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Figure 1.

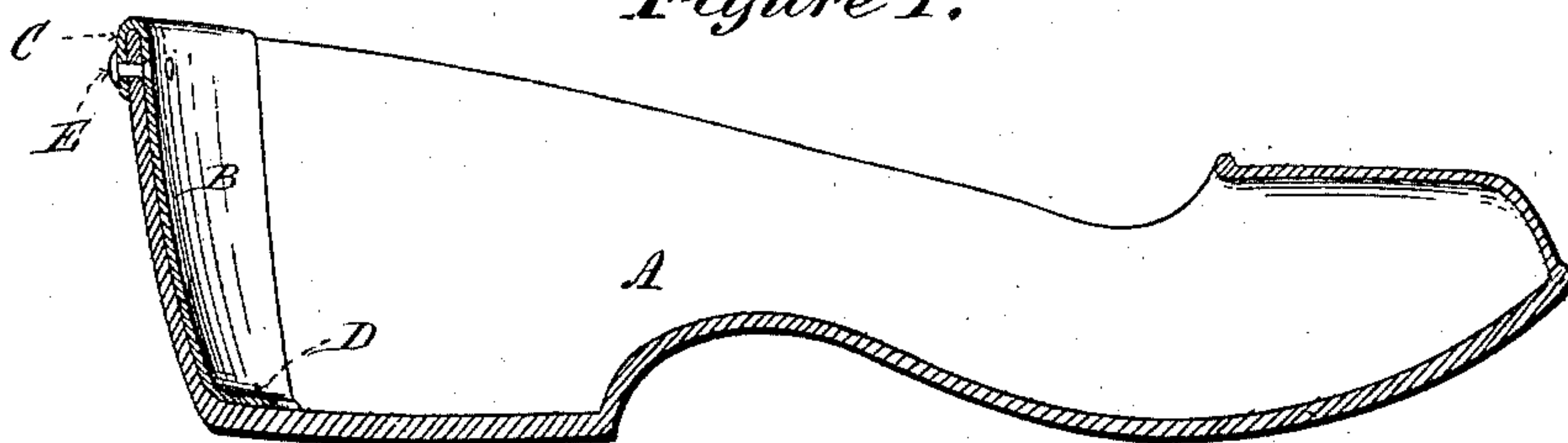


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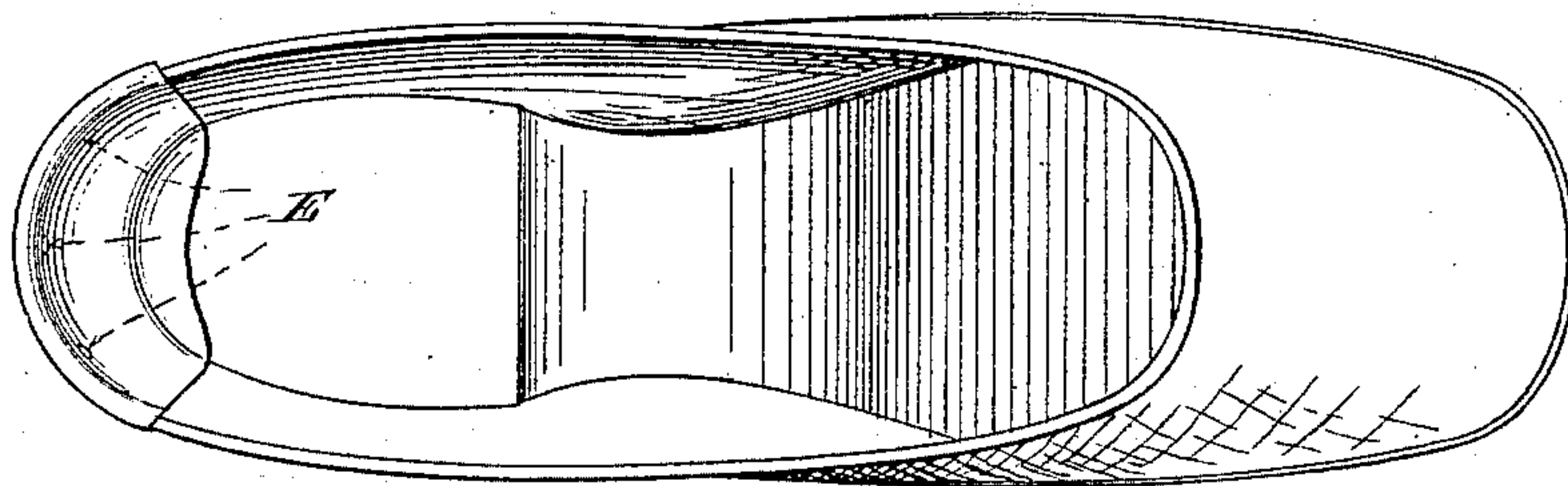


