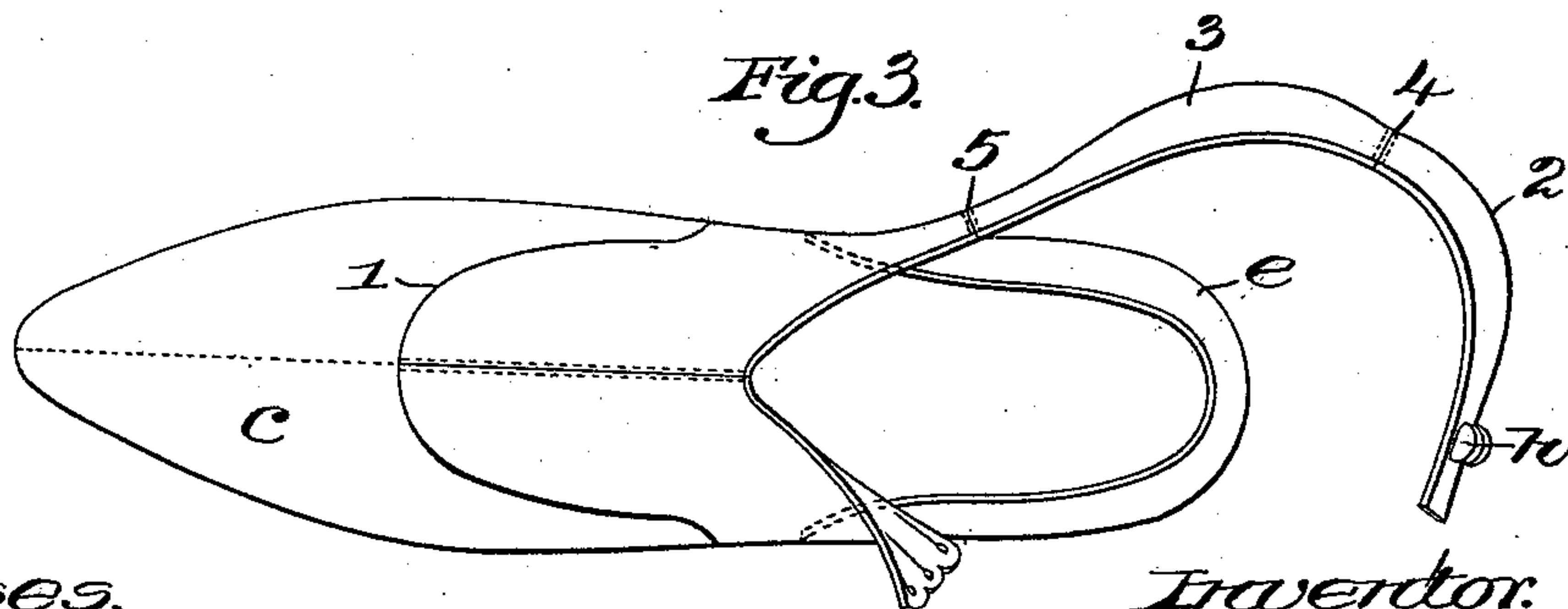
