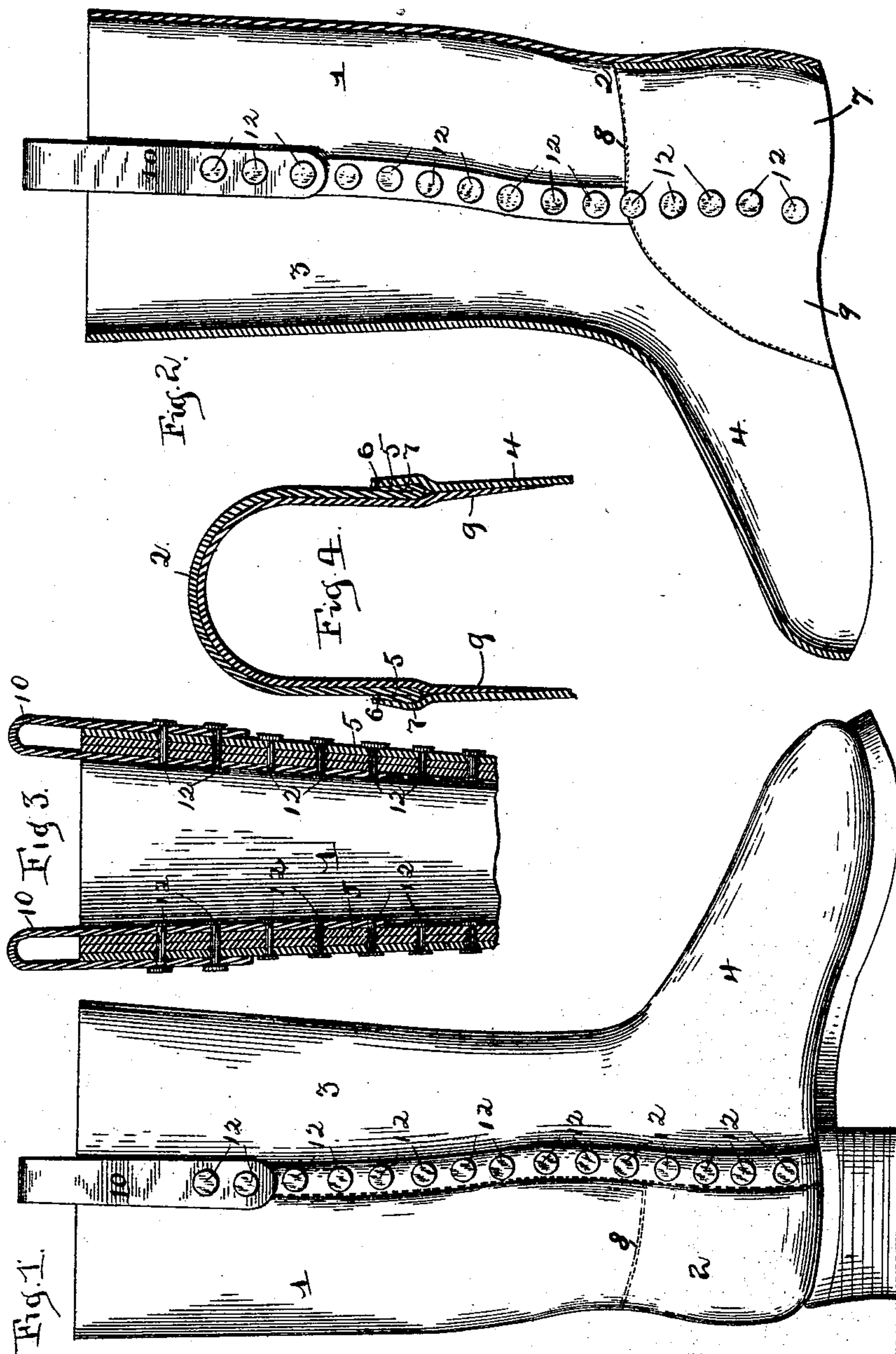


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OSCAR BAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Weatherford, in the county of Parker and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Boot-Upper, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in boots for use by lumbermen, laborers, miners, and others requiring a stout heavy boot capable of withstanding great strain, water-tight, and durable.

With the above object in view the invention consists in certain features of construction hereinafter specified, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a boot constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse section through the upper portion of the boot-leg. Fig. 4 is a similar view through the counter.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In practicing my invention I construct the back section, which includes the leg 1 and the heel portion 2, in one piece, as also do I construct the front section, including the front portion of the leg 3 and the vamp 4. The rear section is formed somewhat wider than is necessary to merely meet and overlap the rear section in the usual manner and its edges are turned back or folded upon the main portion, as shown at 5 Figs. 3 and 4. To the edges thus folded are sewed the edges of the front section, as at 6, and thus three thicknesses of leather are formed at the opposite sides of the boot. It will be seen that the edges only of the front and back sections are connected by stitches 6 and that the said stitches do not pass through and through the entire thickness of the boot. This is done to firmly connect said edges before the general fastenings (the rivets 12) are inserted to insure a water-tight connection.

Previous to the riveting of the two sections together the counter 7 is sewed along its upper edge, as at 8, to the heel portion, upon the inside of the latter, and has its ends skived or

thinned and extended beyond the seams, as at 9. Straps 10 are located at opposite sides of the boot-leg, and their terminals embrace the seams, and through the straps, the folded edges of the rear section, the rear edges of the front section, and the counter are driven rivets 12. This completes the boot as far as its upper is concerned, and it will be seen that the opposite side seams thereof are constructed so that no large bulky projections commonly found in boots of this class are formed, and it is absolutely water-proof, consumes less time and labor in its construction, and contains a counter similar to that employed in a shoe and which overlaps and is riveted with the side seams of the boot.

A boot of the above construction is especially adapted for miners, farmers, fishermen, stockmen, railroad and foundry men in that it never leaks or rips apart, but the upper remains perfect as long as the sole will stand.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

The herein-described improved boot-upper, consisting of a front and rear section, each of said sections being made in one piece and the edges of the rear section doubled over upon themselves and having their edges secured to the edges of the front section by edge stitches passing through said edges of the front section and said edges of the doubled edges of the rear section, said doubled edges of the rear section and edges of the front section being arranged relatively to each other and the edges of the front section extended over the bends of said doubled edges of the rear section to form a broad connecting-seam, and rivets inserted through and through the center of all the thicknesses of said broad connecting-seam to form a water-tight and strong seam, the straps and counter being also adapted to be held by said rivets, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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