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FELT BOOT.

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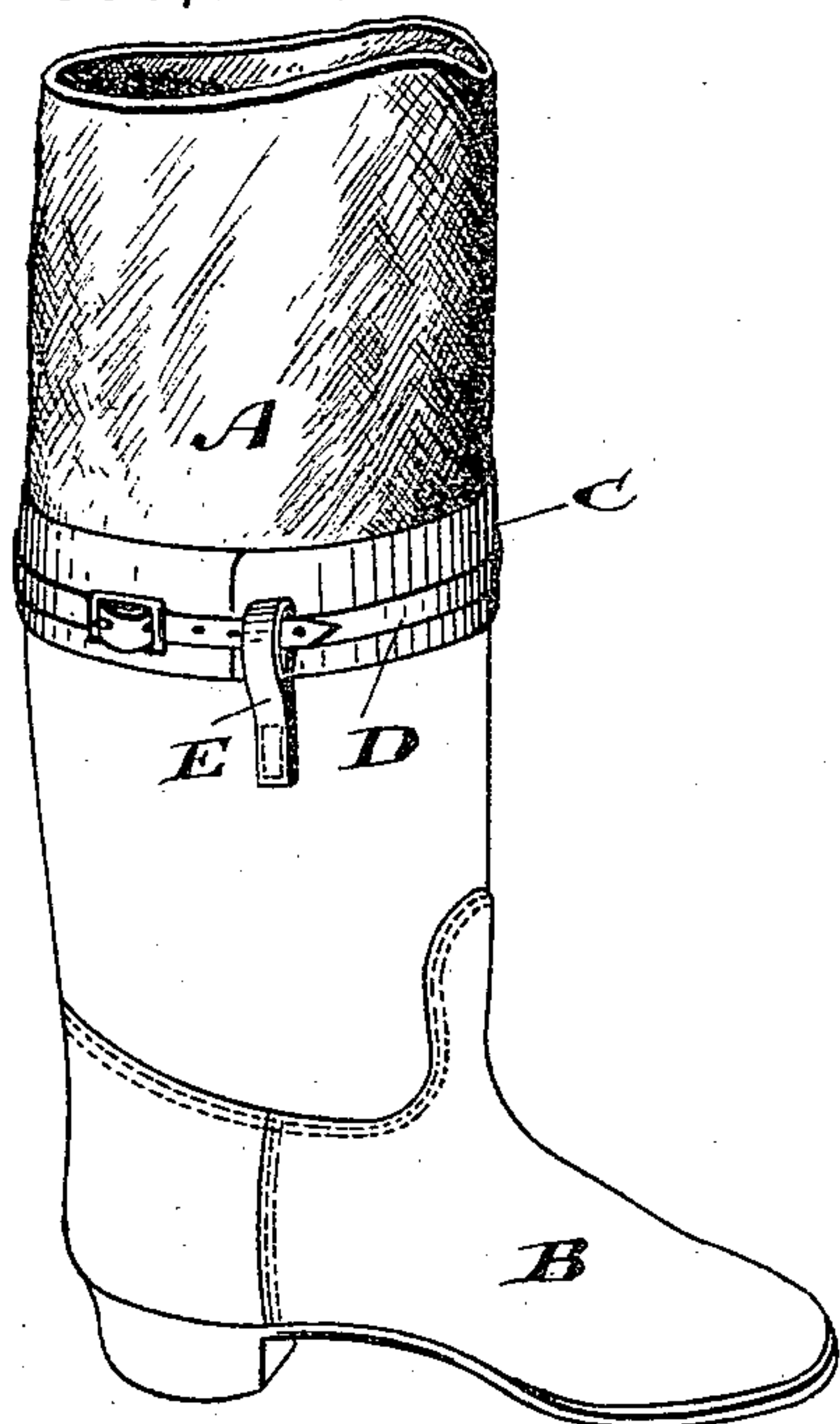


Fig. 1.