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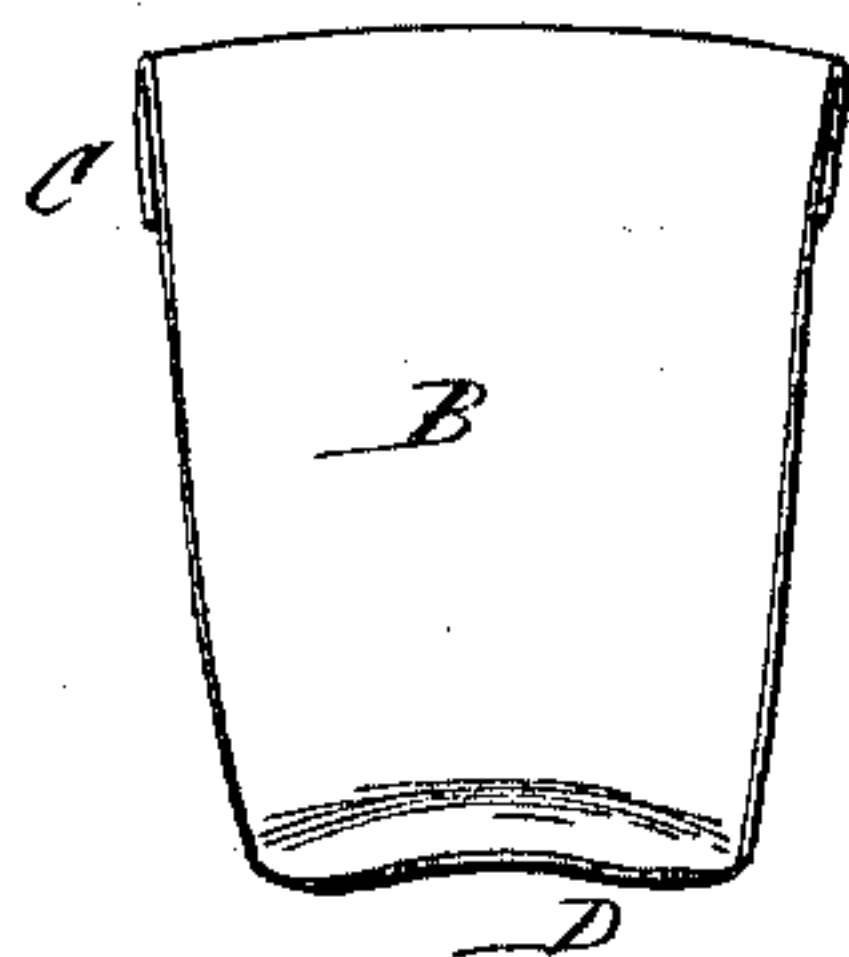
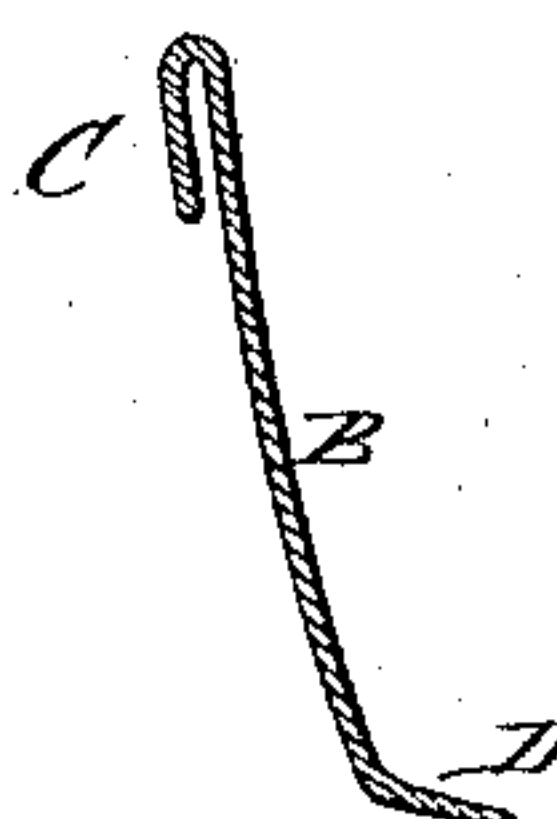


Figure 4.



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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, HILBORNE L. ROOSEVELT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Automatic Overshoes, of which the following is a full, true, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

It has been found very desirable to make an overshoe which could be put on the foot without the aid of the hand or hands of the wearer. By my invention an overshoe is made which is readily put in position by simply placing the foot of the wearer therein.

My invention will be readily understood from the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of a rubber shoe, showing my improvement. Fig. 2 is a plan; Fig. 3, a face view of the stiffening-plate, and Fig. 4 a view showing said plate in section.

A represents an overshoe, which may be of rubber or other suitable material, and may, if desired, be lined. At the heel of the shoe is placed the stiffening and guiding metallic plate B. This plate is shaped to the heel of the shoe to conform to and be in contact therewith throughout its whole extent, as clearly shown, the lower part projecting along the bottom of the shoe, and the upper part forming a loop or fold over the upper edge of the material, thereby protecting the same. This loop may be fastened by rivets E. The metal surface, being smooth, presents but little hinder-

ance to the slipping of the heel into the shoe, and by its peculiar outward curve the foot of the wearer is readily guided to the proper position.

I am aware that a rubber shoe has been provided at its heel with a metal bar, secured thereto by passing a prong of the bar through the heel, the bar being provided with an upwardly-turned strap at its base, which, when pressed upon by the foot, throws the heel of the rubber inward, the purpose of the bar being to prevent the rubber heel from slipping down and from around the inside shoe-heel; but my invention differs materially therefrom, and, having fully described it,

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

1. The combination, in an overshoe, of the metallic plate B, shaped to conform to the heel of the shoe and be in contact therewith throughout its whole extent, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, in an overshoe, of the metal plate B, shaped to conform to the heel of the shoe and be in contact therewith throughout its whole extent, and having the portion C folded over the top edge of the shoe to protect the same, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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