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Fig. 1

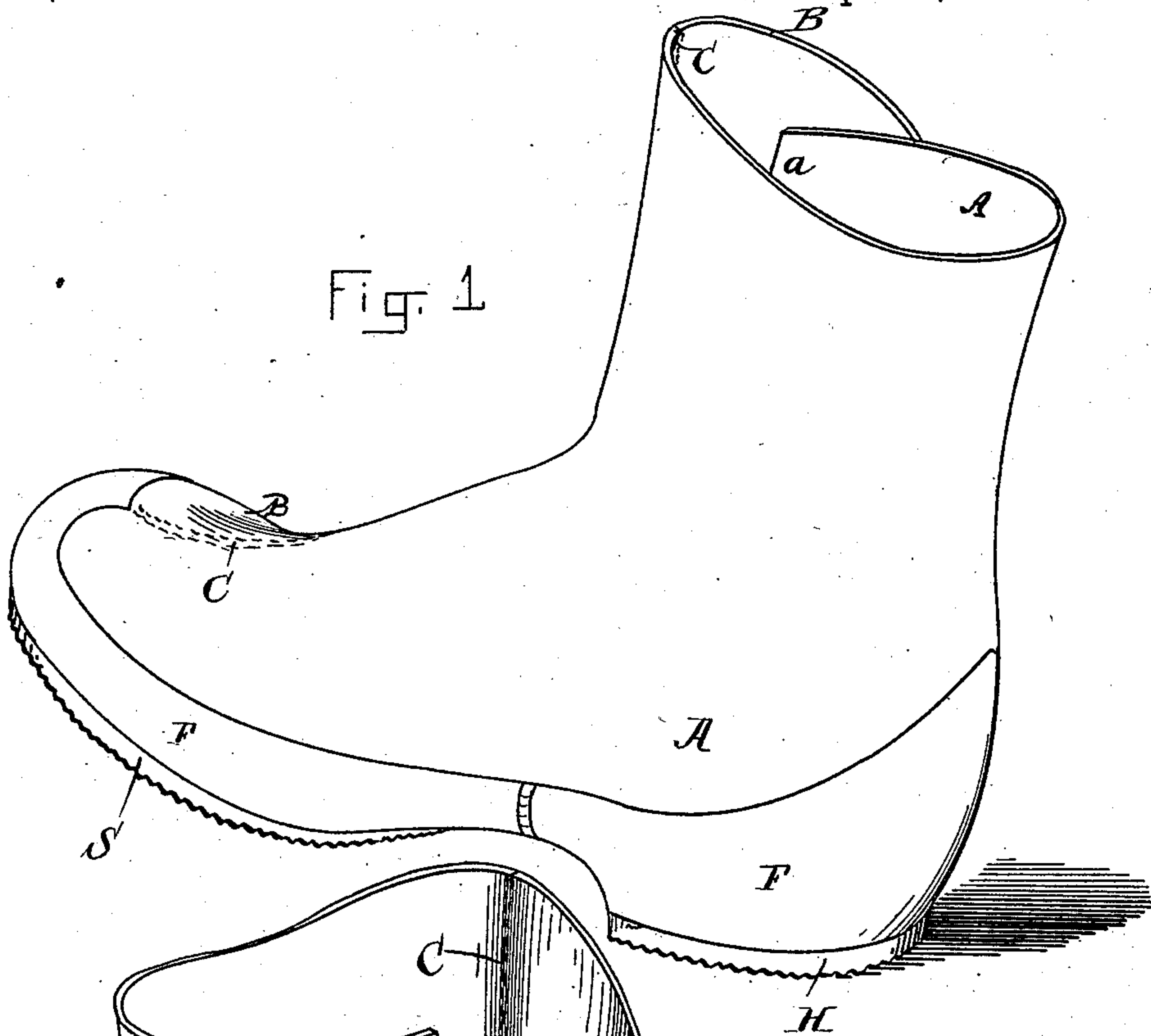
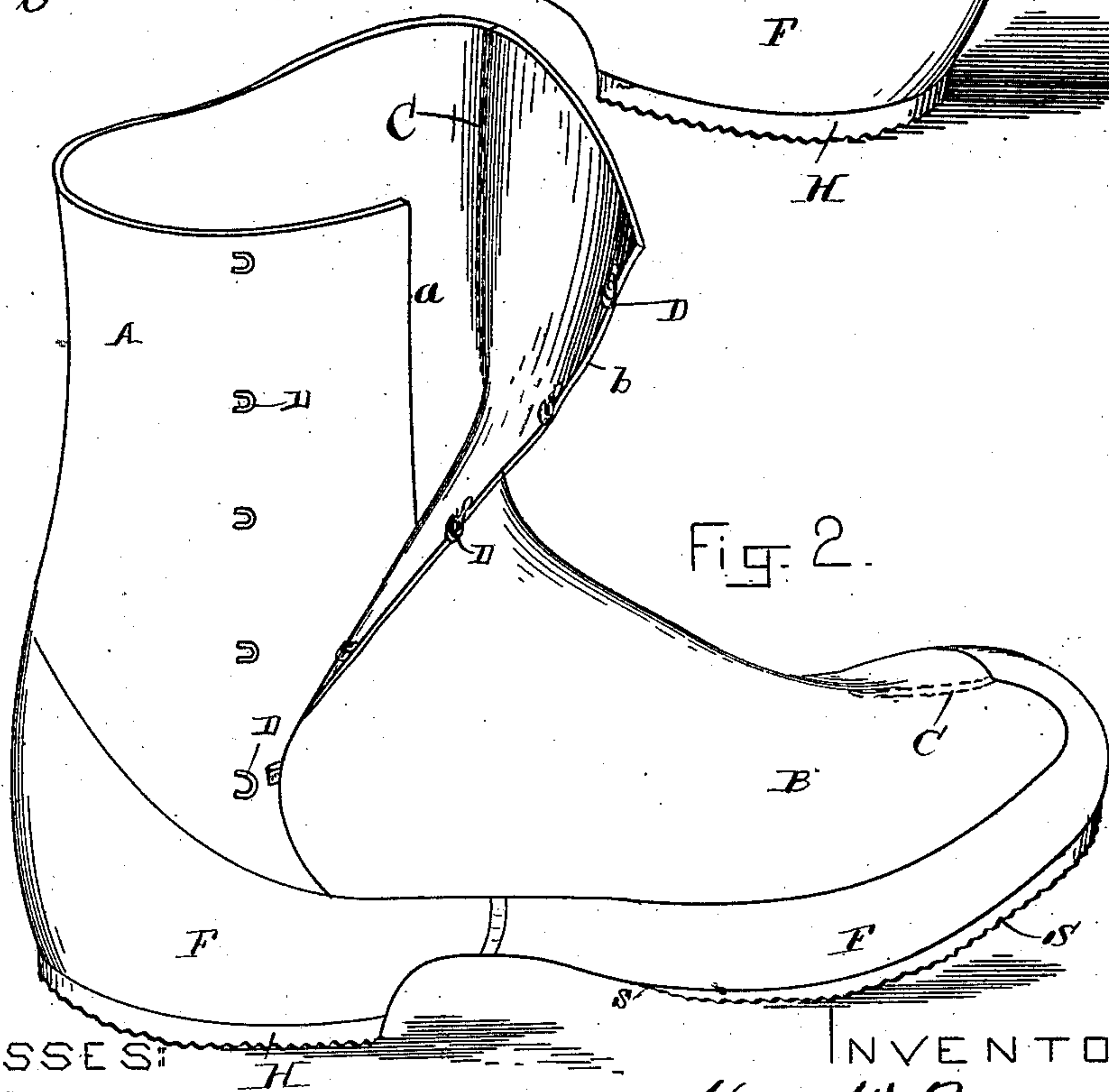


