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Fig:1.

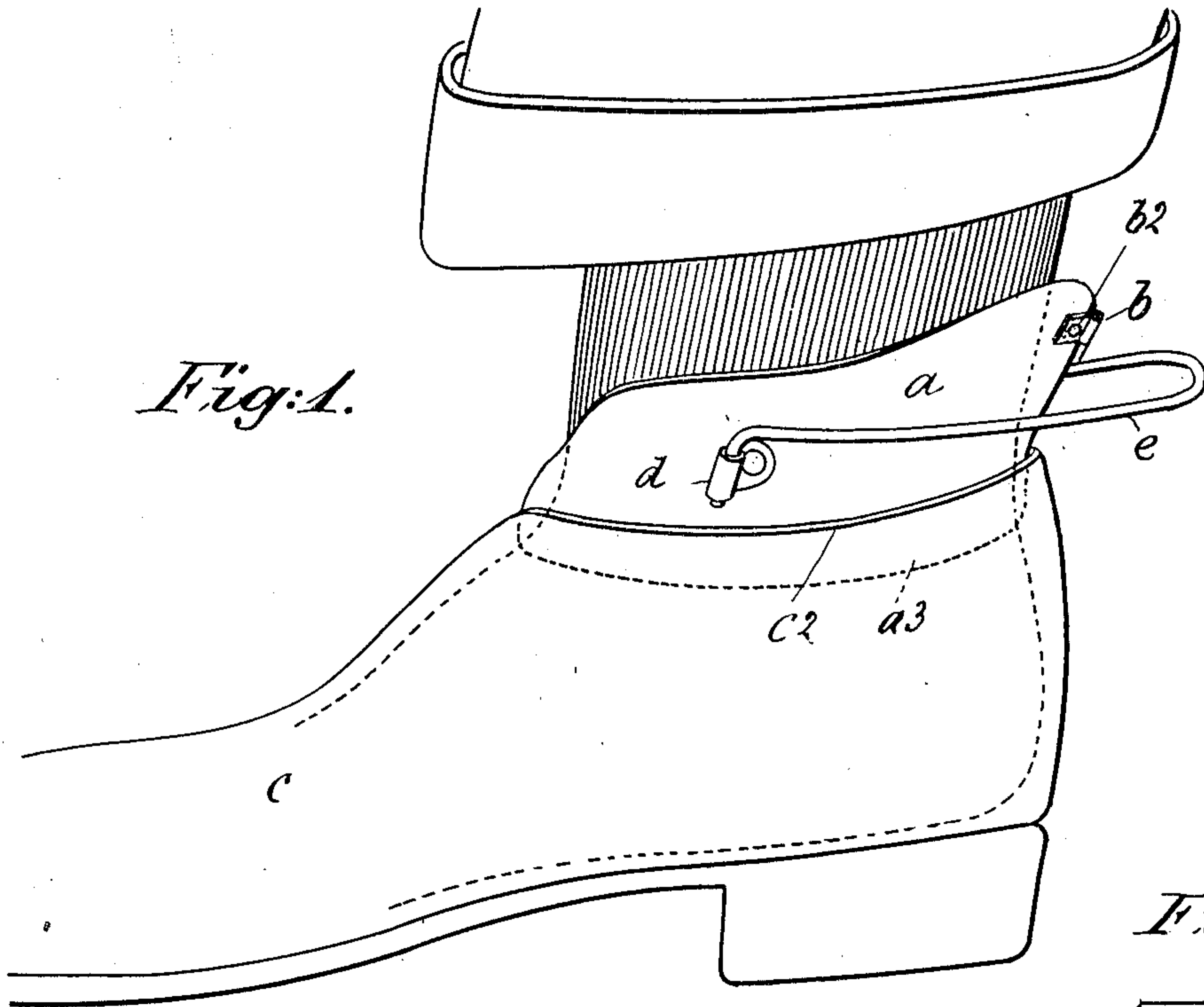


Fig:2.

