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Shoe.

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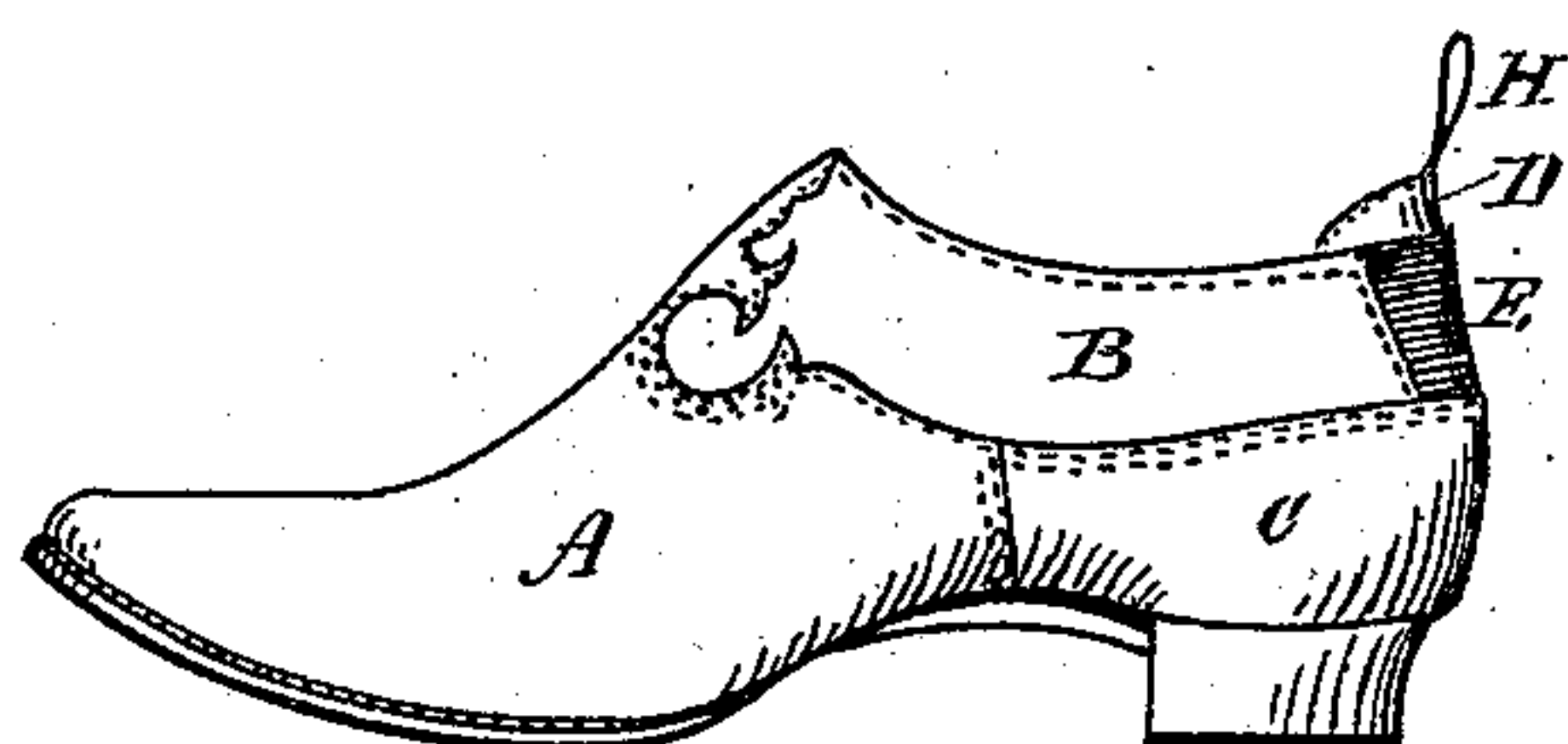


