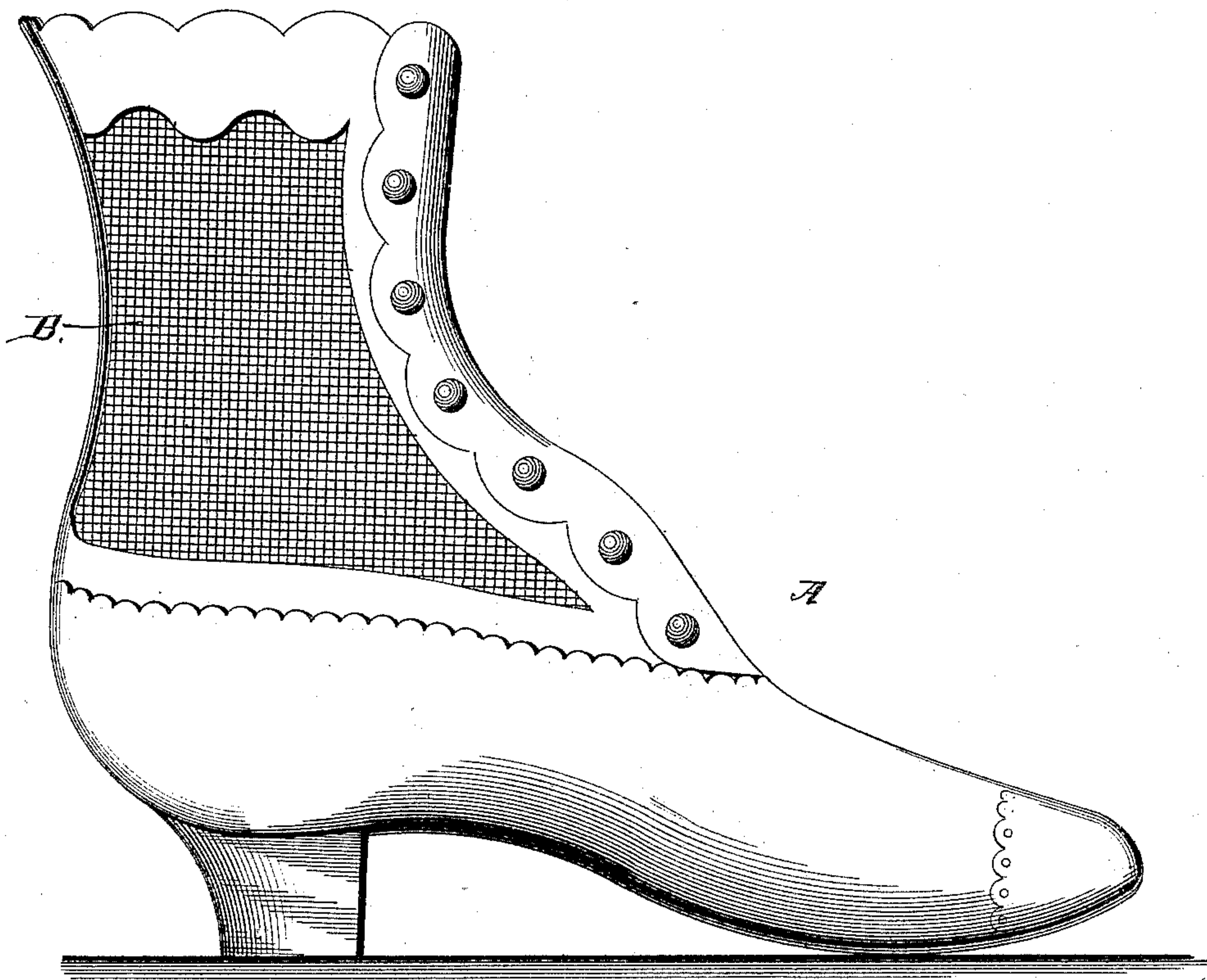


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, CHARLES A. MERRILL and FRANK STOWE, of Kansas City, Jackson county, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof.

Our invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in shoes; and it consists in the arrangements hereinafter set forth, and pointed out in the specification and claim.

The main feature of this invention is to provide a ventilating-shoe which will be cool and comfortable to the foot of the wearer, admitting free circulation of the air to the ankle, at the same time furnishing the same support to the ankle as provided by the ordinary high-top button or lace shoe and not impair its strength or utility. To attain this object of the shoe a portion of the uppers which covers the ankle on one or both sides is dispensed with or removed, and a netting or net-work

made of any suitable material is inserted, which admits of a free circulation of air around the ankle. 25

In the drawing which illustrates our invention, A represents a shoe provided with the netting B in position.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 30

As an improved article of manufacture, a shoe having inserted on both sides of the upper quarter a reticulated material forming a net-work for ventilation and secured in place to the bindings at the top and foxing at the bottom by stitches, as herein shown and described. 35

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses. 40

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