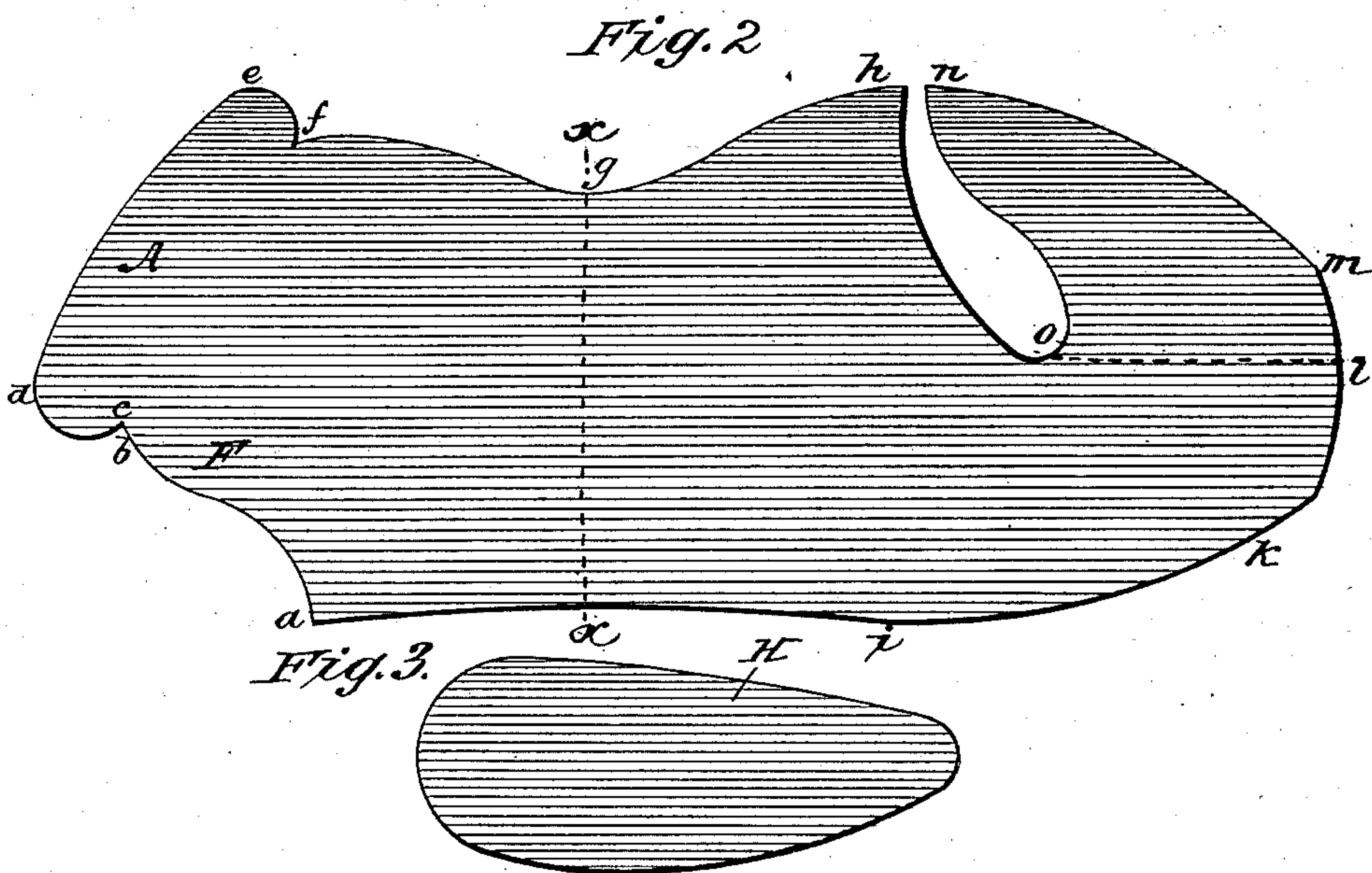
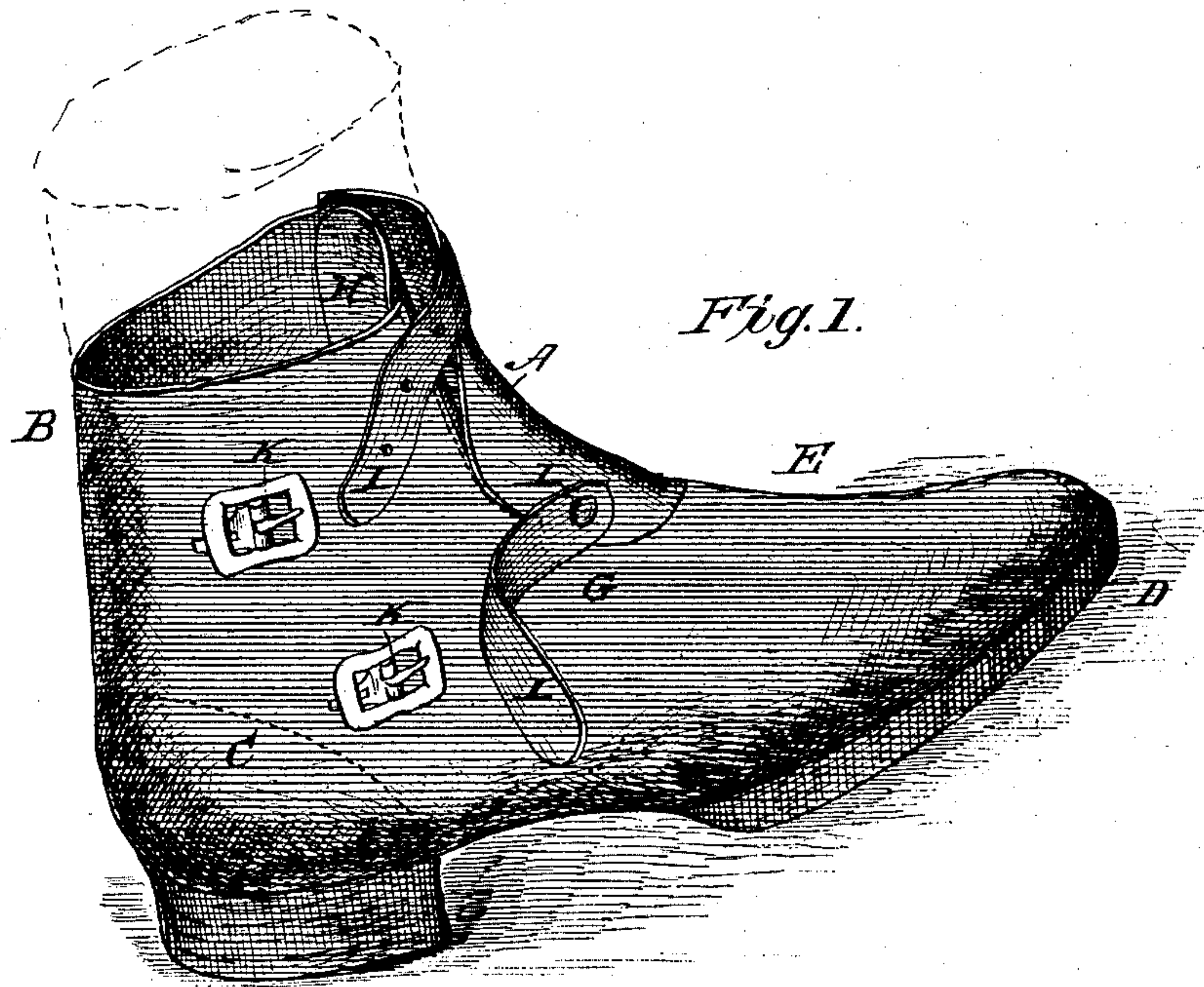