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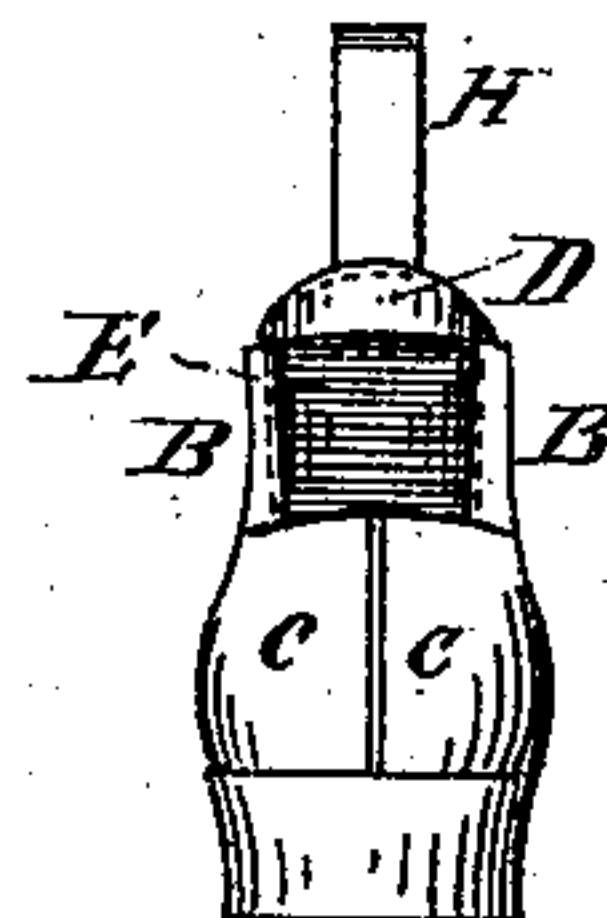


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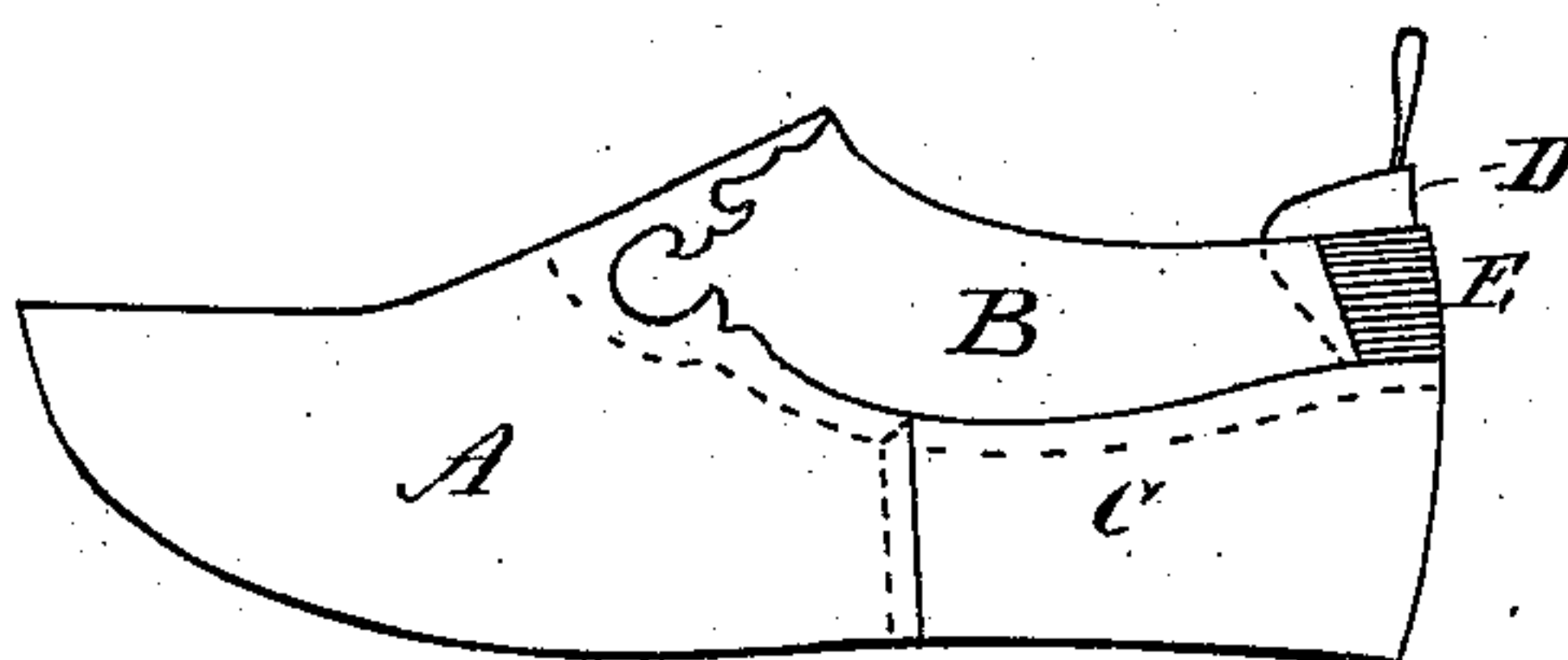