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. BURR, of South Framingham, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Overshoes, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

This invention is in the nature of an improvement upon the overshoe patented by me October 18, 1881, No. 248,287.

In my patented shoe I provided a flexible heel-section adapted to turn down rearwardly for insertion of the foot, and the quarters met at the rear or were joined by suitable fastenings over or outside of this heel-section or flexible tongue.

By my present improvement the independent heel-section is dispensed with, or it is merged in one of the quarters which extends from the front seam around the rear of the heel and to the ankle on the inner side of the foot, where it is overlapped along a nearly vertical line by the rear edge of the other quarter, where buttons or other fastenings unite them. This two-part upper of the shoe is cut much higher in front than in rear of the leg portion, and this fact, with the considerable overlapping of the edge of the inner over the outer quarter referred to, serves to exclude snow and renders the shoe very desirable. The sole, shank, and heel cover the entire bottom of the shoe, and are formed in one with the foxing of vulcanized india-rubber, as usual in overshoes. The upper is preferably of felt or some woolen fabric permeable to the air, but practically impervious to water. It may be strictly water-proof, like an arctic. A bottom lining of like fabric is also provided. The side opening extends from the top downwardly to and terminates at the top of the foxing on the innermost side of each shoe, leaving the outer side seamless and entire, making a very shapely and comfortable overshoe.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents my improved overshoe, showing the seamless outer side and rear portion thereof. Fig. 2 represents the innermost side of the shoe with its vertical opening and overlapping quarter.

S is the sole and shank, H the heel, and F the foxing, all of rubber compound properly vulcanized, and forming a water-proof protec-

tion for the lower part of the boot and foot within it.

A and B are the two parts which, in my high-cut overshoes, constitute the fabric upper, united to each other along the front seam, C, and at their lower edges cemented or vulcanized to the foxing, sole, and heel. The part A extends without seam around the outer side and the heel portion of the foot, and terminates in a nearly vertical edge, *a*, about at the ankle on the inner side of the foot. The part B extends from the seam C rearwardly, to meet and overlap with its vertical edge *b* the extremity of the part A. Suitable fastenings unite these overlapping edges, preferably hooks and eyes, placed between the parts so as not to show or to catch on any garment or obstruction.

In my improved shoe, as shown in Fig. 2, the side opening extends from the top down to the leg portion about vertically nearly to the foxing, and then turning with a curve forward terminates at the upper edge of the foxing about over the breast of the heel. This shape facilitates insertion and removal of the foot and ordinary boot through the side opening. If preferred, this side opening may be on a strictly vertical line.

I am aware that heelless overshoe-gaiters have been proposed with a hole through the bottom to permit the boot-heel to project to the ground, and made to open from the top down one side and across the foxing of the shoe to this hole, so that the whole heel portion would swing open from top to bottom. This I disclaim.

I claim as my invention—

The improved overshoe described, having a rubber sole, heel, and foxing, combined with a fabric upper closed on its outer side and heel portion and opening down its inner side to the foxing, the front portion of the upper overlapping the rear portion at such opening, and provided with suitable fastenings, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 30th day of December, A. D. 1886.

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