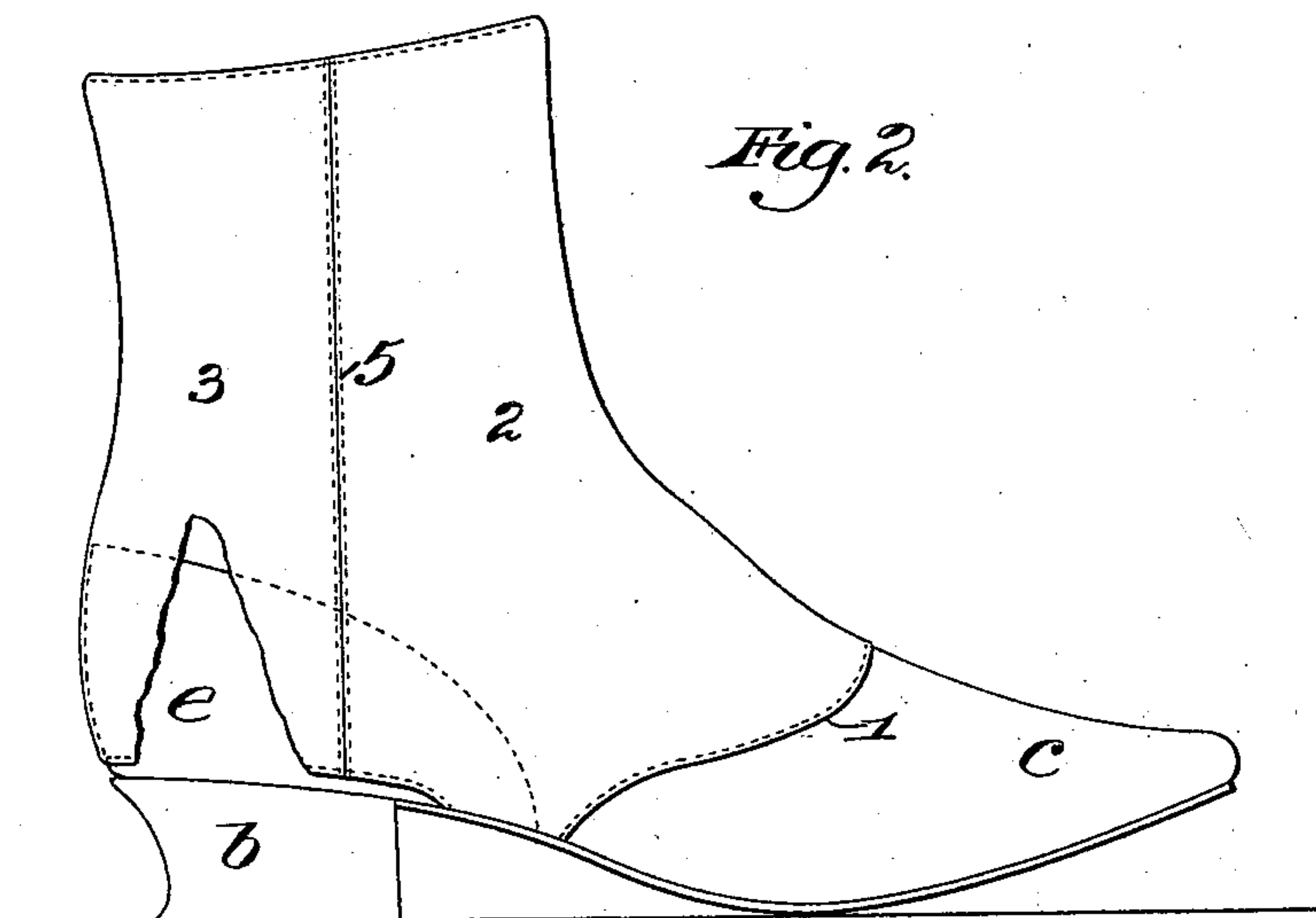
