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Fig. 1.

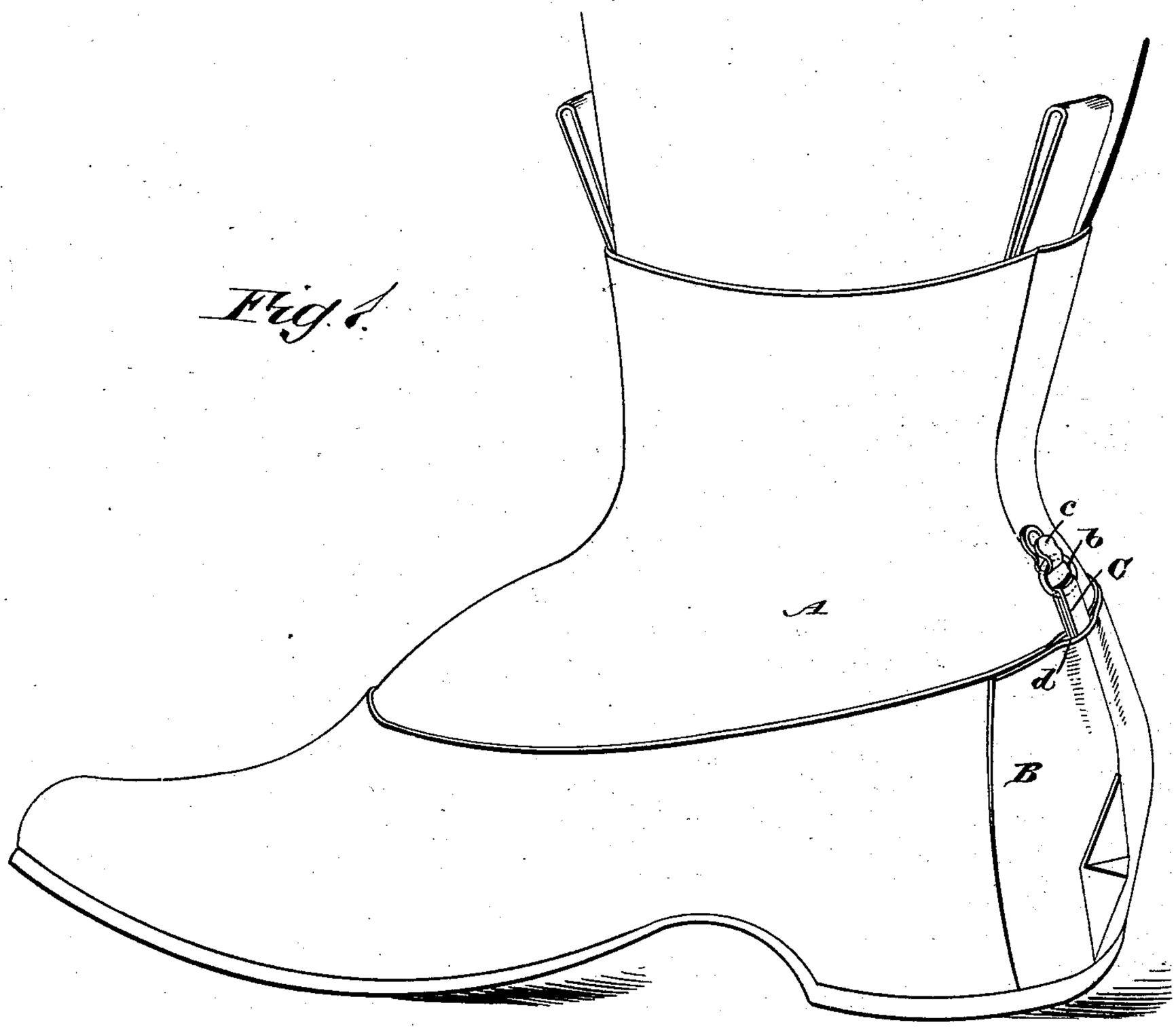
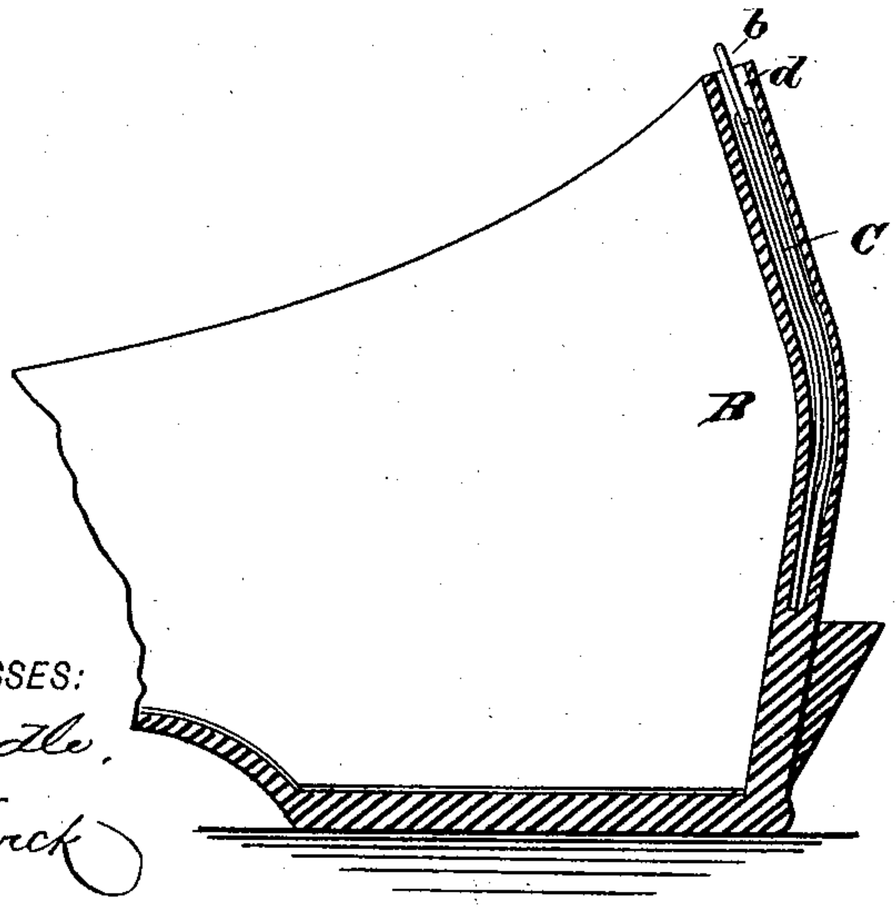


