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Fig. 3.

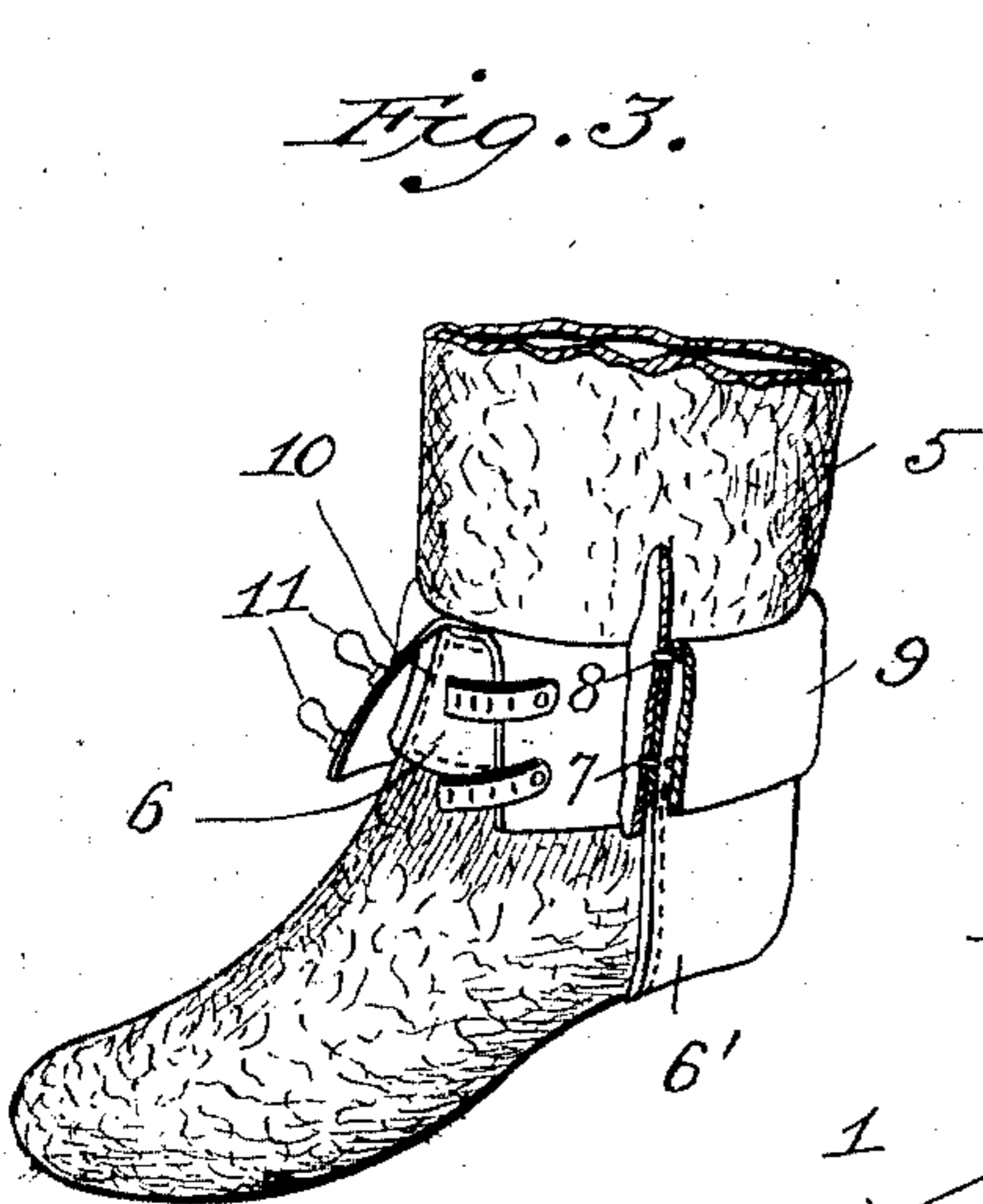


Fig. 1.

