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Fig. 1.

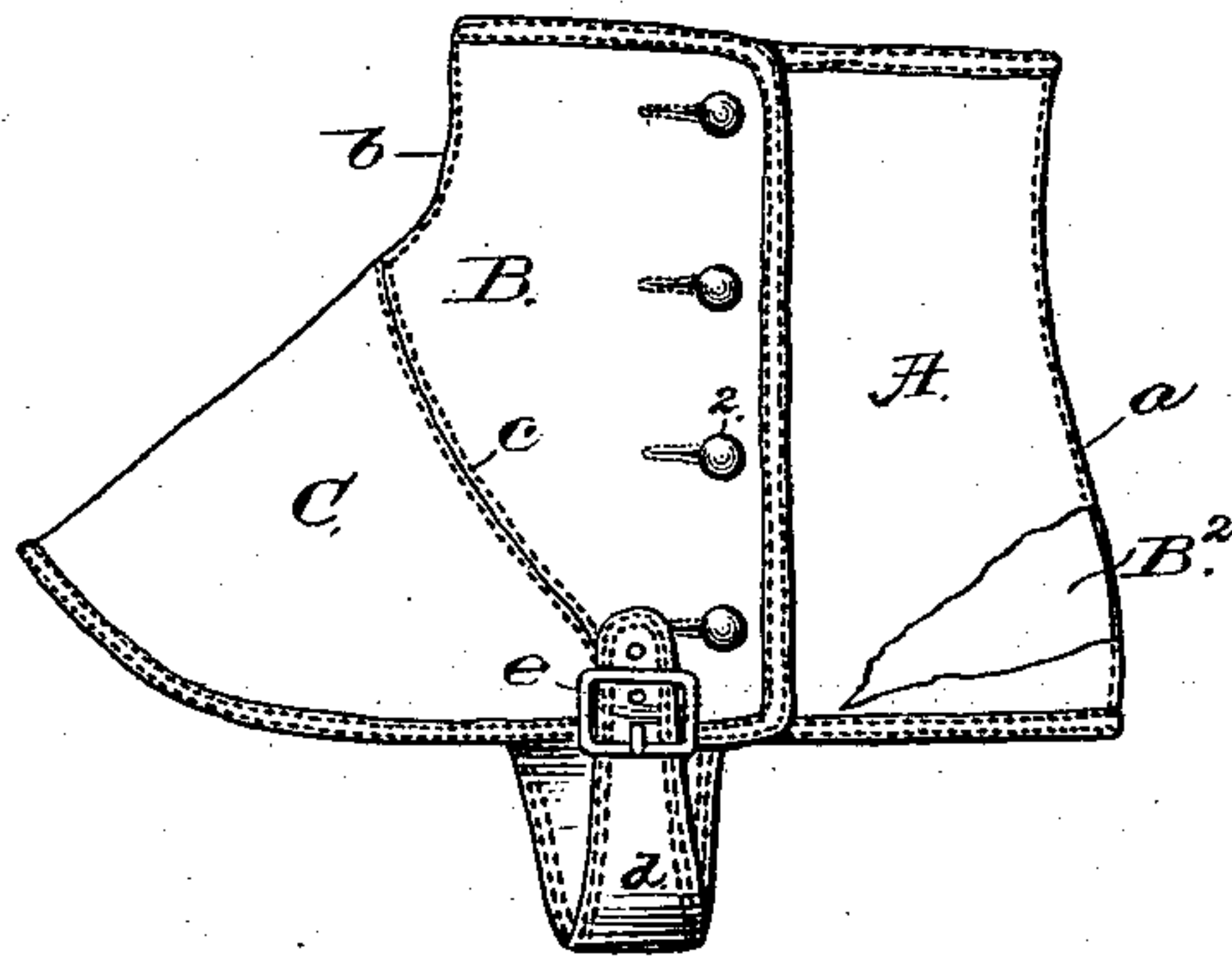
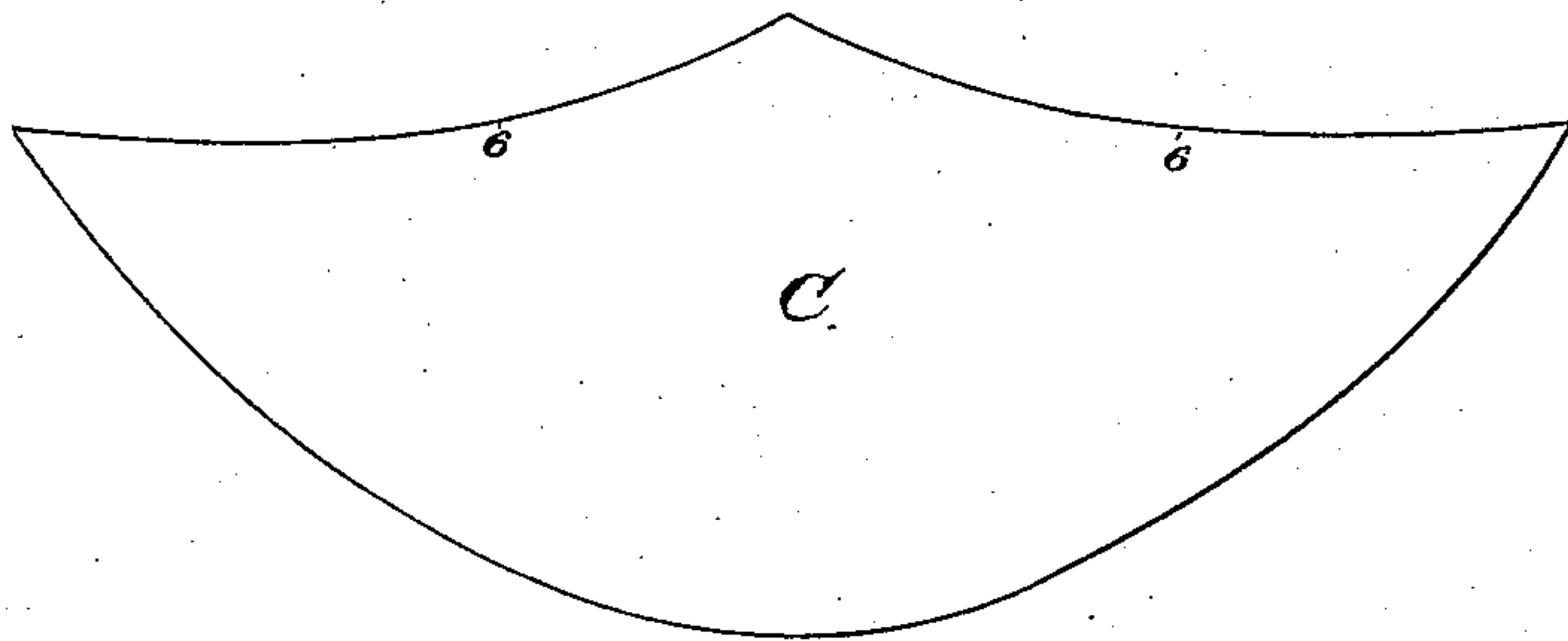