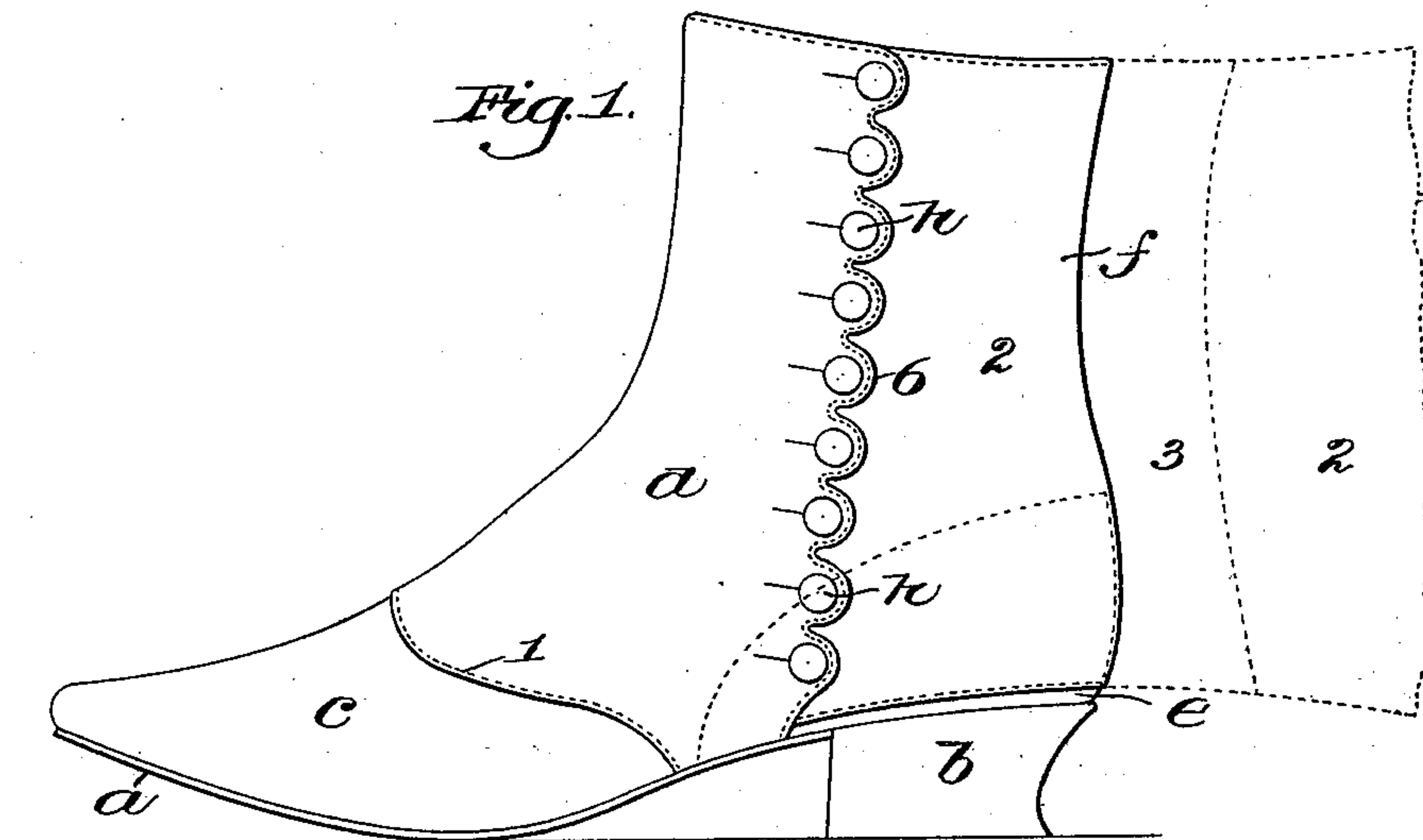


