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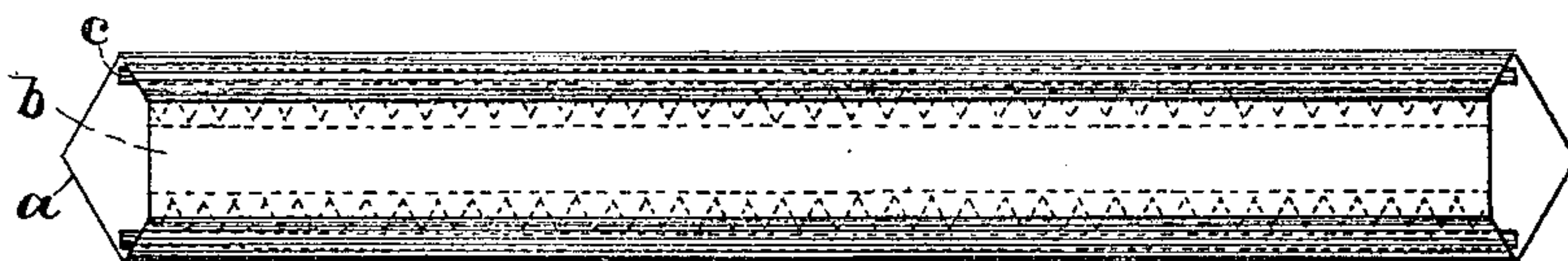


Fig. 1



Fig. 2

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH WALDEN, residing at Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improved Strap for Shoes or Boots, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to straps for shoes or boots. One of its essential features is the raised edge. In the strap heretofore used, whether made from selvaged goods or of material that is folded along the edges in the direction of its length, a cross-section of the strap would show it to be of uniform thickness.

The blank used for my improved strap may either be of selvaged or of unselvaged material. I form the raised edges by folding the edges of the blank over and upon a cord or string. To raise these edges I do not limit myself to the insertion therein of a cord. Any similar and suitable material (such as leather) may be used. The edges of the blank having been raised, a facing of woven material or of leather is stitched upon and through the blank. It is not necessary that the edges of the blank should meet at the center. They need only be folded sufficient to inclose the cord. The raising of

the edges protects the facing of the strap from friction and consequent wearing, and the insertion of the cord along the edges of the blank doubles the strength of the strap. The strap is thereby kept always open for the easy insertion of the fingers, and thus is obviated an objection often made to the present kind of straps, which soon become pressed together and closed.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings shows my improved strap, and Fig. 2 is a cross-section thereof, *a* being the blank, *b* the facing, and *c* the cord.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a strap for shoes or boots, made from a blank of suitable material of even width, the edges of the blank being folded toward the center and inclosing in the said edges a cord or string and having a facing stitched to the blank, all substantially as described.

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