

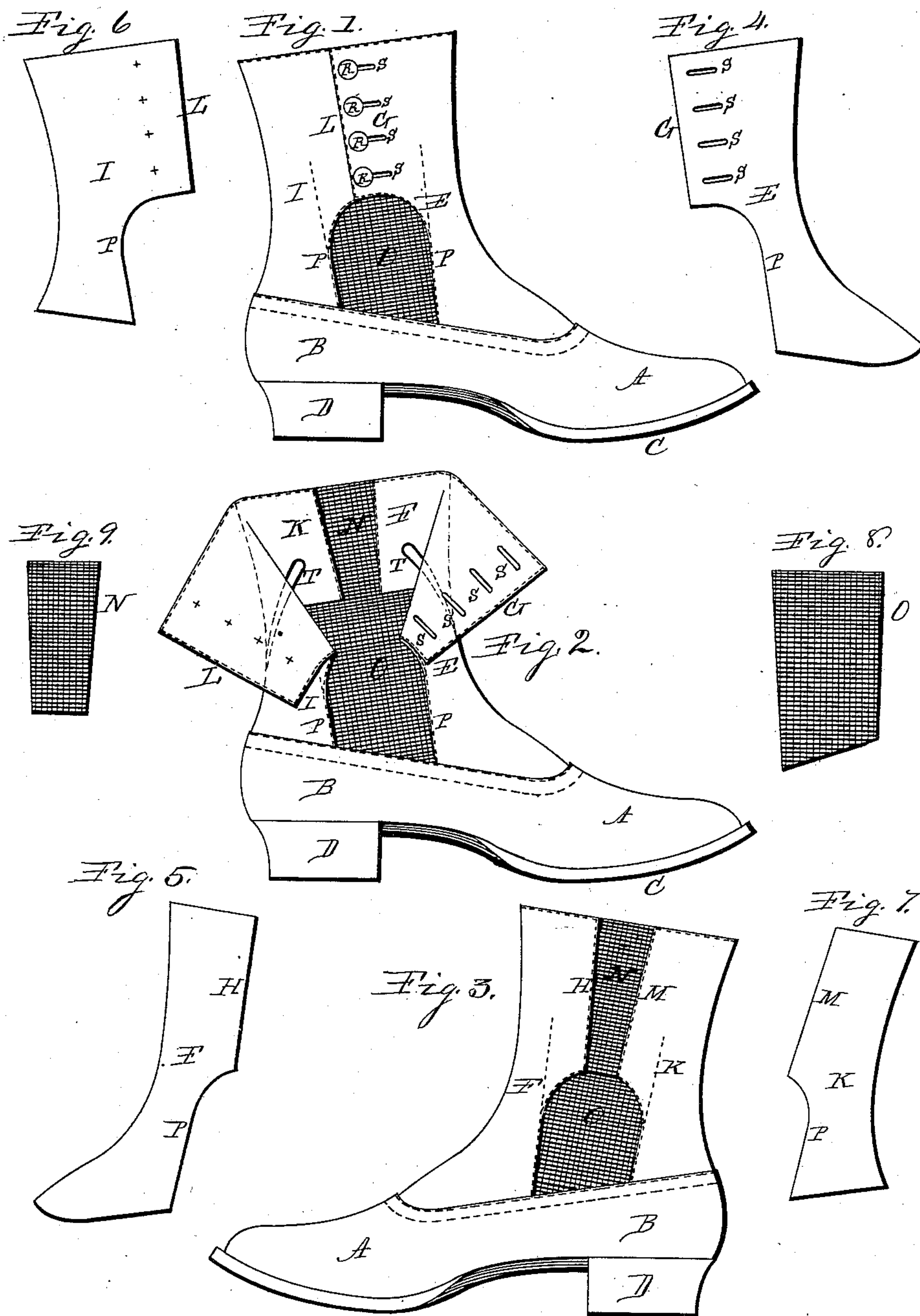
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL C. TRIBOU, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Rockford, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a class of shoes known as "high shoes," which are produced in many varieties, and in which elastic gores are employed.