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER H. YOUNG, of Haverhill, county of Essex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Boots or Shoes, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters and figures on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object the production of a novel boot or shoe.

A boot or shoe embodying this invention comprises the usual sole to which the vamp and fore quarter are secured in usual manner, said sole also having attached to it a low heel piece, similar in shape and size to the heel piece of the well-known opera slipper, and independent of said vamp. The hind quarter, instead of being attached to the sole as in the ordinary boot or shoe, is detached therefrom and is stitched or otherwise attached at one side of the shoe to one of the vertical edges of the fore quarter, said hind quarter being adapted to be wrapped around the heel piece like a gaiter and buttoned or otherwise secured to the fore quarter at the opposite side of the shoe. The fore quarter is preferably attached to the vamp by means of an overlapping seam in imitation of an overlapping gaiter, to thereby complete the gaiter-like appearance of the shoe.

In the drawings Figure 1 represents in side elevation one form of shoe embodying this invention, the view being taken looking at the outer side of the shoe; Fig. 2, a similar view partially broken out, looking at the inner side of the shoe; and Fig. 3, a top view.

Referring to the drawings, the sole *a*, together with its heel *b*, are and may be of suitable shape and construction.

The vamp *c*, is sewed or otherwise attached to the sole in usual manner, and the fore quarter *d* in turn stitched, as at 1, or otherwise properly secured to the vamp, although the vamp and fore quarter, as here designated, may be formed in a single piece, or, in two complete halves stitched together along a vertical instep seam, as indicated by dotted lines Fig. 3.

The heel piece *e*, resembling in shape and construction the heel piece of an opera slipper, and containing the usual counter, if the

latter is employed, is independent of the fore quarter or vamp and is attached to the sole in usual manner, said heel piece extending forward, preferably slightly beyond the edges of the fore quarter or vamp, the latter overlapping the former for a short distance, as shown in the drawings.

The hind quarter *f*, herein shown as made in two parts or halves 2, 3, united along a heel seam 4, but which may be a single piece if desired, is stitched or otherwise suitably attached at one side of the shoe, to the vertical edge 5 of the fore quarter or vamp, or it may be in a single piece with said fore quarter said hind quarter being of suitable shape and size, to permit it to be wrapped about the heel piece *e*, as in the drawings, and buttoned or otherwise secured to the other edge 6 of the fore quarter or vamp at the opposite side of the shoe.

In the present instance, the gaiter-like hind quarter is attached to the fore quarter or vamp at the inner side of the shoe, but said hind quarter may be attached at the outer side of the shoe if desired, and instead of the buttons *h* herein shown, for securing the fore and hind quarters together, I may employ any other suitable fastening devices, such, for instance, as lacings.

A shoe embodying this invention may be made in any desired manner, so far as this invention is concerned. I prefer, however, to make it as a turned shoe, the vamp and fore quarter being first lasted to the sole, the heel piece being afterward applied outside the vamp or fore quarter, subsequent turning of the shoe bringing the vamp or fore quarter on the outside, and the heel piece on the inside, as shown.

I find that a shoe embodying this invention may be made for less cost than a shoe of the same size and general style made in the ordinary and common manner. The shoe may also be put on and removed from the foot more easily than the ordinary shoe, by reason of the large and free entrance provided at the back, when the gaiter-like hind quarter is turned aside.

When the shoe is in use, the hind quarter has a free up and down movement over the heel piece, making the shoe extremely easy.



In practice, the quarters may be made of cloth or other material differing from that of the vamp and heel piece, and the construction of the shoe otherwise varied to present  
5 an attractive appearance.

To complete the gaiter-like appearance of the shoe I prefer to make the seam an over-lapping seam, as shown, to more closely imitate an over-lapping gaiter.

10 While I prefer to make the gaiter-like quarter of a length substantially as great as that herein shown, and detached from the sole for a distance extending from one to the other edge of the fore quarter completely around  
15 the heel piece, yet the said gaiter-like quarter may be detached from the sole or heel piece for any less distance around the heel, to thereby reduce the free or flap portion of said quarter.

20 I claim—

The herein described shoe, comprising a

sole, a heel and an upper connected substantially as usual, the heel-piece *e* attached to the sole independently of the quarter, and the hind quarter *f* made as a flap attached at one  
25 side of the shoe independently of the heel-piece, unattached to the sole and extending loosely around the back of the shoe toward the front from the heel upwardly to the top edge and over-lapping and concealing the  
30 heel-piece, and means to fasten its free front edge and the fore quarter, the said flap having a free up and down motion upon the heel-piece when in use, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my  
35 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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