

J. HESSLER.

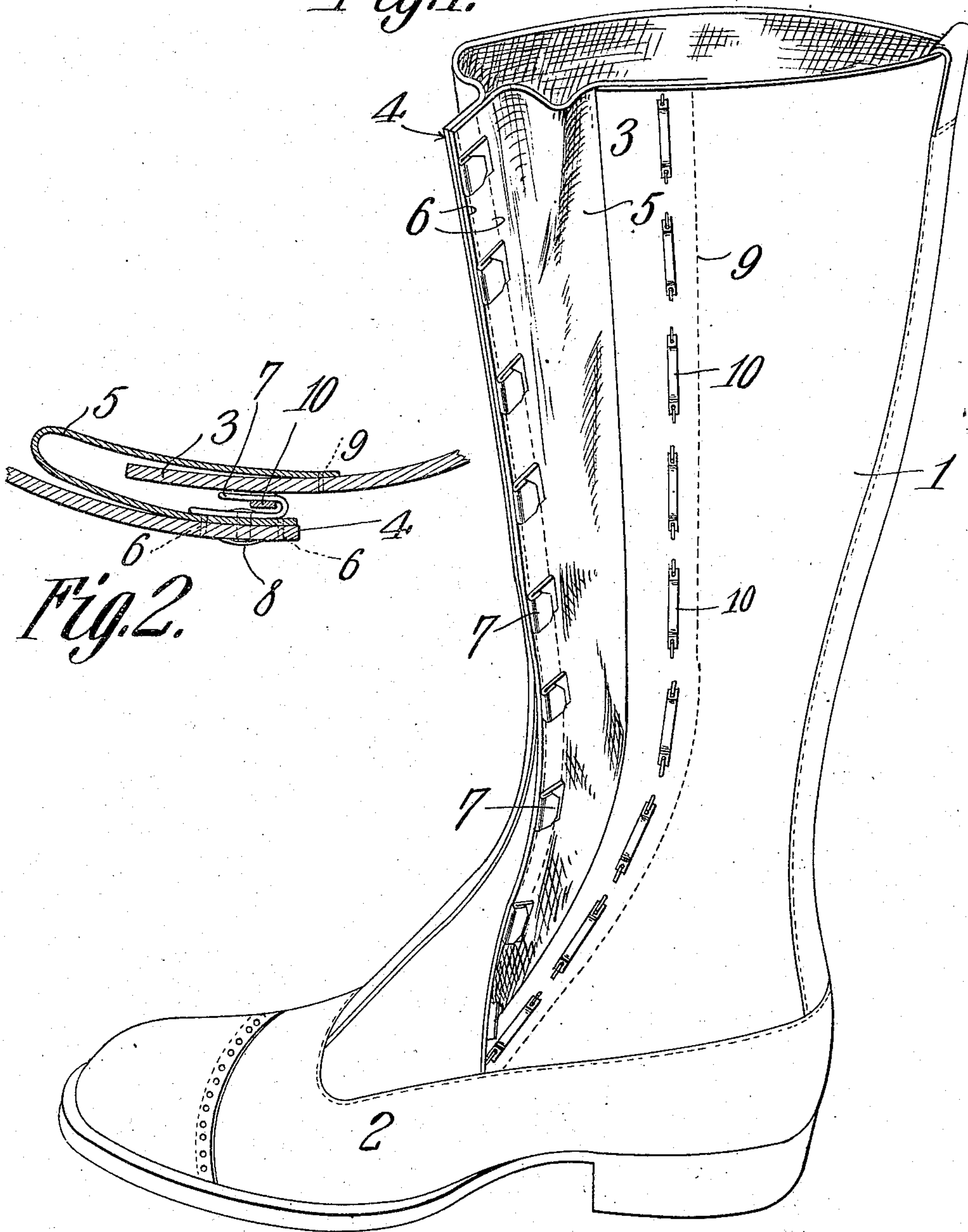
SHOE.

APPLICATION FILED AUG. 31, 1907.

899,978.

Patented Sept. 29, 1908.

*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

*Julius Hessler,*

Inventor,

Witnesses:

*E. J. Hessler*

*R. M. Elliott*

By

*C. A. Snow & Co.*

Attorneys.



# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JULIUS HESSLER, OF SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN.

## SHOE.

No. 899,978.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Sept. 29, 1908.

Application filed August 31, 1907. Serial No. 390,977.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JULIUS HESSLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sheboygan, in the county of Sheboygan and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Shoe, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to shoes, and more particularly to that class that are waterproof in character whereby to adapt them for use by lumbermen, surveyors, and other persons whose vocations require them to travel over wet, muddy or marshy grounds.

The object of the present invention is to provide a shoe of this character having a novel form of tongue for closing the space between the flies in such manner as positively to preclude the entrance of water to the shoe and also to provide a ready means for permitting the attachment of fastening devices such as are commonly employed in connection with boots of this character in lieu of ordinary lacing strings.

With the above and other objects in view as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a shoe, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts,—Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a shoe constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged horizontal sectional detail view through the shoe upper, showing the flies secured together.

The shoe may be of the usual or any preferred construction, and is provided with an upper 1 of any desired length, which is opened along one side to the vamp 2, forming thereby two flies 3 and 4. To these flies are secured the tongue 5 which may be of the same character of material as the shoe or upper, or any other character, and will be of such width as to permit the ready putting on or taking off of the shoe as required.

As will be noted by reference to Fig. 1, the

tongue is secured along the edge of the fly by lines of stitches 6 which will operate to hold these parts closely assembled so that the attachment of hooks 7 may be easily accomplished. These hooks may be of any preferred construction, and assembled with the tongue and fly by headed rivets 8. The tongue is secured to the fly 3 by a single row of stitches 9, thus leaving that portion of the fly from the rear of stitches outward to its edge, free to be turned back, the object of this arrangement being to allow the eyes to be readily secured in position and also to permit the renewal of the hooks and to enable a retail shoe dealer, who may keep the shoes in stock, to set the eyes nearer to the edge of the fly or further back according to whether the wearer has thick or thin legs.

By securing the tongue in the manner described, when the hooks are in engagement with the eyes, as shown in Fig. 2, a neat and finished appearance of the article is secured inasmuch as all of the fastening elements are hidden from view.

The improvements herein defined are simple in character, will be found thoroughly efficient for the purposes designed and will cooperate in the production of highly durable and advantageous form of shoe.

What is claimed is:—

A shoe having its flies connected by a tongue having one edge secured to the inner side of one of the flies and its other edge secured to the inner side of the other fly at a distance from the edge thereof to provide a flap that may be turned back, hooks secured to the inner face of the first-named edge portion of the tongue, and eyes secured to the exterior of the flap, whereby when the flies are secured together, the fastening means will be invisible.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

JULIUS HESSLER.

Witnesses:

J. W. HAMM,  
D. HUENINK.