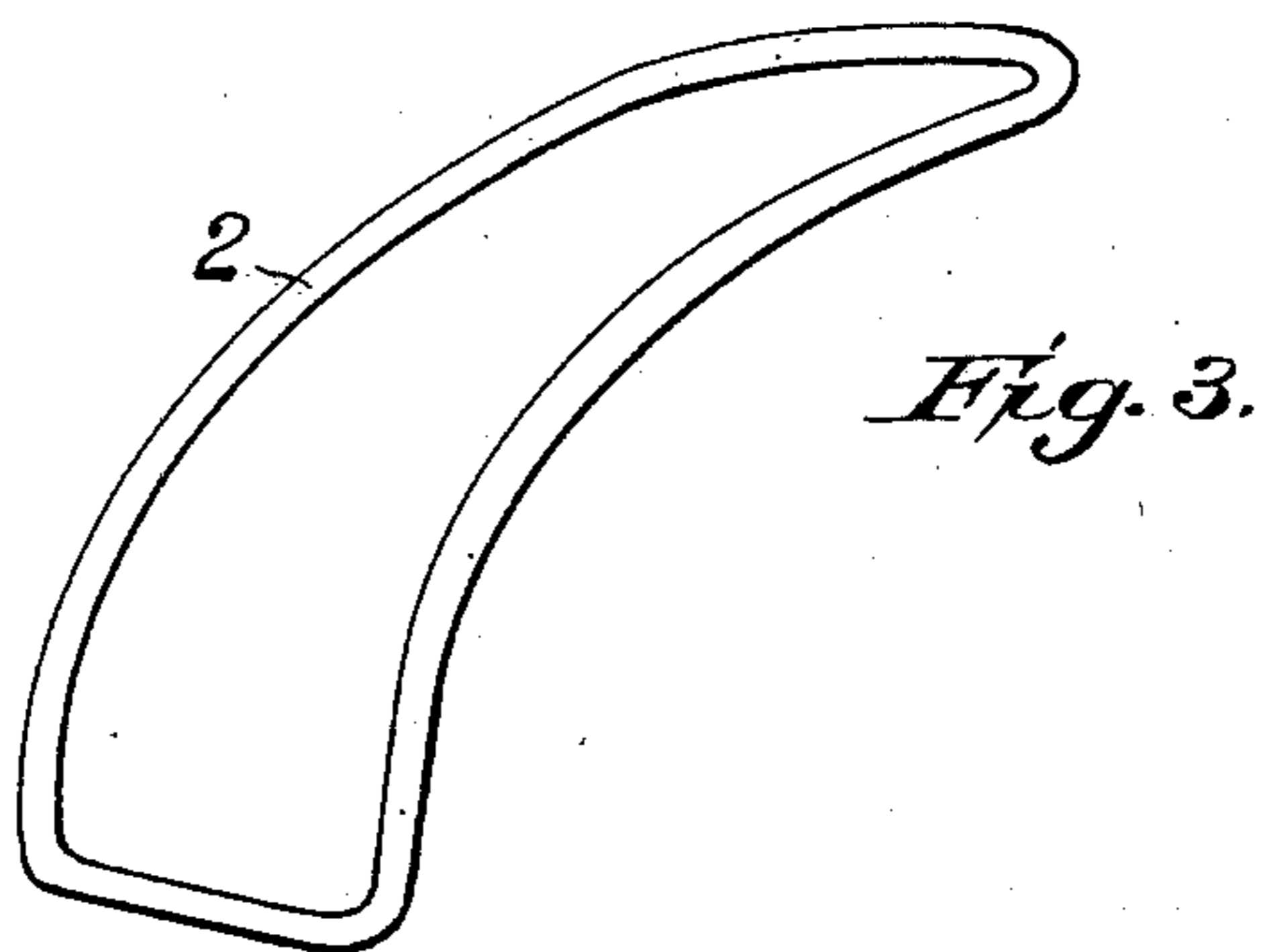
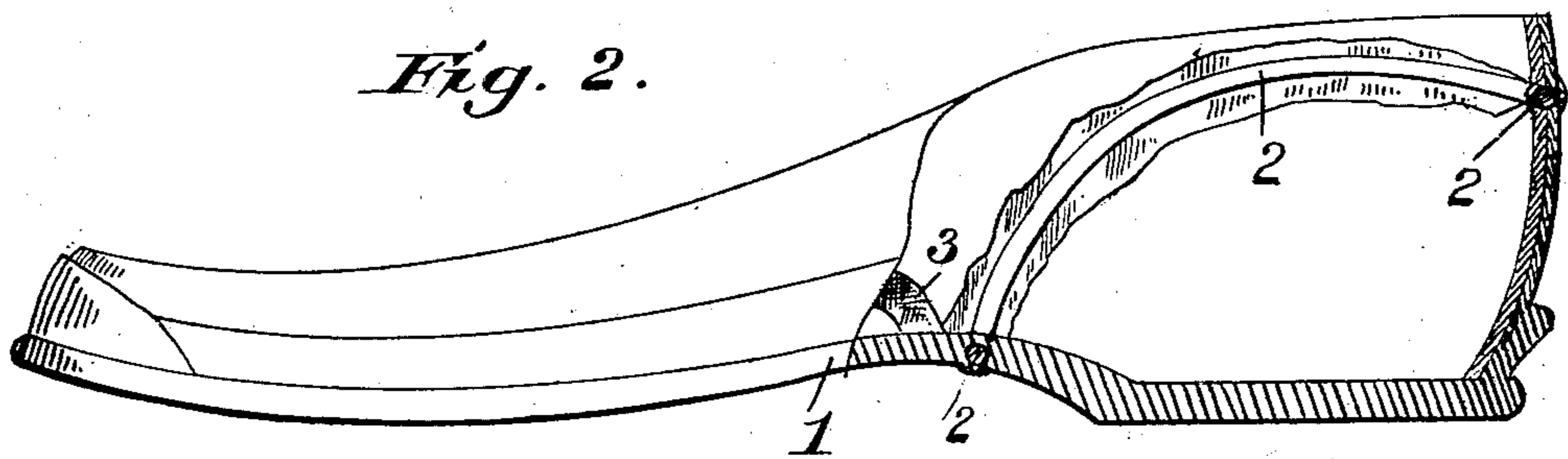
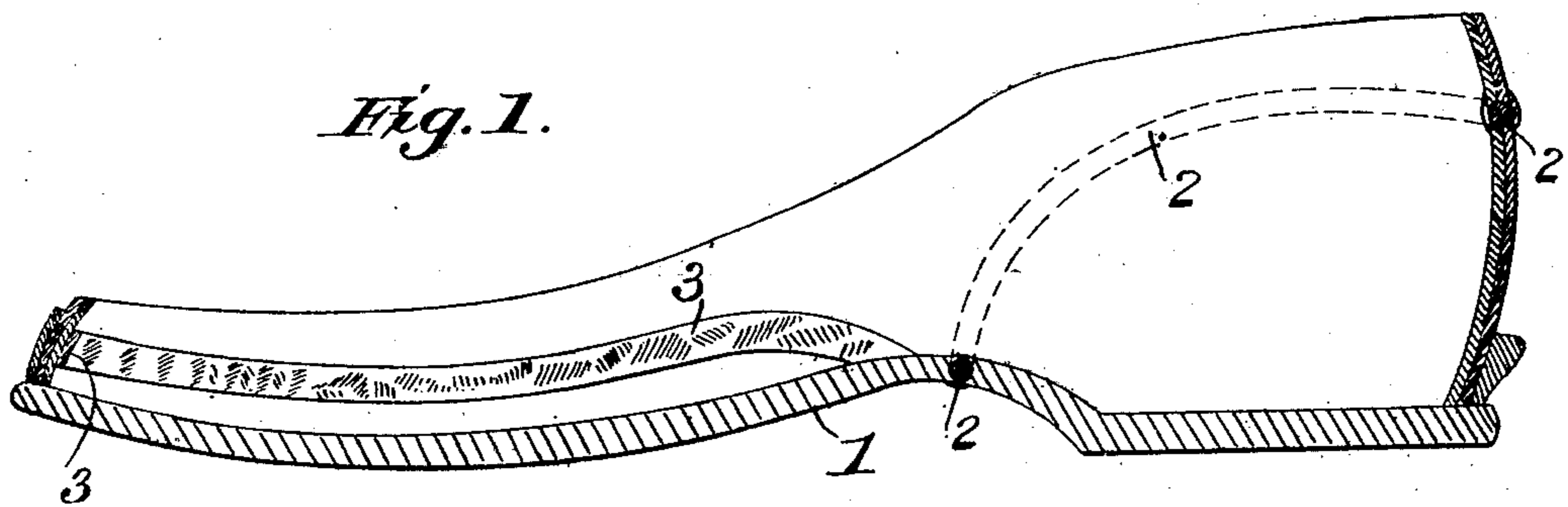