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDMUND COWAN, of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Overgaiters, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object to construct an overgaiter which will perfectly fit the instep and waist portions of a shoe, and retain its position when being worn.

Ordinary overgaiters known to me contain seams from the top of the gaiter to the lower edge of the vamp parallel with the length of the shoe, and in practice they fail to cling closely to the shoe or foot.

In accordance with this invention the vamp is preferably cut in a single piece and provided with curved edges, to which are united quarter-pieces by any usual seam, as in ordinary "vamping," the quarter-pieces having attached at their lower edges straps which pass beneath the shank of the shoe to fasten the overgaiter to the shoe, all as will be herein-after more fully described.

Figure 1 represents in side elevation an overgaiter embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 a plan view of the vamp detached.

The quarter-piece A, cut of any suitable size and preferably from cloth, is provided with buttons 2, or other suitable fastenings, by means of which it is connected with a button-piece, B. The quarter-piece A and button-piece B are united to a quarter-piece, B², of a size corresponding with the quarter-piece A and button-piece B combined, by a heel-seam, *a*, and a front seam, *b*.

The vamp C, preferably formed in one piece, as shown in plan view, Fig. 2, and having edges 6 6, which are more or less curved, as desired, according to the formation of the foot, is united to the connected quarter-piece B² and the button-piece B by a seam, *c*, and when suitably formed (see Fig. 1) the seam *c* extends diagonally from the top of the instep portion to the shank.

To the lower edges of the overgaiter thus formed, at the shank portion, is attached a strap, *d*, with a buckle, *e*, which, upon applying the overgaiter to a boot or shoe of ordi-

nary construction, passes beneath the shank thereof and serves to secure the overgaiter to the boot or shoe.

The overgaiter is preferably lined and stayed in any usual manner, and bound or provided with a double-stitched edge, as shown in Fig. 1.

By the employment of a vamp provided with the curved edges herein described, and preferably formed in one piece, the draft is brought both from the toe portion of the vamp and from the top of the instep to the strap *d*, which latter, upon being drawn taut, fits the overgaiter snugly about the top portion of the boot or shoe and covers the instep and waist portions, tending to draw the toe portion of the vamp snugly down upon the boot or shoe, insuring a perfect fit and obviating all tendency of its lower edge becoming turned or rolled up.

I am aware that moccasins, &c., have been provided with a vamp formed from a single piece; but I am not aware than an overgaiter has ever been provided with a vamp formed from a single piece and cut from a pattern having curved edges, as herein described, whereby the draft is brought from both the toe and instep portions to a common center, at which point the fastening is applied.

It is obvious that any other suitable fastening may be substituted for the strap and buckle; but such I prefer to use for cheapness and durability. It is also obvious that the vamp C may be made from two or more pieces without departing from my invention; but by employing a single piece, dust, &c., cannot accumulate at the seam tending to deface it, and a much neater appearance is rendered, and fitting as it does, snugly about the shoe appears to form a part thereof.

I claim—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, an overgaiter consisting of two quarter-pieces united by a heel-seam, *a*, a button-piece, B, united to one of the said quarter-pieces by a seam, *b*, a vamp, C, formed in one piece and of a shape substantially as described, united to one of the quarter-pieces and to the button-piece B by a seam extending diagonally in a curve from the instep portion to the shank, and a strap attached to the lower edges of

the overgaiter at the ends of the seam *c*, all substantially as shown, and for the purposes set forth.

2. In an overgaiter, the quarter-pieces A B²,
5 and button-piece B, connected therewith, combined with a vamp, C, having curved edges 6
6, and attached to the said quarter-pieces and button-piece, and a strap and buckle attached
to the overgaiter at the ends of the seam *c*,
10 substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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