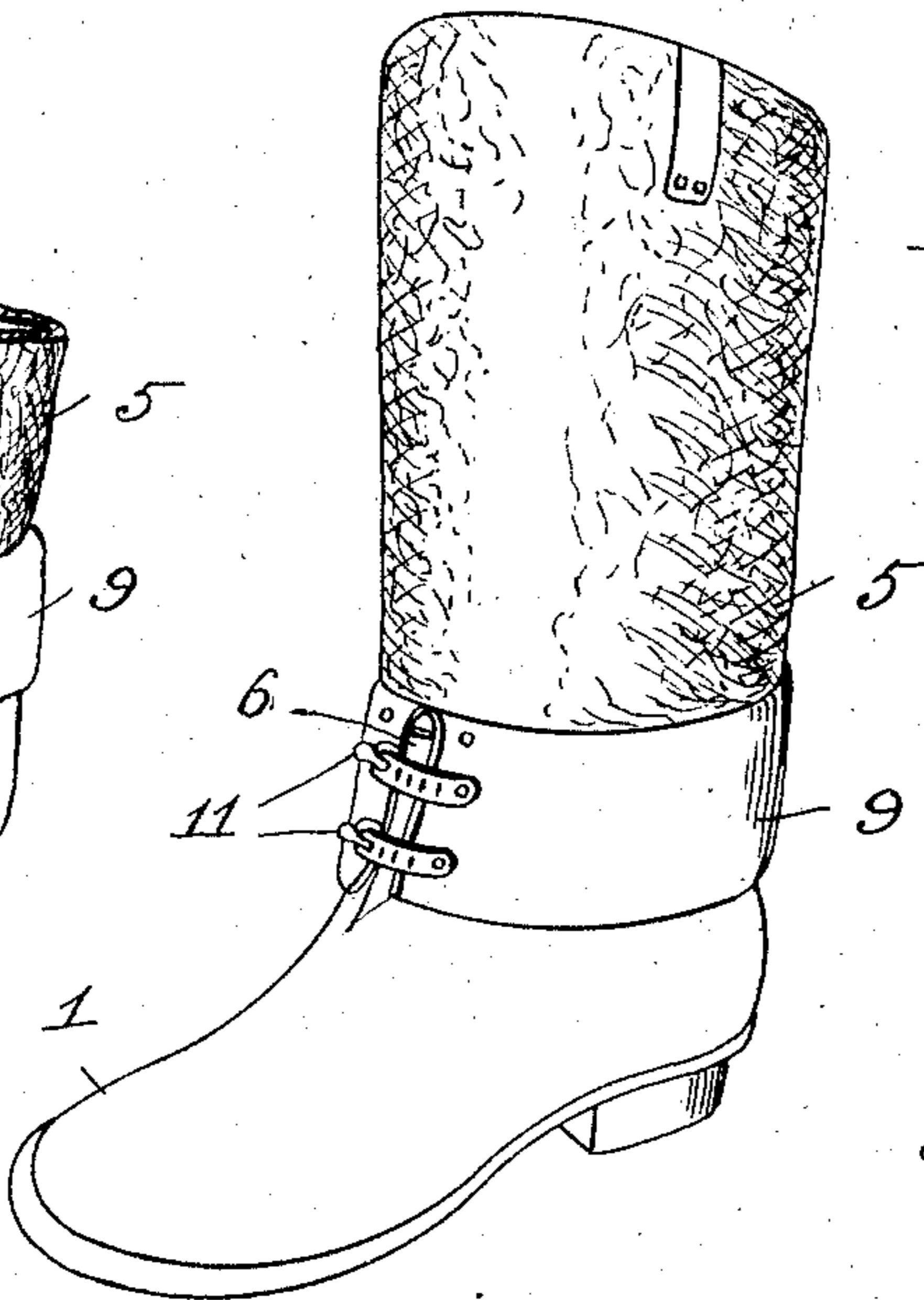


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