

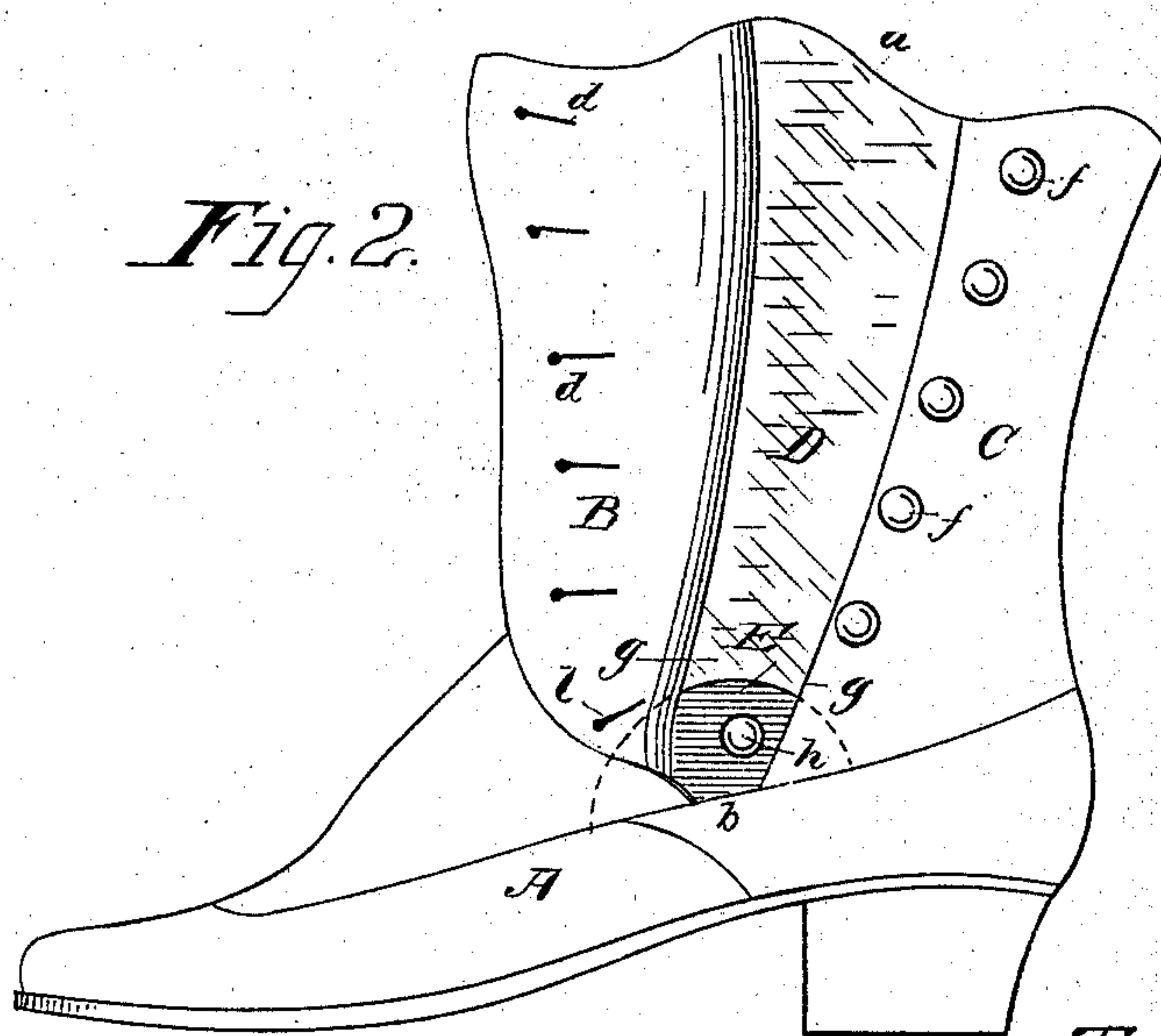
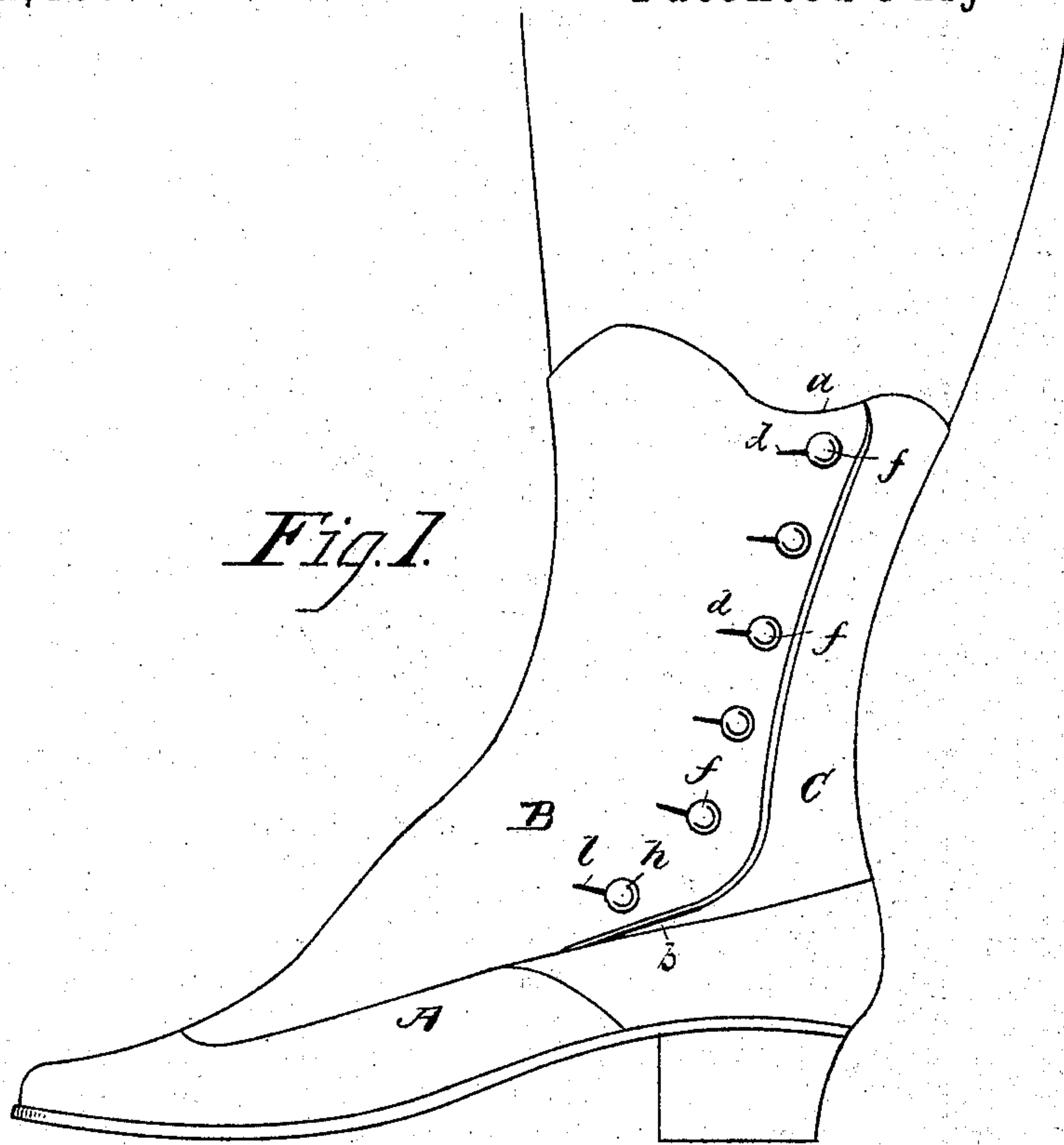
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, TOBIAS P. MITCHELL, of Haverhill, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boots or Shoes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists of a boot or shoe having an opening in the upper, preferably at the side, adapted to be fastened by buttons or studs, and having an intermediate quarter or piece at such opening arranged to be buttoned to one of said parts, whereby dust and dirt are prevented from entering said opening, all substantially as hereinafter fully described.