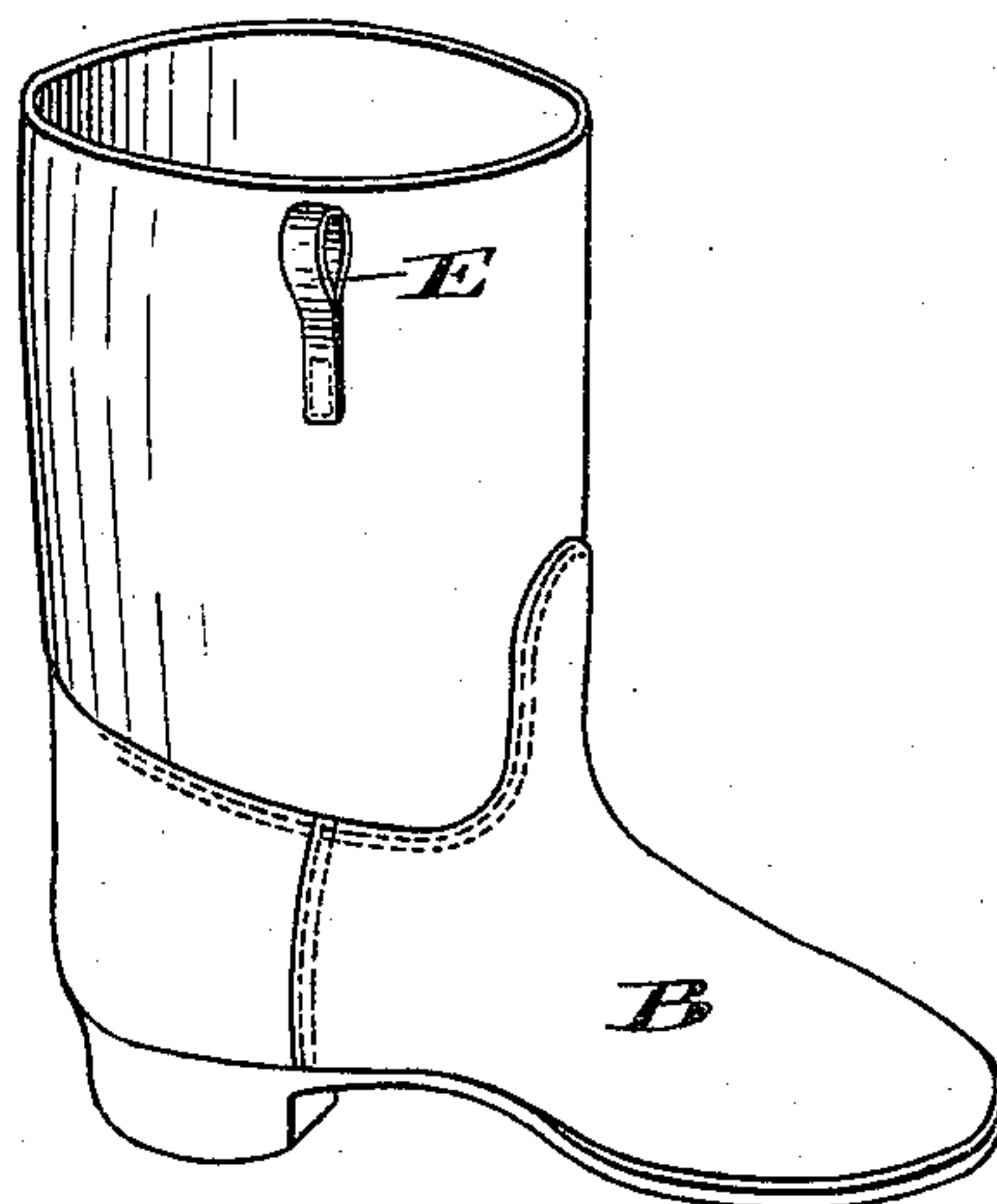


Fig. 2.

