of the easy introduction of the foot, to secure a close and neat fit over the instep, avoiding the "squatting out" of the rear quarter, and to prevent the rear strap from riding up on the heel, all as hereinafter more particularly set forth.

The drawings represent a gaiter having the

instep-piece V, overlapping the quarter Q so far as nearly to reach the back seam of the shoe. It is fastened together behind by a strap, S, and buckle B. At the point of junction of the front quarter V with the upper on the sides of the shoe an elastic gore, G, is inserted, its rear edge *b* being nearly in a vertical line above the front face of the heel H of the shoe, preferably a little in rear of that line. The point *a* is fixed as far back as is consistent with the easy insertion of the foot into the shoe. The reaction of the elastic gore is but slightly inclined to a vertical line, and the tendency of the force exerted is to keep the front quarter in close contact with the instep, and to prevent the strap from rising on the back of the shoe.

I claim as my invention—

In combination with a gaiter having the front quarter overlapping the rear quarters, and fastened by an ankle-strap, as described, elastic gores G, inserted at or immediately back of the point of junction between the instep-piece and upper or main part of the shoe, and operating to produce a close fit over the instep, and to hold down the rear strap, in the manner set forth.

The above specification of my said invention signed and witnessed at Boston this 15th day of April, A. D. 1875.

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