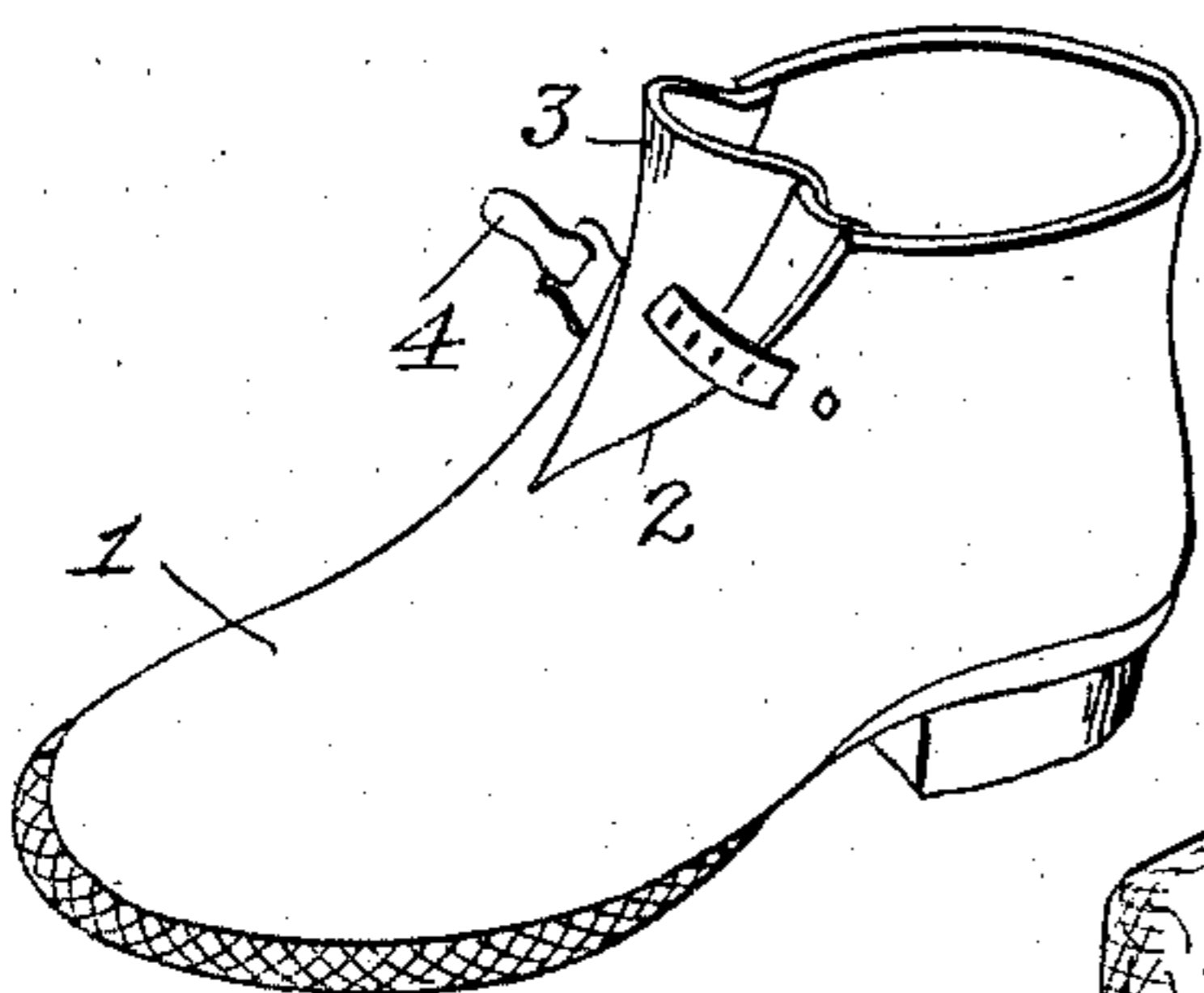