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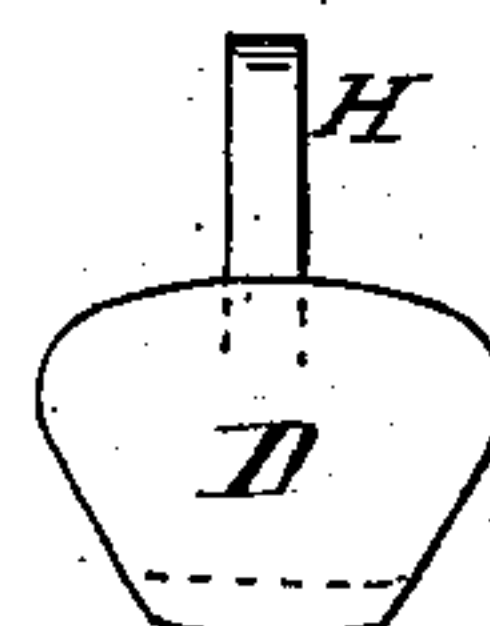
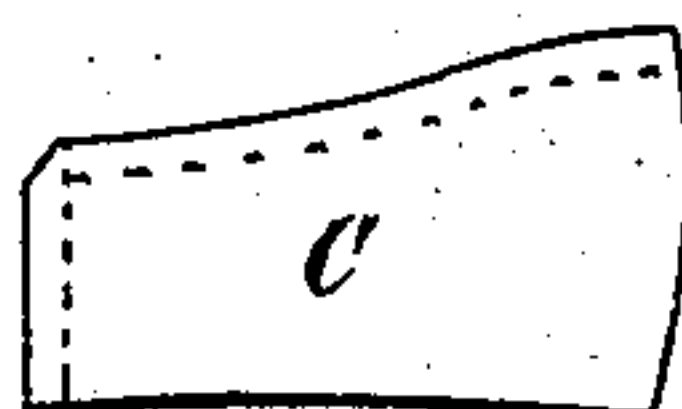
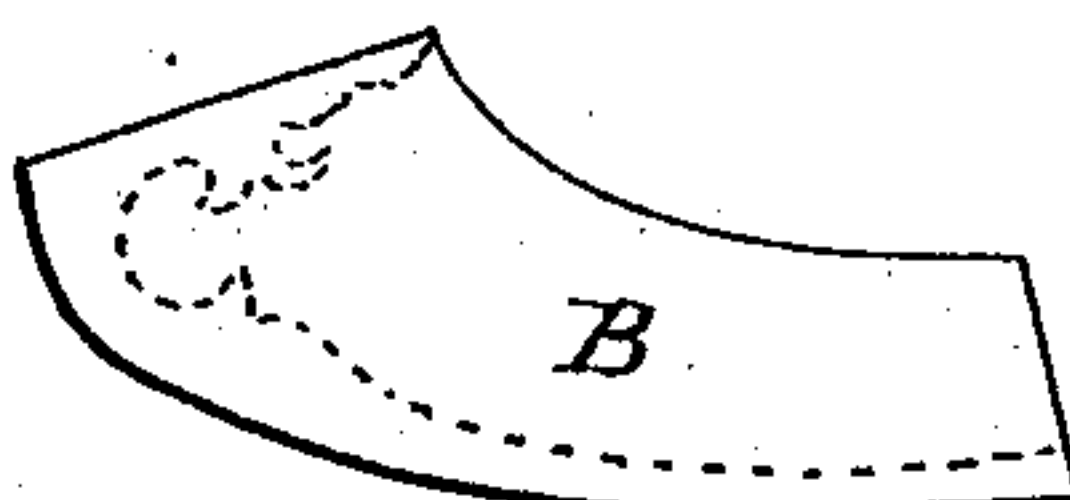
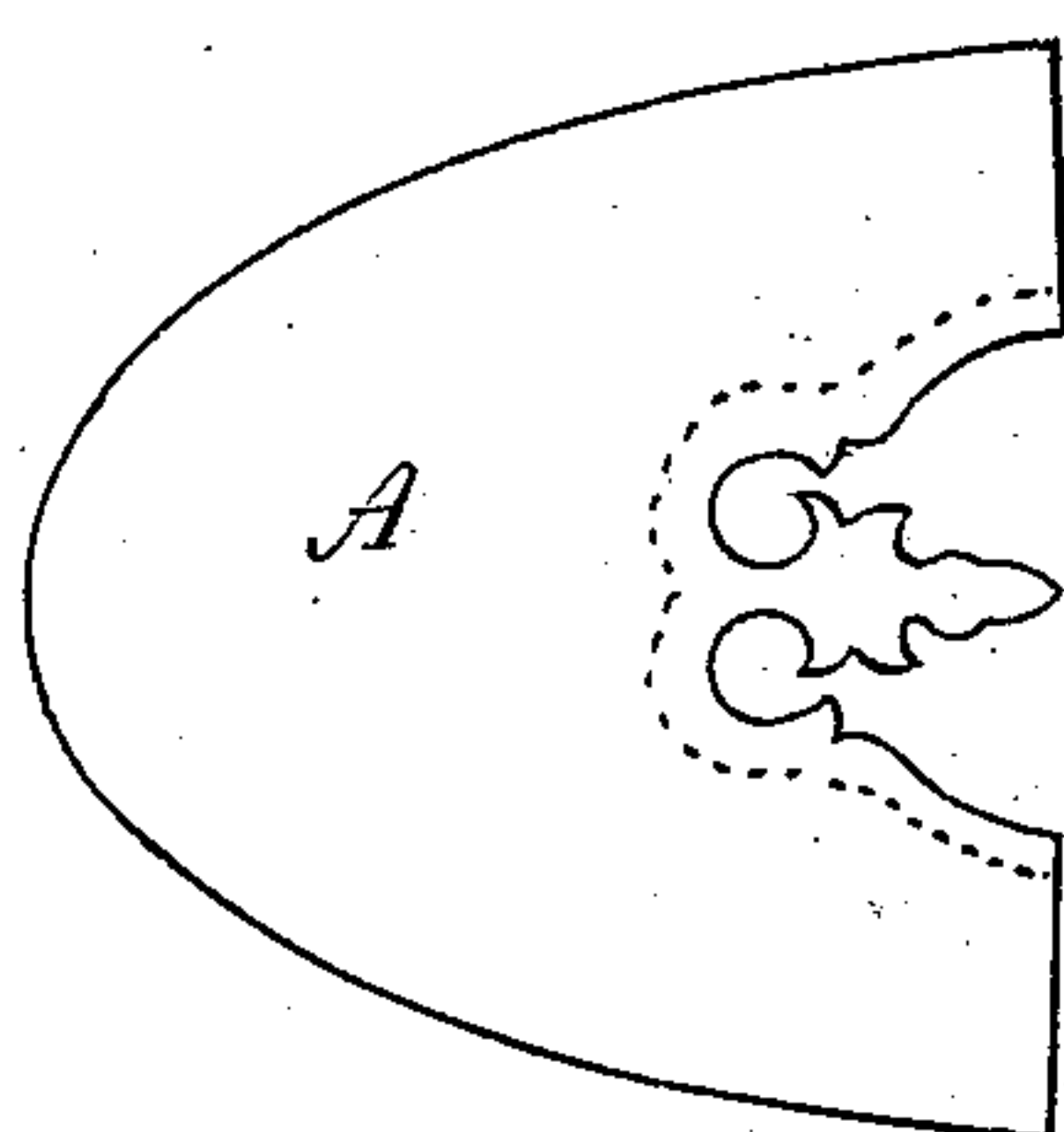


