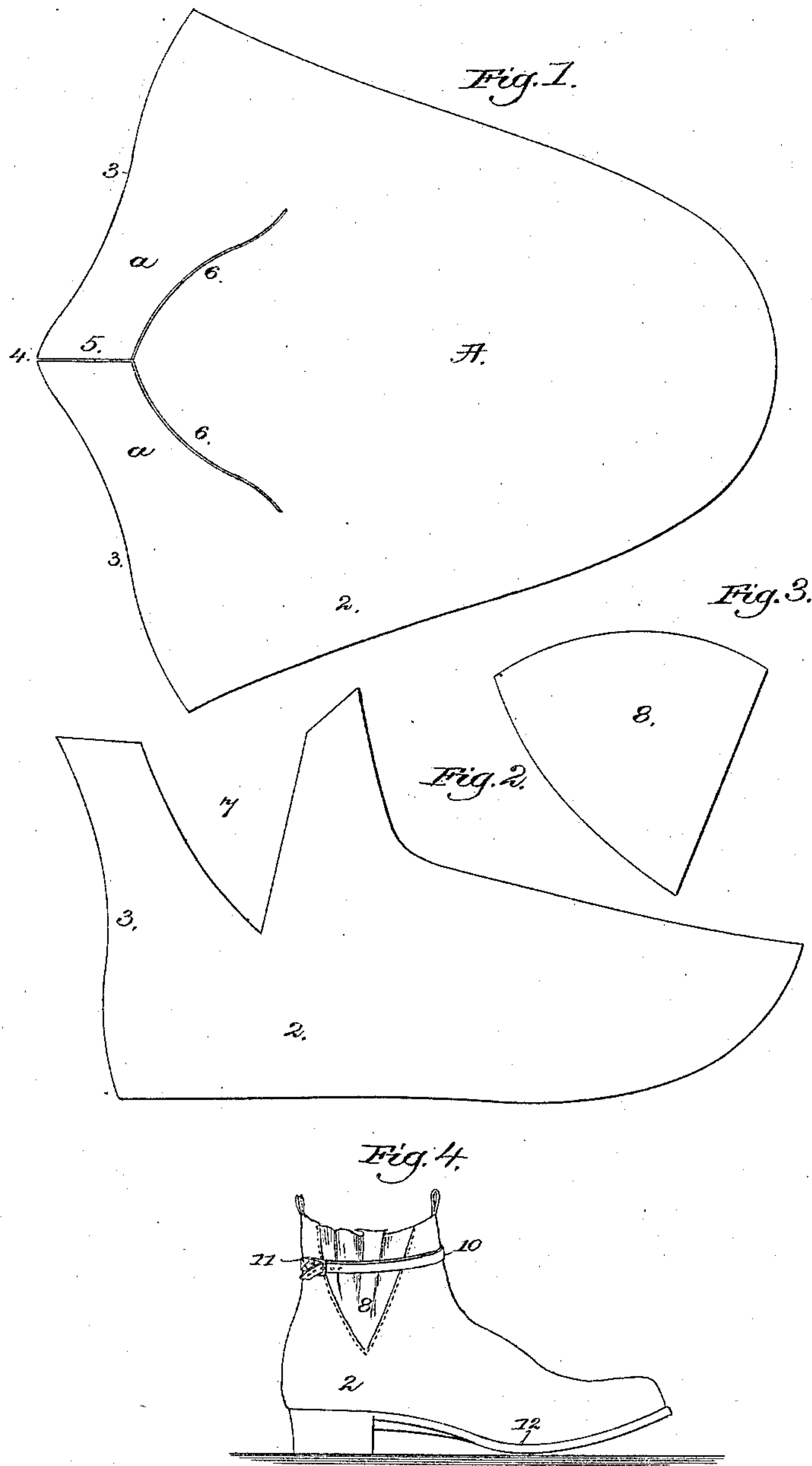


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SÖREN C. K. BÖHM, of South Natick, county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Shoes, 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 a high-cut shoe, in which the upper, formed from a single piece of leather, is cut in accordance with the pattern to be hereinafter described, the object being to save both stock and labor.

The invention consists in a high-cut shoe consisting of the usual bottom or sole and an upper attached thereto, the latter comprising a single piece of leather cut from a pattern of the shape shown, having a slit extending inward from one edge, and having two oppositely-extended curved slits leading therefrom at an angle, which, when the upper is crimped and the rear edges brought together to form the heel-seam, leaves an opening at the top of the shoe in which, at each side, is placed a V-shaped piece of leather or goring.

Figure 1 shows in plan view a piece of leather cut out by the aid of a pattern of like shape, the said piece of leather forming the upper for one shoe; Fig. 2, the upper after being crimped; Fig. 3, one of the V-shaped pieces to be fitted into the upper to complete the latter, and Fig. 4 a side elevation of a shoe made in accordance with this invention.

The pattern A is of suitable contour from which an upper for a high-cut shoe may be cut, said upper comprising a vamp which extends rearward to the heel portion, as at 2, and a quarter, *a*, integral therewith, the two adjacent edges 3 3, which, when brought together, will form the heel, the said edges 3 3 extending in opposite directions from a common center, 4.

The leather or other material cut into the shape shown at A has a straight slit, 5, extending inward from the junction of the two adjacent edges 3 3 for a short distance, and leading therefrom in opposite directions are curved slits 6 6, which, when the upper is

crimped, leave a V-shaped opening, 7, (see Fig. 2,) at both sides of the shoe at the ankle, and together with the slit 5 form the usual opening at the top of the shoe. After the upper has been suitably crimped the edges 3 3 are brought together to form the heel-seam, and V-shaped pieces of leather 8 (see Fig. 3) are fitted into the V-shaped openings 7.

A strap, 10, provided with a buckle, 11, is secured to the heel portion at the top, which passes around the top portion of the shoe for fastening the same to the foot of the wearer, and the upper when thus completed is attached to a bottom or sole, 12, in any usual manner.

It is obvious that the V-shaped opening 7 may be fitted with usual elastic goring, thus dispensing with the strap.

It will be seen that with an upper of the shape shown and provided with slits leading into it, as described, a high-cut shoe may be made, openings being left at opposite sides at the ankles to permit the insertion of a supplementary piece of leather or a goring, thus leaving sufficient room at the ankles to prevent rubbing, which frequently follows with stiff and coarse stock.

The pattern is of such shape that when cut from ordinary run of stock little or no waste will occur and the shoe may be easily and cheaply made.

I am aware that a low-cut gaiter has been made, the upper of which was cut from a single piece of leather, and openings left in the upper, which, when the latter was crimped, left spaces for the insertion of goring at the instep portion, thus permitting a yielding strain over the instep; but such I do not herein claim, as a high-cut shoe could not be made therefrom.

I claim—

1. A high-cut shoe composed of a bottom or sole and an upper attached thereto, said upper comprising in one piece a vamp and quarter seamed at the heel, and V-shaped pieces 8 set into slitted openings at the ankle portions, in the manner substantially as described.

2. A high-cut shoe composed of a bottom or sole and a crimped upper attached thereto, said upper comprising in one piece a vamp and quarter seamed at the heel, and V-shaped
5 pieces 8 set into the slitted openings at the ankle portion, and the strap 10, all 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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