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SHOE-UPPER BLANK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN LEARY SKINNER, of Waxahachie, in the county of Ellis and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Improved Blank for Shoe Uppers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in blanks for the uppers of what are known as "plow-shoes," wherein a fly is folded over the instep and secured upon the side of the shoe by means of a tongue and buckle.

The object of my invention is to provide a durable, inexpensive, and comfortable shoe which will be largely free from stitching and will have a neatly fitting and pleasing appearance.

The improvement consists in forming a blank or pattern for an upper of the configuration hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a shoe made from a blank of novel configuration in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan of the blank of an upper of said shoe cut from a single piece of leather, and Fig. 3 a plan of the inner flap detached.

The outline of the upper, as shown in Fig. 2, commencing at the left side thereof, is cut with an ogee curve extending from *a* to *b*, with a flap extension, *A*, having rounded ends *c d e f*, an upper edge, *f g h*, to embrace the ankle *B*, a corresponding portion, *a i k*, at the lower edge to embrace the heel *C*, an elliptical edge, *k l m*, to embrace the sole *D* and provide a covering for the foot *E*, an ogee curve, *n o*, to match the curve *a b*, hereinbefore described, and be stitched thereto upon the side *F* of the shoe, and a curve, *o h*, to provide the foot-opening at the instep *G*, over which the flap *A* is folded. A pear-shaped inner flap, *H*, cut from soft leather shived at its

edges, is stitched to the curved edge *o h* and folds over the ankle inside of the flap *A*, and provides a closely and comfortably fitting covering for the instep, and, together with the flap *A*, which overlies it, will provide a close covering for the foot-opening of the shoe. One or more tongues, *I*, of leather, are stitched or riveted at *I'* to the outer flap, *A*, and are secured by buckles *K* to the outer side of the shoe. The upper is folded in the dotted line *x x* at the back end, then folded in the dotted line *l o* at the foot of the upper, after which the edges *a b* and *n o* are stitched together at the side of the shoe.

The inside flap, *H*, may be stitched onto the curved edge *o h* before the upper is folded as above described, and the tongues and buckles may be riveted to the upper at any convenient time.

The lower edge, *a i k l m n*, may be secured to the sole *D* by pegs, stitches, or standard screws, after first being stretched upon a last to give it the finished shape.

I am aware that the upper has been variously formed to reduce the number of seams required to complete the shoe, and simply desire to claim the shape and configuration of a blank for a shoe-upper hereinafter claimed, without modification.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A shoe-upper formed of a single piece, having the outlines *a i k l m n* at its lower edge, the flap-extension *A*, the outlines *a b* and *n o* at the seam, the outline *f g h* at the upper edge, and the curved outline *o h* at the foot-opening, substantially as described.

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