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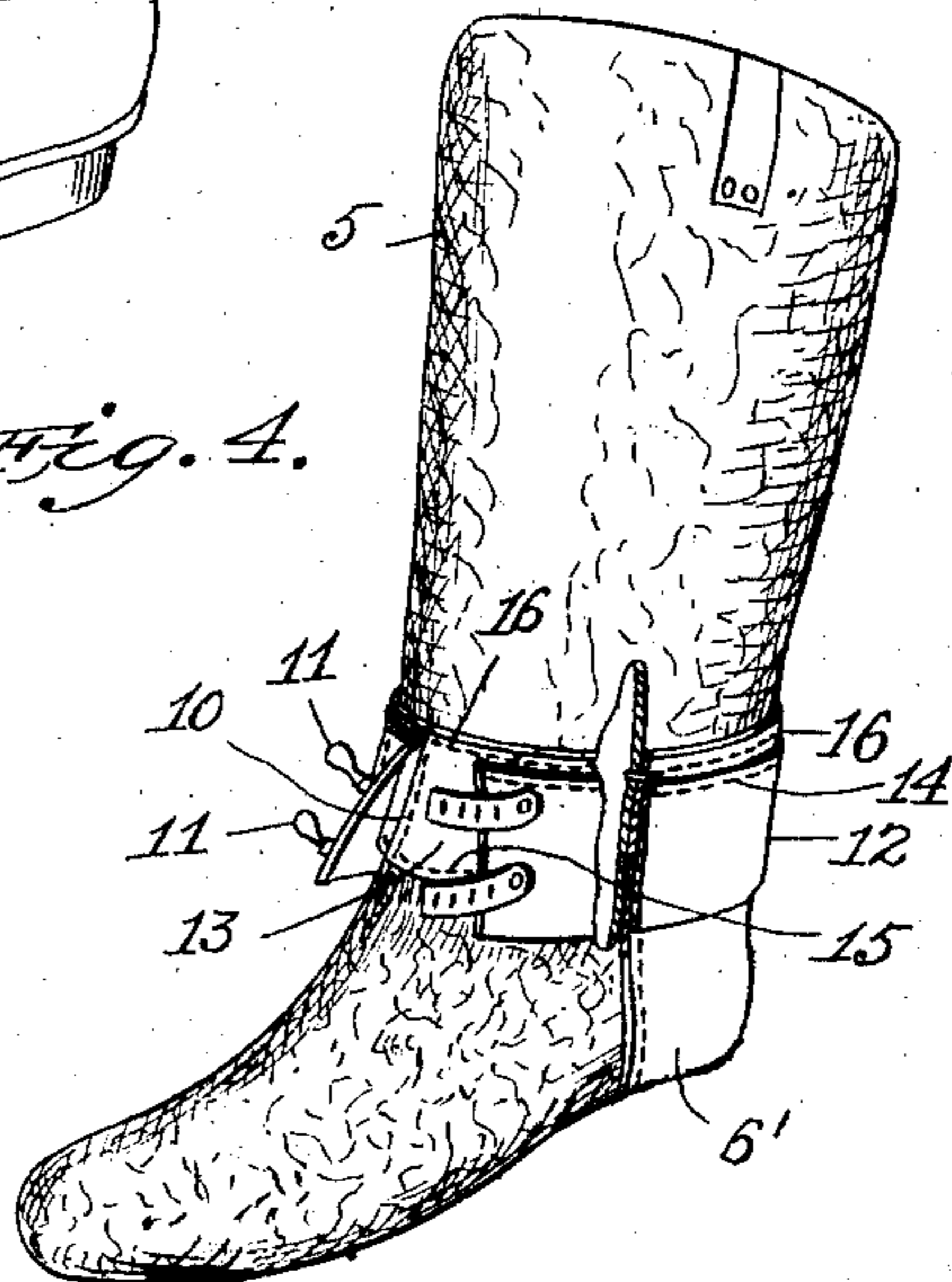


