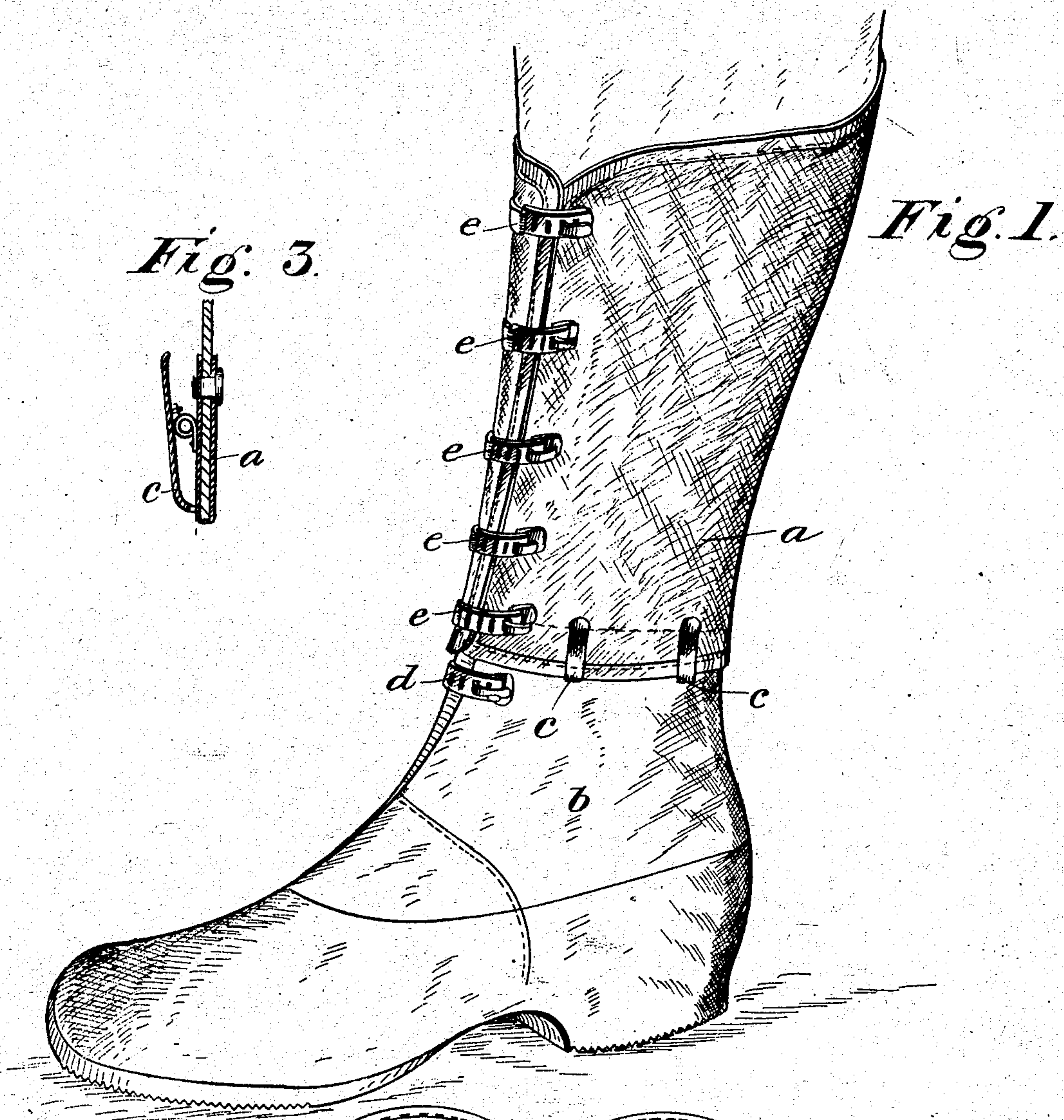


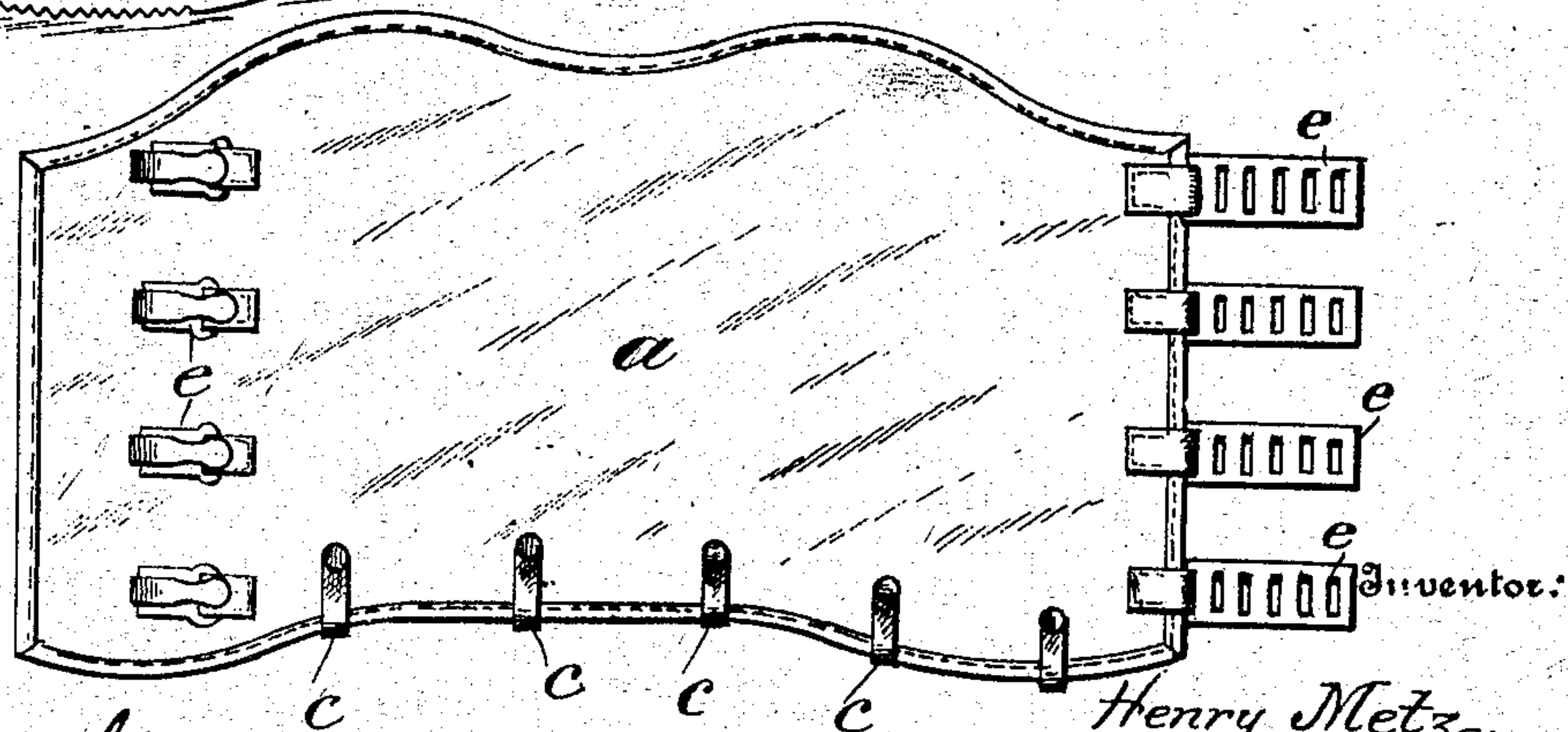
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY METZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bascom, in the county of Seneca and State of Ohio, have  
5 invented new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Shoe-Tops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has special reference to so-called "storm-shoes," or appliances for boots  
10 and shoes for cold-weather wear.

It is the object of the invention to provide a top for boots and shoes that may be readily attached and detached from the boot or shoe and that may be conveniently adjusted in  
15 various respects so as to secure a proper and desirable fit and keep out the cold and storm elements, all as will fully and clearly appear from the detailed description hereinafter given, as well as from an inspection of the  
20 drawings hereto annexed and forming a part of this specification, of which said drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention, showing it as attached to the top of a common overshoe, though the top of any  
25 other than an overshoe might as well have been represented. Fig. 2 is a view of that side of the invention not seen in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional detail view showing a clasp connected with the top and adapted to attach the lower edge of the same to the top of  
30 a boot or shoe.

In the drawings, *a* designates my improved boot or shoe top, which may be made of suitable size and material and be bound, if desired, around the edges to prevent the material from fraying or becoming rough from wear or other means. The top may be made as high as is desirable. While in practice I do not usually make it so as to reach above the  
40 knees, it may readily be so made, and, moreover, it is made sufficiently large to fit rather closely around the leg and ankle, but not so snugly as to cause discomfort, since it will operate to keep out snow, ice, and "wet"  
45 quite completely without being bound tight in place.

*b* designates the top of a boot or shoe to which the lower edge of my improved shoe-top is connected by means of clasps *c* or  