Fig. 4.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES F. EMERSON, of Wakefield, county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shoes, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view, and Fig. 2 a rear view, of a shoe embodying my invention. Fig. 3 is a side view of the upper before the sole is attached, and Fig. 4 shows the different parts.

My invention consists in a shoe in which the rear ends of the front quarters do not come together, and the space between them is occupied by an elastic gore, and also by an inner piece, the gore connecting the rear ends of the front quarters, and passing around and over the inner piece, as will now be more fully described.

A is the vamp, B B the front quarters, and C C are the back quarters. D is the piece which occupies the space between the rear ends of the front quarters, B B, but is not connected to the ends of these quarters. This piece is stitched on its lower side to the back quarters, C C, its purpose being to occupy the space between the rear ends of the front quarters, B B, thus protecting the inside of the elastic gore. E is an elastic gore, which also occupies the space between, and, in addition, connects together the ends of the front quar-

ters, B B. H is the strap by which the shoe is pulled on.

The piece D may be made, if desired, in one piece with the quarters C C—that is, one half of it be cut with one of these quarters, and the other half with the other; or the entire quarter may be cut in one piece, as is too well known to need further description.

The shoe thus made is very advantageous, from the fact that the elastic gore in this shoe is not so apt to be worn out by the trousers, or by the action of one foot against the other in walking, as it is in a shoe having the gores in the sides. The piece D protects the elastic on the inside, and also allows the foot to slip easily into the shoe, and protects the foot from the elastic.

My invention may be embodied in a high shoe coming up above the ankle, as well as a low shoe, as shown.

What I claim as my invention is—

The shoe constructed, substantially as described, with the space between the rear ends of the front quarters, B B, occupied by the piece D, and also by the elastic gore E, the gore connecting the front quarters, B B, and extending around and over the piece D, as and for the purpose specified.

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