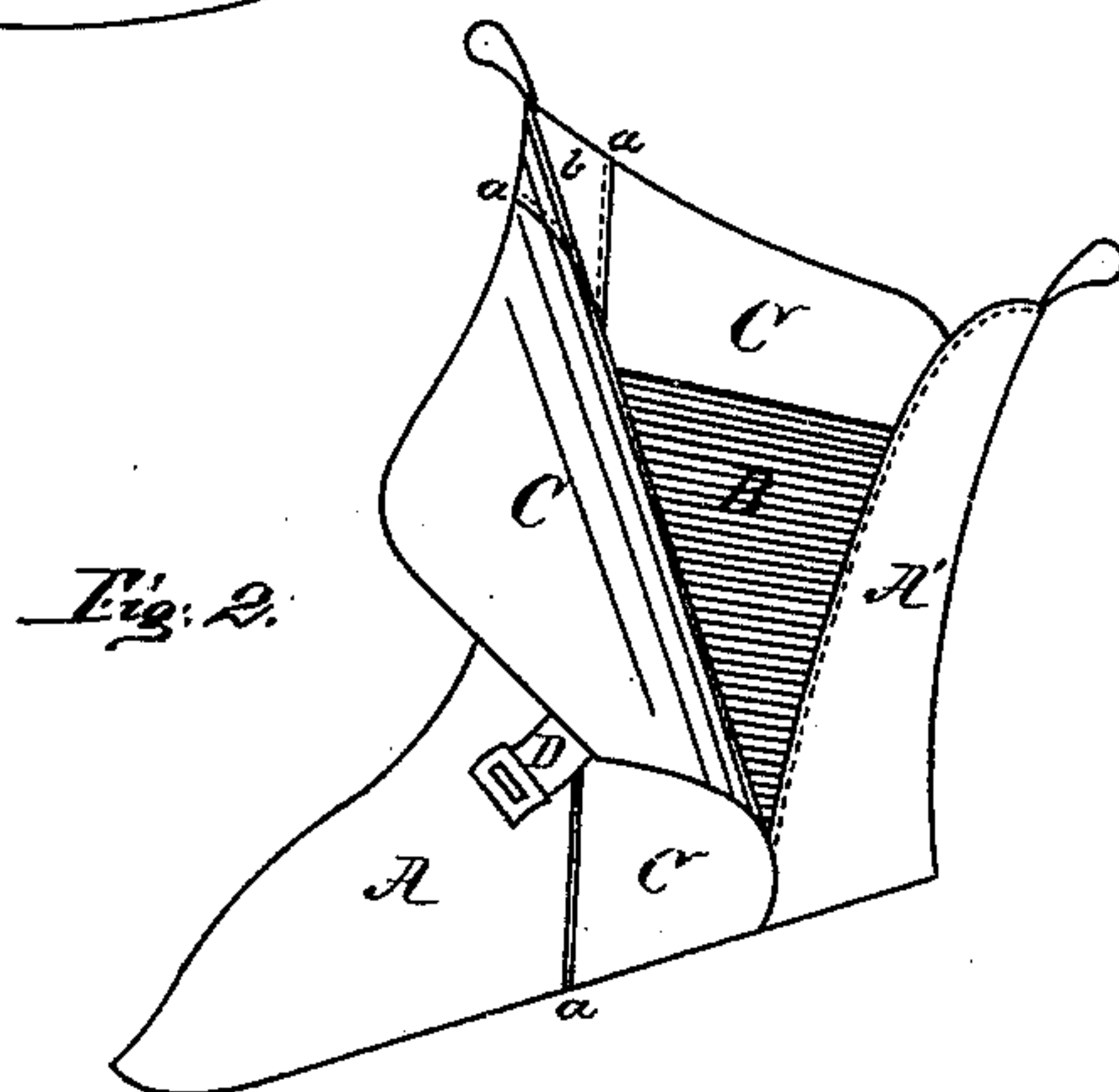
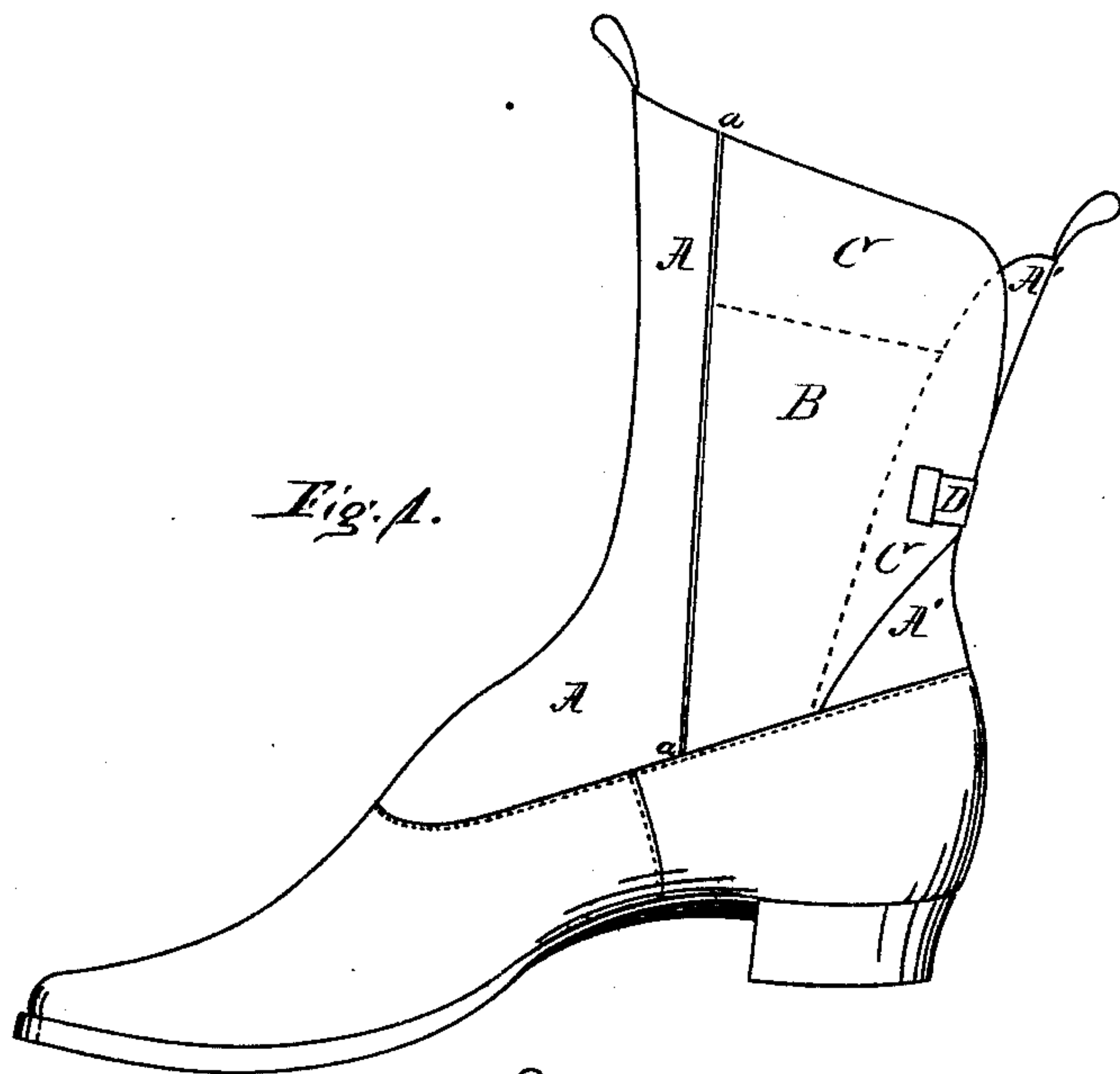