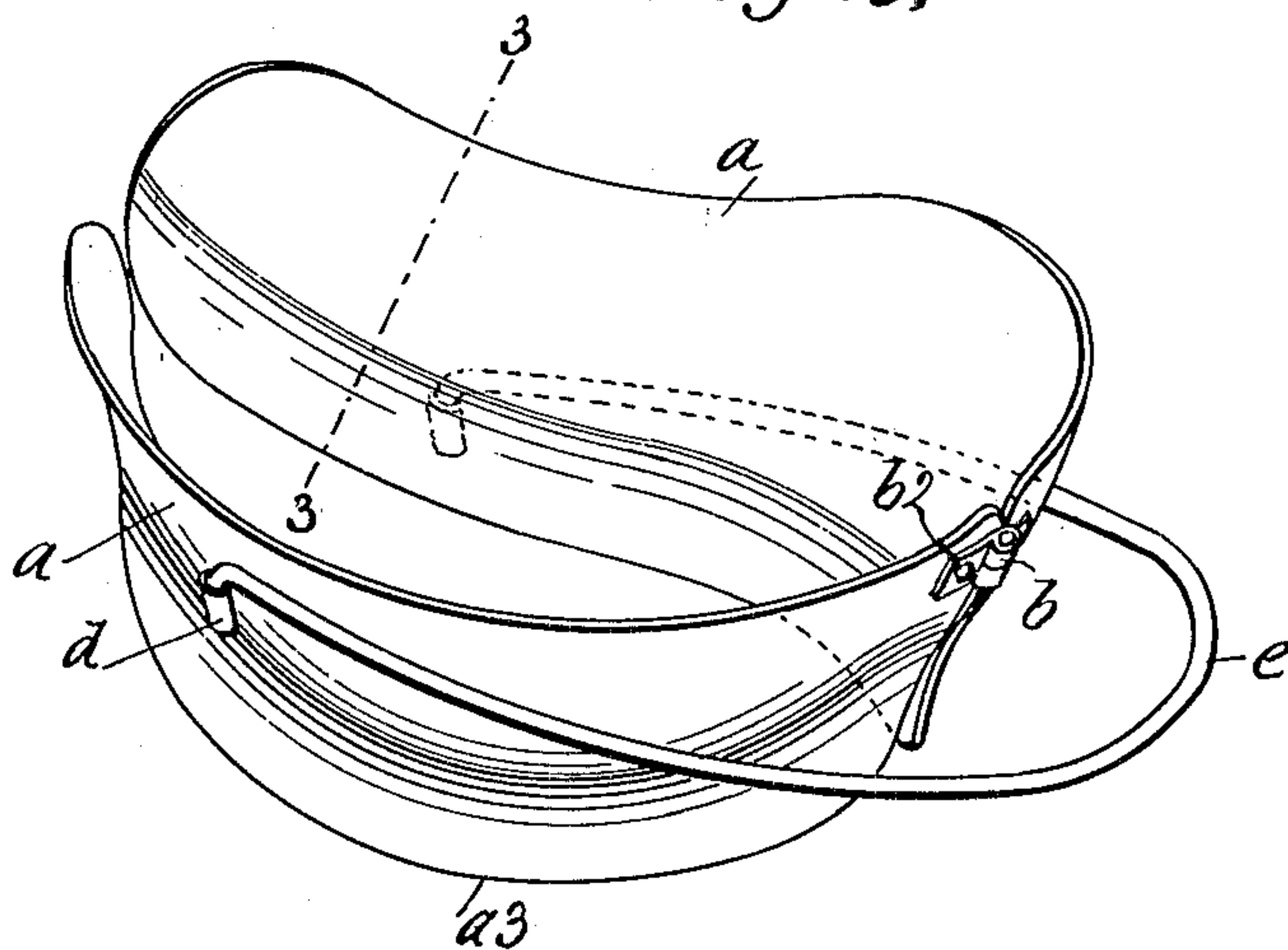
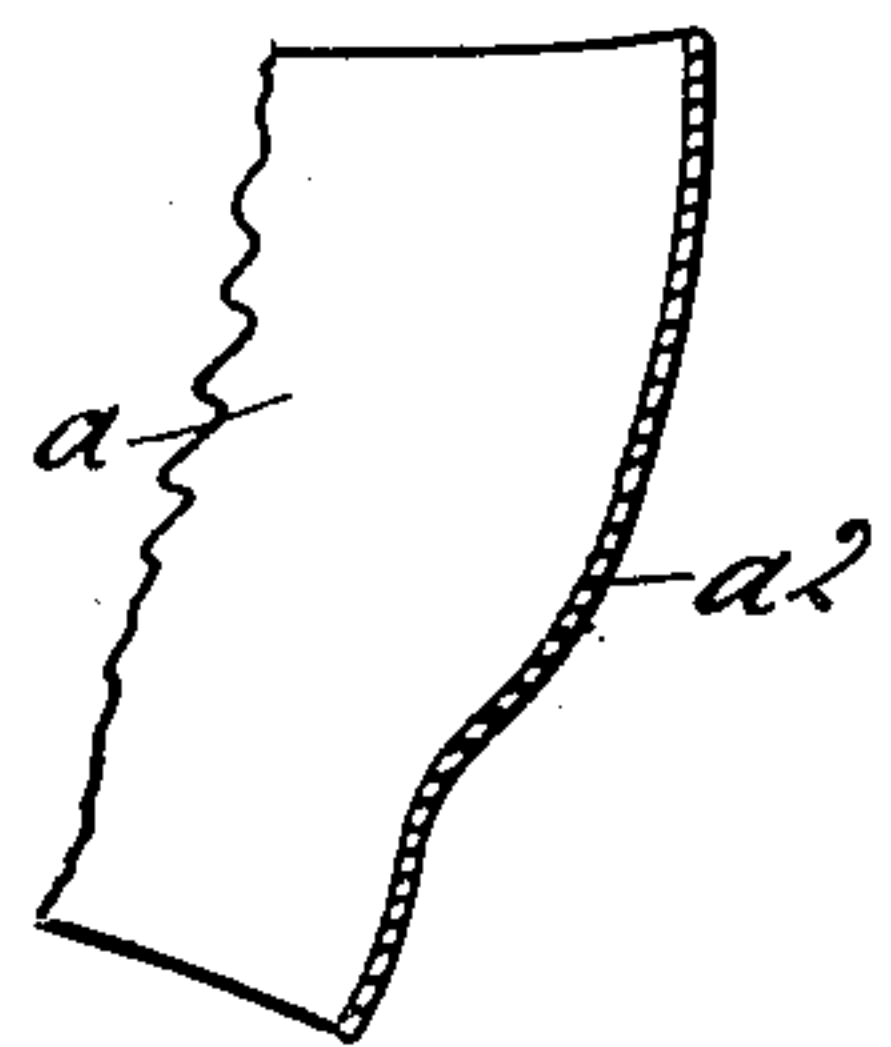