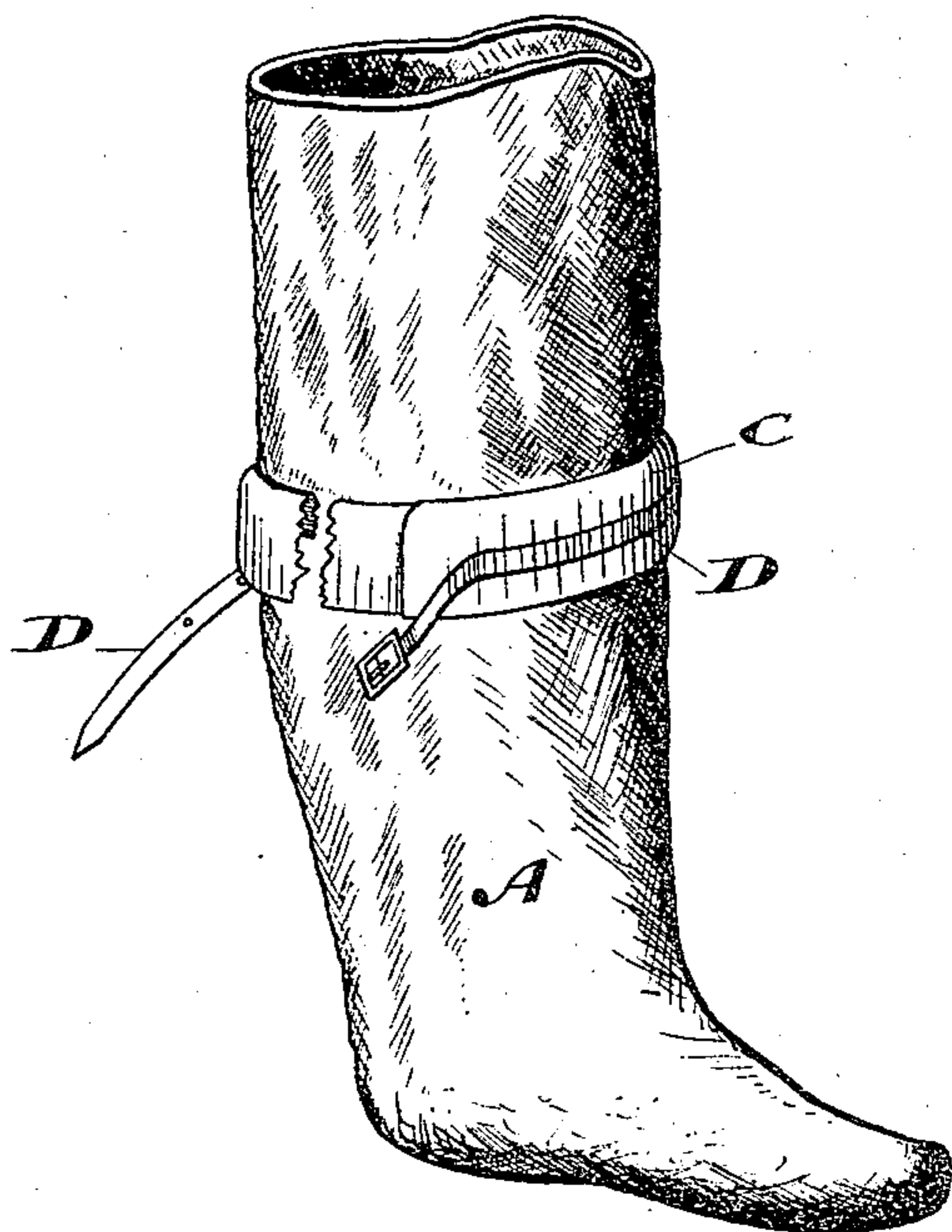


Fig. 3.