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*To all whom it may concern:*

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 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overshoes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention pertains to improvements in overshoes.

Its object is principally to guard against their accidental slipping or pulling off especially in event of stepping in the mud, or otherwise, and to effect the reinforcement or strengthening of the overshoe.

It consists of certain structural features or instrumentalities substantially as hereinafter fully disclosed and specifically pointed out by the claims.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating the preferred embodiment of my invention—Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 2 is a broken side view showing more especially the heel-portion of the overshoe with the metal or wire retaining device or contrivance in place thereon. Fig. 3 is a detached perspective of said retaining device.

In carrying out my invention, I secure in the usual rubber overshoe 1, around the heel-portion or hind-quarter, near its upper edge and in under the lining, a retaining contrivance or device 2 of stout or stiff spring wire, the same also passing under the counter portion of the overshoe as shown, for guarding, as above noted, against the latter accidentally pulling or slipping off, particularly, as would be liable to happen in stepping in the mud. Said device or contrivance, it is apparent, has the effect to cause the overshoe, immediately at the back-edge of its heel-portion, to bind upon the

foot-shoe at that point, which principally serves, together with the lateral pressure also exerted thereby upon the overshoe, to effectively prevent the overshoe accidentally slipping or pulling off under the conditions aforesaid. Said retaining device, is also so contrived as to press inwardly upon the lateral edges of the counter of the overshoe and thus aid in retaining it tightly upon the shoe worn upon the foot and further aid in preventing the overshoe slipping off the former. Also extending from around the toe-end of the overshoe, upon the inside, to the counter from both sides, particularly when the overshoe is of the "low-cut" character as herein shown, I suitably secure a non-elastic band 3 of some suitable textile material, to guard the overshoe at the points along which it is placed, as for instance opposite to which the edges of the soles of the foot-shoe come, said non-elastic strip interposing between said shoe-soles and the rubber of the overshoe and thus preventing the stretching of the latter by the shoe-sole as would otherwise be the case.

I claim—

A rubber overshoe, equipped with a continuous stout spring-wire with its lateral portions embedded in the corresponding portions of the shoe upper and its lower transverse portion likewise applied to, and extending across the counter, said wire having its upper portion encompassing the upper back part of the shoe-heel.

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

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