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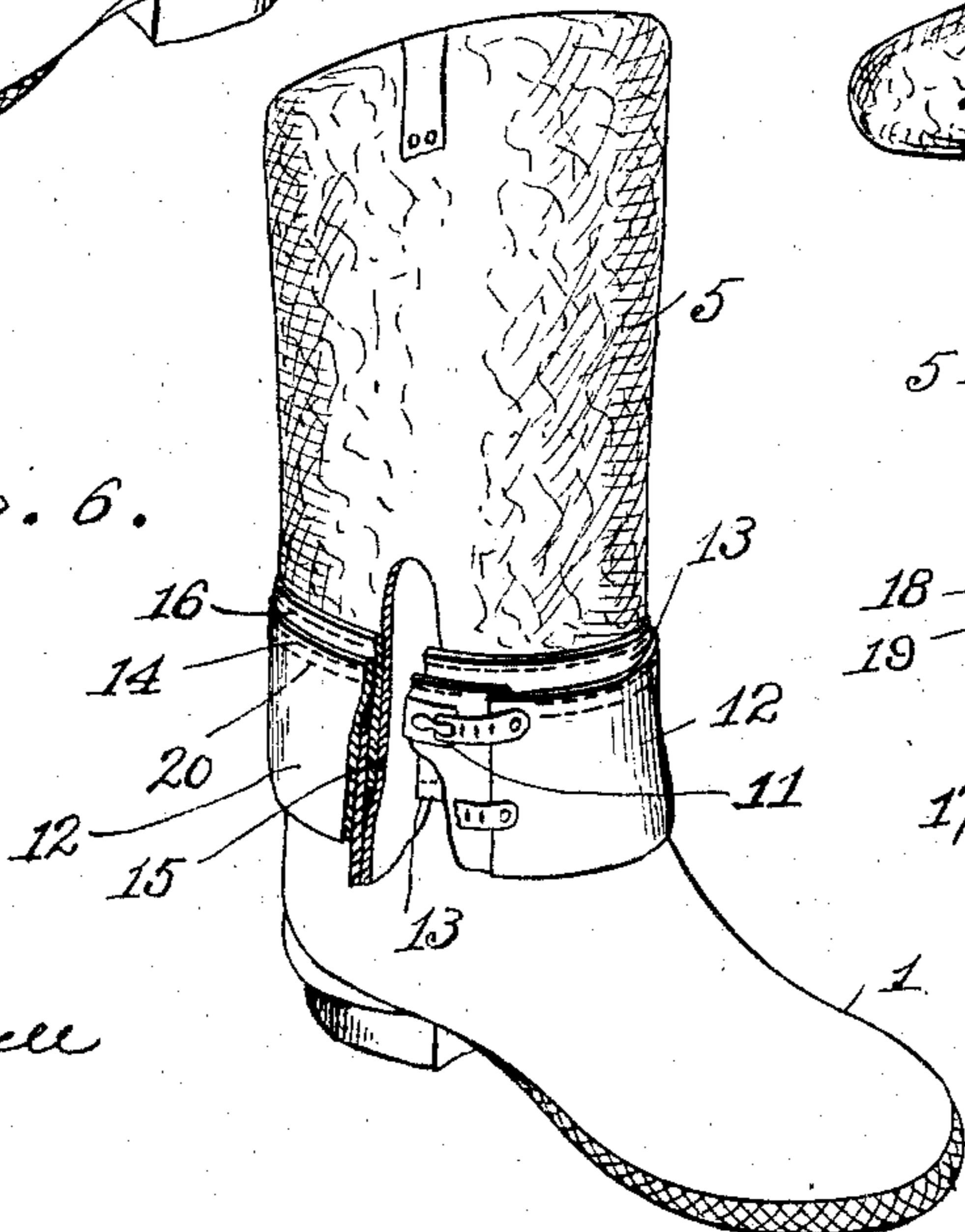
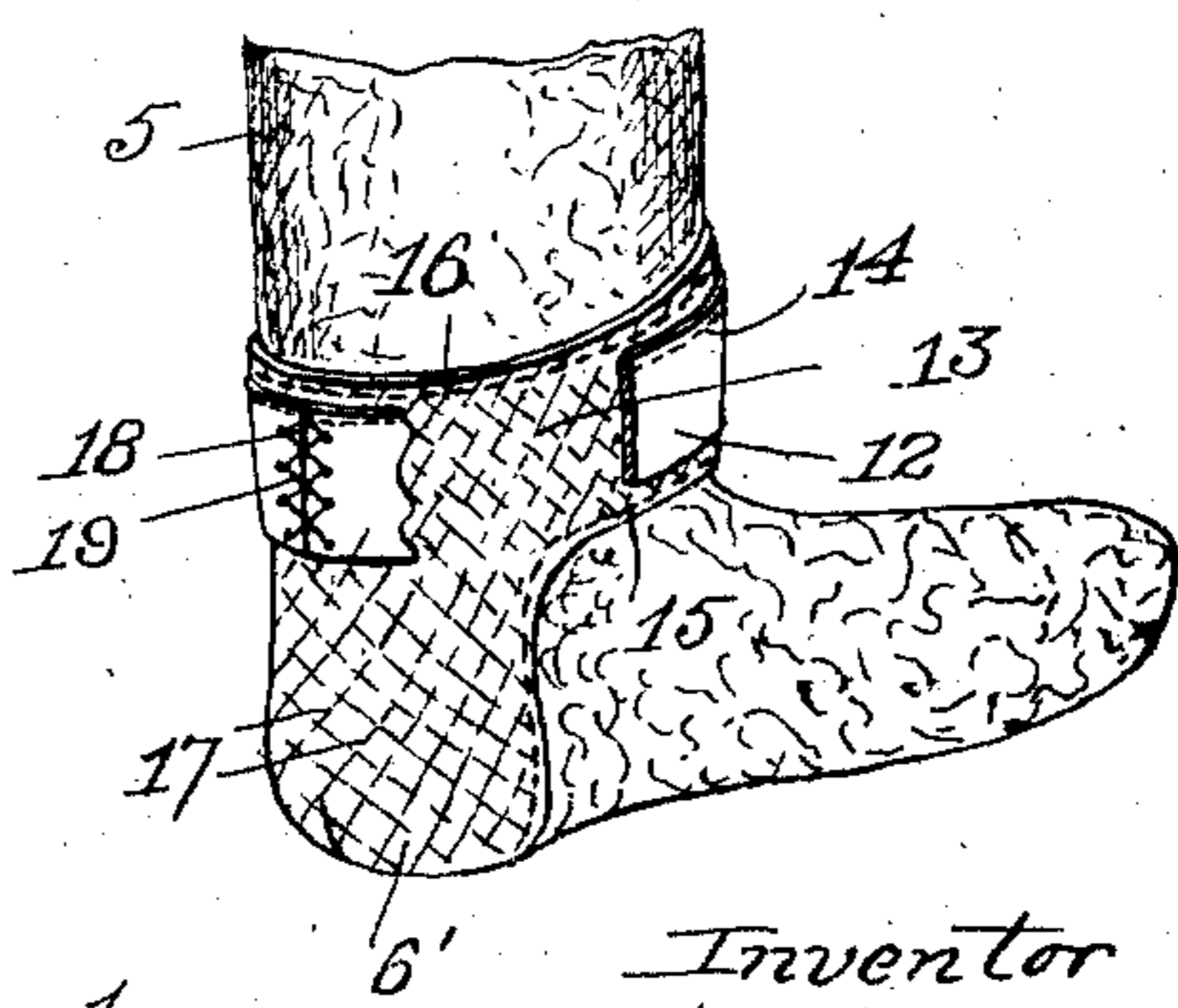