In the accompanying plate of drawings this invention is illustrated, Figure 1 showing a boot in side view as buttoned and closed, and Fig. 2 shows the boot in side view as unbuttoned and opened, it being ready to be put on or taken off the foot.

In the drawings, A represents the vamp, and B and C, respectively, the front and hind quarters of a boot or shoe constructed and arranged in any of the usual ways of making boots or shoes. The boot is open at one side from the top *a* to the vamp A at *b*, and at such opening D the front quarter is of sufficient width to lap over said opening, and by its button-holes *d* be fastened to the buttons *f* on the hind quarter C, and when so buttoned close up the opening D, as usual.

At the lower part of the opening D, between the front and hind quarters B C, is an intermediate quarter or piece, E, attached to the vamp inside of the boot and extending beyond each edge *g* of the front and hind quarters, provided with a button or stud *h*, to which the

front quarter, when buttoned to the hind quarter, can be fastened by its button-hole *l*.

A boot having an intermediate quarter or piece, E, at the opening between the front and hind quarters, and to which the front quarter is buttoned, as described, is very desirable, as it serves to prevent the entrance at the lower part of the opening of dirt or foreign substance to soil the stocking or injure the foot in any way, as is apt to be the case where such is not used, and the front quarter is buttoned to the hind quarter the whole length. This intermediate quarter or piece can extend up higher and have more than one button or stud on it to be buttoned to the quarter, but, as shown, is sufficient for all practical purposes, and the opening can be at either side or the front of the boot.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a side-fastened boot or shoe having front and hind quarters, B and C, one of which is provided with buttons or studs, and an intermediate quarter or piece, E, secured to the vamp between the two quarters at their junction with the vamp, and adapted to be buttoned to the front quarter, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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