Fig:3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BRISCOE RIELY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stocking-Protectors, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which is appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to devices adapted to be applied to the ankle in order to protect the stockings in the operation of blacking and polishing low-cut shoes; and the object thereof is to provide a device of this class which is simple in construction and easily applied and by means of which the stockings may be protected from dirt or from blacking in the operation above specified.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a foot provided with a shoe and showing the use or application of my improvement in protecting the stocking in the operation of blacking, polishing, or shining the shoe; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the device detached, and Fig. 3 a transverse section of one side of the device on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

My improvement consists of two side members *a*, hinged together at one end, as shown at *b*, the hinge at *b* being composed of separate parts connected by a single rivet *b*² with the side members *a* of the attachment, so that said side members may have a slight rotary movement on the rivets *b*².

The side members *a* of the device are substantially or approximately semicircular in horizontal and longitudinal section, but are curved in vertical section, as shown in Fig. 3, the central and top portion being curved outwardly, as shown at *a*², in order to accommodate the ankle-bones when the device is applied to the ankle, as shown in Fig. 1, and the bottom edges *a*³ of the side members *a* are set inwardly and so formed as to fit the ankle snugly within the top portion *c*² of the shoe *c*, as clearly shown or indicated in Fig. 1.

The outer sides of the side portion *a* of the

attachment are provided, preferably, slightly forward of the transverse middle thereof with transversely or vertically arranged keepers *d*, by means of which a yoke-shaped spring *e* is connected with the side portions *a* of the attachment.

The yoke-shaped spring *e* is provided at the ends of the sides thereof with downwardly-directed members which pass into the keepers *d*, and the tension of said spring and the location of the keepers *d* is such that when the spring is applied to the attachment, as shown in Fig. 2, it normally holds the parts thereof in a closed position or so that the front ends thereof will abut, and the said spring also serves to press the bottom side edges of the sides *a* of the attachment inwardly and holds the same closely in contact with the ankle when the attachment is applied to the ankle, as shown in Fig. 1.

As shown in Fig. 2, the free ends of the side members *a* of the attachment are held closely adjacent; but said ends may be made to overlap, if desired, in order that the attachment may be adjusted on ankles of different sizes and so as to fit within the top *c*² of shoes of different sizes.

The side members *a* of the attachment are preferably composed of any suitable sheet metal—such as tin, brass, or alloy of aluminium—and it will be understood that the side members *a* of the attachment may be made of any desired dimensions and of any preferred shape, all that is necessary in this connection being to provide a device of the class described which may be applied to the ankle and the bottom edge of which will fit within the top portion of a low-cut shoe so as to protect the stocking in the operation of blacking, polishing, or shining the shoe.

My invention is not limited to the use of the spring *e*, connected with the side members *a*, as herein shown and described, and any suitable spring device may be employed for holding the free ends of the side members *a* of the attachment together.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A device of the class described, comprising two side members hinged at the rear end and the front ends of which are held closely

adjacent, the bottom edges of said side members being adapted to be inserted into the top of a low-cut shoe and said side members being provided with a spring which normally
5 holds the front ends of the side members together.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as

my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 29th day of September, 1906.

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