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, SAMUEL W. POWELL and JOHN W. MARSHALL, of Richmond, in the county of Ray and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Overshoes with Applied Fastenings, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to means used for retaining a rubber or other overshoe in place upon the dress or under shoe and of preventing it from accidentally slipping off the latter, the same including an elastic strap or band or bar fastened at its one end to the heel portion of the overshoe and adapted to hook over or engage with a button or projection on the dress or under shoe.

The invention comprises a pocketed construction of the heel portion of the overshoe for the elastic strap, bar, or band in its reflex action to be received within when disengaged from the fastening projection on the dress shoe or boot, whereby special advantages are obtained, substantially as hereinafter described.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all figures.

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of a dress-shoe having a rubber overshoe fitted over it with our invention applied, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of the heel portion of the overshoe with the elastic strap or band in its reflexed or retracted position within a pocket in the heel end of the overshoe.

A indicates a dress-shoe, and B a rubber overshoe fitted thereon.

C is the elastic strap or band applied to the heel portion of the rubber shoe and adapted to engage by suitable means—such, for instance, as a ring *b* on the upper end of said strap or band—with a suitable projection or fastening—such, for instance, as a hook *c* on the back of the dress-shoe—to hold the overshoe upon the latter and prevent it from being accidentally drawn or slipped off the dress-shoe. The elastic strap or band C is a separate attachment from the overshoe, but is built in with it, the same being let into a pocket *d*, formed within and down the heel end of the overshoe, and cemented or otherwise suitably secured at its lower end to the bottom part of said pocket, so that when said strap or band is not being used or is disengaged from the fastening or projection on the dress-shoe it by its reflex action or retracting force is out of the way and out of sight and is protected from injury within the pocket *d*, as shown in Fig. 2; but after the overshoe has been fitted on or over the dress-shoe then the upper end portion of said strap or band is drawn—as, for instance, by the projecting ring *b*—out of the pocket, for which the elasticity of the strap or band readily provides, and is engaged with the projection upon the dress-shoe to hold the rubber shoe on the latter, as shown in Fig. 1. The arrangement of said strap or band within the pocket *d* does away with all inconvenience arising from the strap being in the way both when fitting the overshoe over the dress-shoe and at all other times, and leaves the overshoe intact or self-acting. The heel of the overshoe is also materially stiffened by this construction.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a rubber shoe formed at its heel with a pocket *d*, open at its upper end, an elastic strip concealed within the pocket and having its lower end fixedly secured at the base of the pocket, and a fastening device on the upper end of the elastic strip, projecting above the upper edge of the rubber to engage a projection on a shoe, substantially as set forth.

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