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERIC W. SAVAGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Granville, in the county of Washington, State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Felt Boots or Socks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to felt boots or socks worn in connection with overshoes, and has for its object to provide an improved construction of combined strengthening band and snow excluder, as will be hereinafter more definitely pointed out and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a felt boot and overshoe embodying one form of my improved construction. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the overshoe, the felt boot being removed therefrom. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the felt boot removed from the overshoe, the same being shown partly broken away at one side. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a felt boot embodying a somewhat different construction, the same being shown partly broken away. Fig. 5 is a similar view, showing the rear of the felt boot and embodying still another modification. Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing still another modification.

As far as possible similar numerals of reference denote corresponding parts in the several views.

In the said drawing, and referring more particularly to Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the reference numeral 1 denotes the usual waterproof overshoe or arctic, formed preferably of rubber, having the front slit 2 closed by tongue 3, and having the usual buckle 4 to retain said front slit closed when in position on the foot of the wearer.

The felt boot or sock 5, adapted to be inserted into the overshoe 1, is of any suitable construction, and is provided with a broad strengthening band 6 of leather, canvas, cloth, or other suitable material, the same being sewed or otherwise firmly attached horizontally to the ankle portion of the felt boot at its lower edge at 7 some distance below the line of the upper edge of the overshoe 1 when in position on said felt boot, and again sewed or otherwise firmly attached horizontally at 8 a sufficient distance above the line of attachment 7, and somewhat above the upper edge of the overshoe 1, to constitute a strengthening band as well as a

wearing surface for the felt boot that will not only effectually prevent any tendency of the felt to sag down and break, due to its spongy condition when wet, but will also take up the abrasive action of the upper edge of the overshoe 1 and thus prevent the wearing out of the felt. Said band 6 is at its rear extended downward at 6' to pass under and cover the heel of the felt boot or sock 5, such construction not only providing a wearing surface that will protect the heel, but also acting to better retain said band in position.

The upper free end or flap 9 of the band 6 is folded or turned over, as shown, and thus forms a pocket to receive the upper edge of the overshoe 1, which, when in position on the felt boot 5, lies between said flap 9 and band 6, said flap thus effectually excluding from the overshoe all snow, slush, mud and dirt. The front edges of the band 6 are preferably sewed or otherwise united at 10, and the corresponding front edges of the flap 9 are provided with one or more buckles 11 whereby said flap may be drawn in snugly around the upper edge of the overshoe 1.

In the construction shown in Fig. 4, instead of forming the band and flap of one piece, I form the same of two pieces of material, the flap 12 being united to the band 13 by sewing or otherwise along the line 14, while the band 13 is sewed or otherwise attached to the felt boot 5 at its lower edge at 15 and at its upper edge at 16. With this construction the band 13 may be extended for any desired distance above the flap 12 to provide as wide a strengthening band as may be desired.

An important feature of the present invention is shown in Fig. 5, wherein the rear of the boot is shown, and wherein the flap 12 is additionally split up the back at 18, and united by lacing 19, or it may be united by one or more buckles similar to buckles 11, if desired. By thus providing the flap 12 with two splits substantially oppositely disposed, the two sections of said flap so formed may be readily turned up or down, thus obviating the objection heretofore encountered, with flaps having but a single slit, of said flaps buckling and creasing while being turned, and thus being more quickly worn out, as well as rendering the turning operation much less readily accomplished. So also said split 18 may, if desired, extend but part way from the bottom upward, instead of all the way up to the point of juncture with the band 13. While Fig. 5 illustrates the separate flap and band con-

struction shown in Fig. 4, it will be understood that the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 3 is also to be provided with said rear split. In said Fig. 5 I have also shown the
 5 band 13 united to the felt boot 5 not only along the horizontal lines 15 and 16, but also diagonally from top to bottom at 17, in order to more effectually stiffen and support said felt boot, and, while I prefer to arrange the
 10 stitching 17 running diagonally in opposite directions, I may, if desired, run said stitching diagonally in one direction only.

In the construction shown in Fig. 6 the front opening in the flap 12, instead of being
 15 located directly at the front, is located on one side, the usual buckles 11 being employed to retain the same closed, whereby a complete closure is provided at the front of the overshoe 1 where the slit 2 and tongue 3 are located, thus preventing ingress of snow, mud,
 20 etc., thereto. If desired, an additional line of stitching 20 may be used to unite the flap 12 and band 13, the same being located a little below the stitching 14, the same serving
 25 to cause said flap 12 to more closely hug the band 13, and thus more effectually exclude snow, dirt, etc., from the top of the overshoe 1, and at the same time additionally strengthening and supporting the felt boot 5.

30 Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A felt boot or sock embodying a de-

pending flap attached to said boot or sock and forming a circular pocket around said
 35 boot or sock, said flap being split vertically at a plurality of points substantially opposite to each other, and means for adjustably drawing said split ends together.

2. A felt boot or sock embodying a broad
 40 strengthening band encircling said boot or sock at the ankle portion and connected thereto, a depending flap attached to said band and forming a circular pocket around
 45 said boot or sock, said flap being split vertically at a plurality of points substantially opposite to each other, and means for adjustably drawing said split ends together.

3. A felt boot or sock embodying a broad
 50 strengthening band encircling said boot or sock at the ankle portion and extended downwardly at its rear to embrace the heel of said boot or sock and connected thereto, a depending flap attached to said band and
 55 forming a circular pocket around said boot or sock, said flap being split vertically at a plurality of points substantially opposite to each other, and means for adjustably drawing said split ends together.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
 60 signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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