50 other devices operating with the same effect, which may be connected to the shoe-top *a*

and made to engage the upper edge of the boot or shoe *b*, or vice versa.

*d* designates a buckle or other suitable means for connecting the front edges of the shoe *b*, and *e* indicates a series of buckles secured along the front edges of my improved shoe-top to bind the same in place and connect the edges so as to keep out cold and other storm elements.  
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My improved boot and shoe top has the advantage of being readily used in connection with any form of boot or shoe and when worn to be entirely above the common boot or shoe, so as not to be in the way or otherwise create any discomfort, and it will operate to keep the feet, ankles, and legs dry and warm and when not needed for use can be removed and easily and quickly dried.  
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Instead of employing buckles, as represented, I may use hooks and eyes or other fastening means as may be desired.  
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My invention is essentially a top to a shoe-upper, a continuance, as it were, of the short shoe-top, to which it is neatly connected, opening down the front with the shoe, and readily unloosed or unfastened, so that it may be taken off or removed from the foot as one with the shoe.  
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Changes may of course be made in the form of the improved shoe-top without departing from the nature or spirit of the invention.  
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I claim—

An improved article of manufacture consisting of a shoe-top having its lower edge bound and provided with fastenings reaching to said lower bound edge to closely, neatly, and securely fasten or clasp the said edge on the upper edge of the ordinary shoe-top, open in front, and provided further along the front edges with buckles, whereby the top is adapted to be secured to the upper of a shoe as one with it, and be fastened around the legs and ankles of the wearer of the shoe-top when in use.  
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In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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