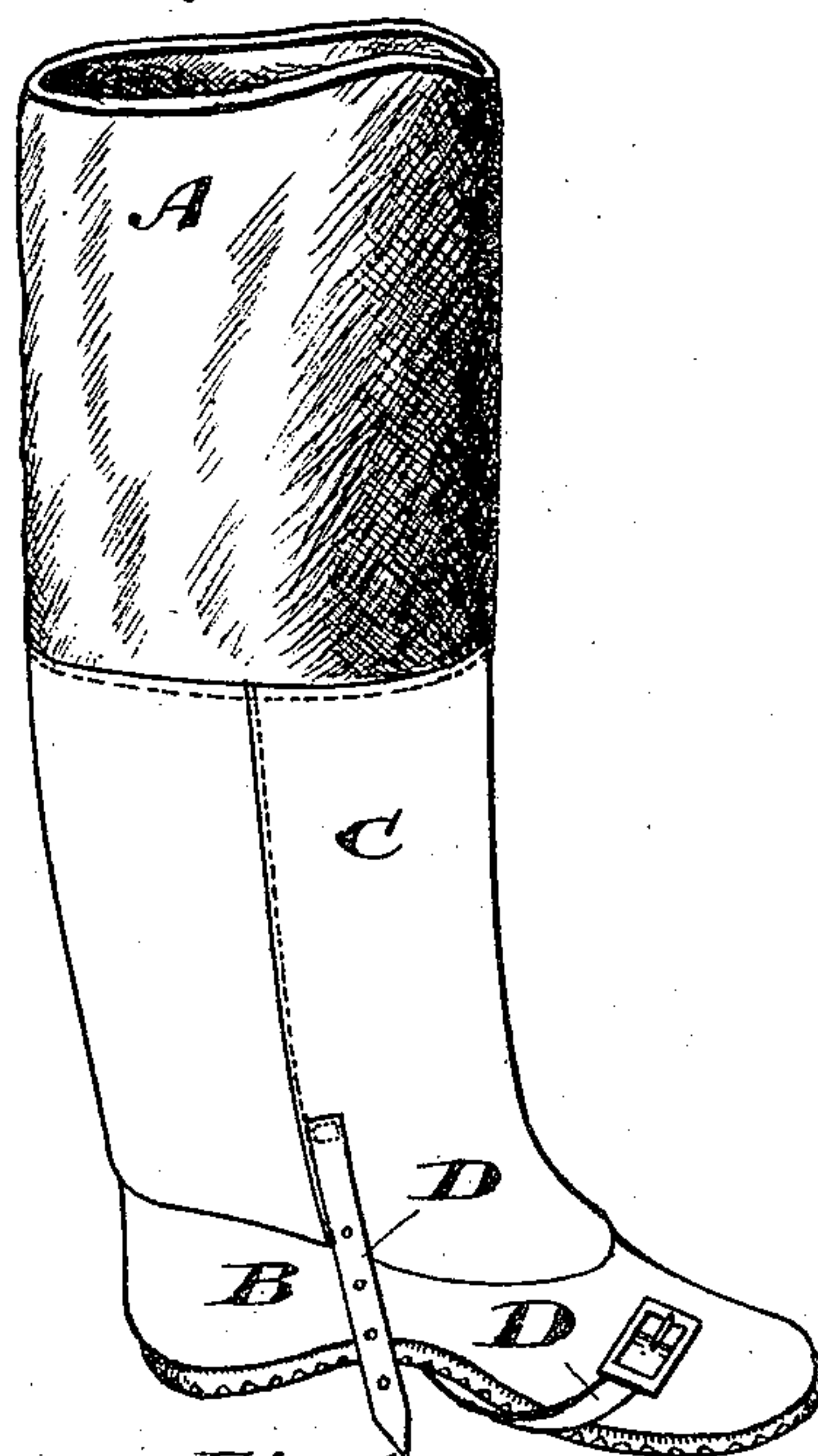


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORATIO G. CHARLESWORTH, of the city of Toronto, in the county of York, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, manufacturer, have invented an Improvement in Felt Boots, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to that class of felt boots or socks used in connection with a leather or rubber foot covering; and the object of the invention is to provide an attachment by which the joint between the felt boot or sock and the leather or rubber foot-covering shall be closed sufficiently to prevent snow from finding its way between the sock and covering referred to, while leaving the joint so that the sock may readily be withdrawn from the said covering.

It consists, essentially, in sewing or otherwise fastening to the leg of the sock a strip of leather or other suitable material designed to fit over the top edge of the leather or rubber foot-covering when the sock is placed within it, substantially as hereinafter more particularly explained.

Figure 1 represents a felt sock with a leather covering or boot attached in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 represents the leather boot removed from the sock. Fig. 3 is a view of the felt sock with a strip such as is used in the style represented in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a view representing the style of covering which will be used when an ordinary india-rubber is to be used in connection with the felt sock.

In felt boots as usually made the felt sock A is placed within its leather covering or boot B, and the top edge of the said covering is sewed to the sock, so as to prevent snow collecting between the boot and the said sock. The leather being thus permanently attached to the sock, the latter cannot be withdrawn from the former. Consequently a felt sock provided with a leather covering when once soaked with water is a very difficult article to dry.

By sewing or otherwise attaching a strip or fold C around the sock A, so as to form a cap to fit over the top edge of the leather covering or boot B when the sock is inserted into it, I obtain all the advantages of a connection or seam between the top of the covering or boot B with the sock, and at the same time I am able to draw the sock from its covering or

boot B, whenever it may be necessary to do so for the purpose of drying the sock, or for any other reason.

In Figs. 1 and 3 I show a strap, D, attached to the strip or fold C. This strap is provided with a buckle, and when carried through the loops E on either side of the leather covering B is buckled around the leg, as represented in Fig. 1, thereby holding the strip or fold C tight against the leather covering or boot B, and preventing any snow from finding its way into the joint between the sock and the boot.

Of course the strip or fold C might be buttoned to the leather covering B, or, in fact, no connection of the kind is absolutely necessary for accomplishing the main object of my invention; but I think it preferable to employ a strap, as indicated, as the loops E may be utilized for the purpose of drawing the leather covering or boot B onto the sock.

When an ordinary rubber or low boot is to be used in connection with the felt sock, I lengthen the strip or fold C, as represented in Fig. 4, making it form a leather leg to the sock. The strip or fold C will only be connected to the sock A by the top seam, its lower edge being preferably provided with a wire or other stiffening, so as to hold it down upon the instep of the foot.

When the strip or fold C is made as shown in Fig. 4, the strap D is divided, its buckle end being connected on one side of the boot and the tongue end upon the opposite, so that it may be carried below the instep of the foot, as represented in Fig. 4.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A felt sock, A, having sewed or otherwise fastened to its leg a strip or fold, C, made of leather or other suitable material and designed to fold over the top edge of the leather or rubber foot-covering.

2. A felt sock, A, having sewed or otherwise fastened to its leg a strip or fold, C, made of leather or other suitable material and designed to fold over the top edge of the leather covering or boot B, in combination with the strap D, attached to the strip C, and the loops E, attached to the boot B, as specified.

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