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IMPROVEMENT IN CONGRESS-GAITERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CYRUS LIBBY, of Chicago, State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Congress-Gaiters, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to that class of shoes in which the "top" or ankle portion is composed of front and back pieces joined by the insertion of elastic gores, one on each side, and known as congress-gaiters. It consists in extending the front ankle-piece from the seam joining it, with the gore backward, on each side, to form a lapel, overlying the gore, with the object of concealing and protecting the same, such lapels being formed and secured in a manner more specifically set forth below.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, Figure 1 shows a complete gaiter provided with the lapels fastened in place, and Fig. 2 shows the top only, with one lapel turned over toward the elastic gore.

The top consists of the usual front and back ankle-pieces A and A', joined by the elastic gores B B, which are seamed from top to bottom to A and A', as shown, and the lapels C C. These lapels may be of the same piece with A, or each may be a separate piece joined to the top at the seam uniting A and B. The lapels are held down over the gores mainly by seaming them in at the bottom with the gores. In addition to this fastening a single loop or strap, D, at the ankle-joint suffices to keep them in place. By reason of thus seaming the lapel in at the bottom it is necessary to make the counter foxing about half an inch lower than it is commonly made, in order that the gaiter may be drawn on the foot with ease. It is also desirable to this end, and in consequence of this seaming-in of the lapel, to cut the gaiter a quarter of an inch larger through the "heel." With these provisions the shoe will be drawn on without difficulty.

No method of employing elastic gores in

shoe-uppers effects so desirable results as that by which they are made to extend above the ankle-joint and are secured to both front and back ankle-pieces, as shown herein, forming the popular "congress" gaiter; but it is a serious fault with men's congress-gaiters (for which my construction is more especially designed) that the gores become unsightly and ineffective from the wear they receive at the ankle-joint by contact with the pantaloons. As it is impossible to repair them neatly, I have sought to prevent this wear, and thus remedy the fault, without modification of the general form of the shoe or the arrangement of the parts; moreover, showing no lacing or other attachment in front or at the side—portions of the upper most frequently exposed to view in a gentleman's gaiter. The gaiter provided with lapels, as above described, has very much the appearance of a boot.

In both these particulars the construction described and claimed is believed to possess important advantages over any other having the same end in view.

I do not claim a gore or gores of elastic material placed beneath the quarters of a shoe; but expressly limit myself to the addition of lapels to the top of a congress-gaiter covering the gores, and held in place in the manner set forth. In other words,

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

The combination with a congress-gaiter top, consisting of front and back ankle-pieces A and A' and the gores B B, connecting said ankle-pieces, of the lapels C C, joined to or continuous with A, seamed in with the gores at the bottom, and overlying the gores, for their concealment and protection, substantially as described and shown.

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