The object of this invention is to produce a close-fitting shoe of its class, capable of being readily put in place on the foot and as readily removed therefrom; and it consists in a form of shoe in which buttons are combined with elastic gores, which will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of the button side of a shoe embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the button side of the shoe with button-flaps folded outward. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the gore side of the shoe. Fig. 4 represents the button-side front portion. Fig. 5 represents the gore-side front portion. Fig. 6 represents the button-side back portion. Fig. 7 represents the gore-side back portion. Fig. 8 represents the lower elastic gore, and Fig. 9 represents the upper gore.

In the figures the foot portion of my improved shoe, consisting of vamp A and quarters B, cut in one or more pieces, in connection with the bottom, consisting of the foot portion C and heel D, joined by any of the known methods, are substantially the same as shoes heretofore manufactured and to be found in the trade.

The top or leg portion of my improved shoe consists, essentially, of a front portion, a back portion, and elastic side gores. The front portion of the shoe-top is composed of a button side, E, and a gore side, F, in every particular in outline the same, except that the button-hole edge G of the leg portion is of greater width than the corresponding portion, H, of the gore side F, for a purpose which will hereinafter appear. The front edges of the front sides, E and F, with the linings, are joined by seaming in the usual manner of

joining such parts, and when joined these parts form the instep portion of the shoe and front portion of the leg. The back portion of the shoe-top is composed of a button side, I, and a gore side, K, in every particular in outline the same, except that the button edge L of the leg portion is of greater width than the corresponding portion, M, of the gore side, for a purpose hereinafter to appear. The back edges of the rear sides, I and K, with the linings, are joined by seaming in the usual manner of joining such parts, and when joined these parts form the back or heel portion of the leg of the shoe. An elastic gore, N, is placed inside of the edges H and M of the leg portion on one side, extending from the enlarged side opening to the top of the leg, and, with the linings, is fixed in place by through-stitching along the side edges, H and M. Elastic gores are placed inside the curved side edges, P, of the lower enlarged side openings on both sides of top portion of the shoe, and in connection with the linings are joined in place by through-stitching in vertical lines. Buttons R are fixed at proper intervals in vertical line to the enlarged edge portion L of the button-side back I, and button-holes S are formed in the enlarged edge portion G of the button-side front E, to receive the buttons R, fixed to the button-side back I. Finger-loops T are fixed inside the leg to the front and back seams, to receive the fingers to draw the shoe onto the foot. The top portion of the shoe thus constructed is joined at its lower end to the upper edge of the vamp and quarters of the foot portion by through stitching or seaming in the usual manner of joining such parts, which completes the fittings to receive the bottom.

In this instance I have represented my improvements as employed in men's shoes, and in a shoe in which the vamp and quarters are cut in one piece; but evidently my improvements are capable of use in shoes in which the vamp and quarters are cut in separate parts, and are also designed to be employed in the manufacture of women's and children's shoes with the vamp and quarters cut in one or more parts. I have also employed buttons and button-holes as a detachable fastening to the side

overlaps of the leg; but other known forms of detachable fastenings capable of use in connection with the overlaps may be employed, and still be within the scope of my invention.

5 To place the shoe on the foot, the button portions of the leg are preferably folded outward, as shown in Fig. 2; or the button-top may be turned over outward, and then, by means of the finger-loops, the shoe can be
10 readily put in place on the foot, and when buttoned will form a close-fitting shoe.

I claim as my invention--

A Congress gaiter provided with a leg-ex-

tension consisting of a front and a back portion formed by continuing the upper, said 15 front and back portions being disconnected from the gaiter at both sides, and provided at one side with an independently-yielding elastic gore, and at the other side with overlapping ends and fastenings, substantially as de- 20 scribed.

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