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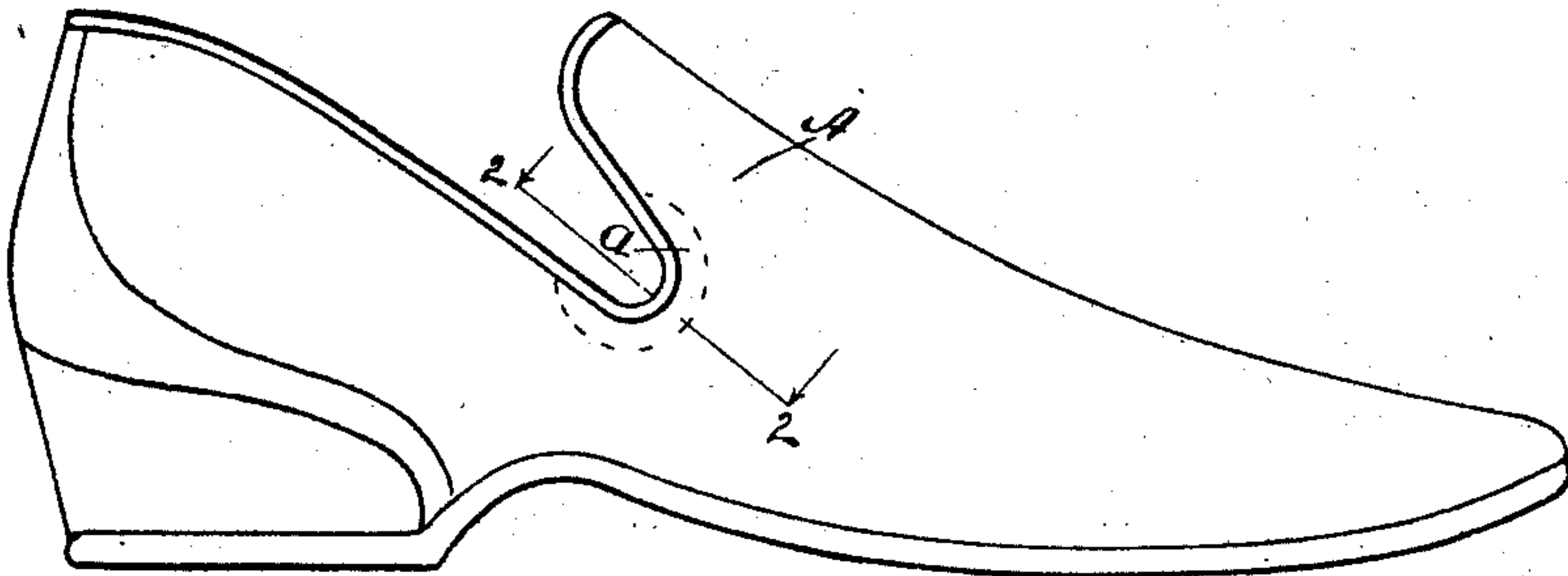


Fig. 1

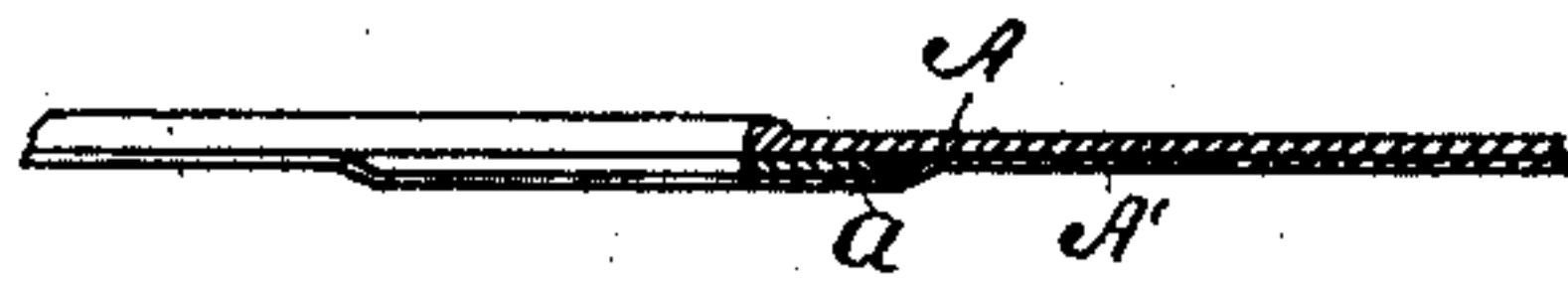


Fig. 2

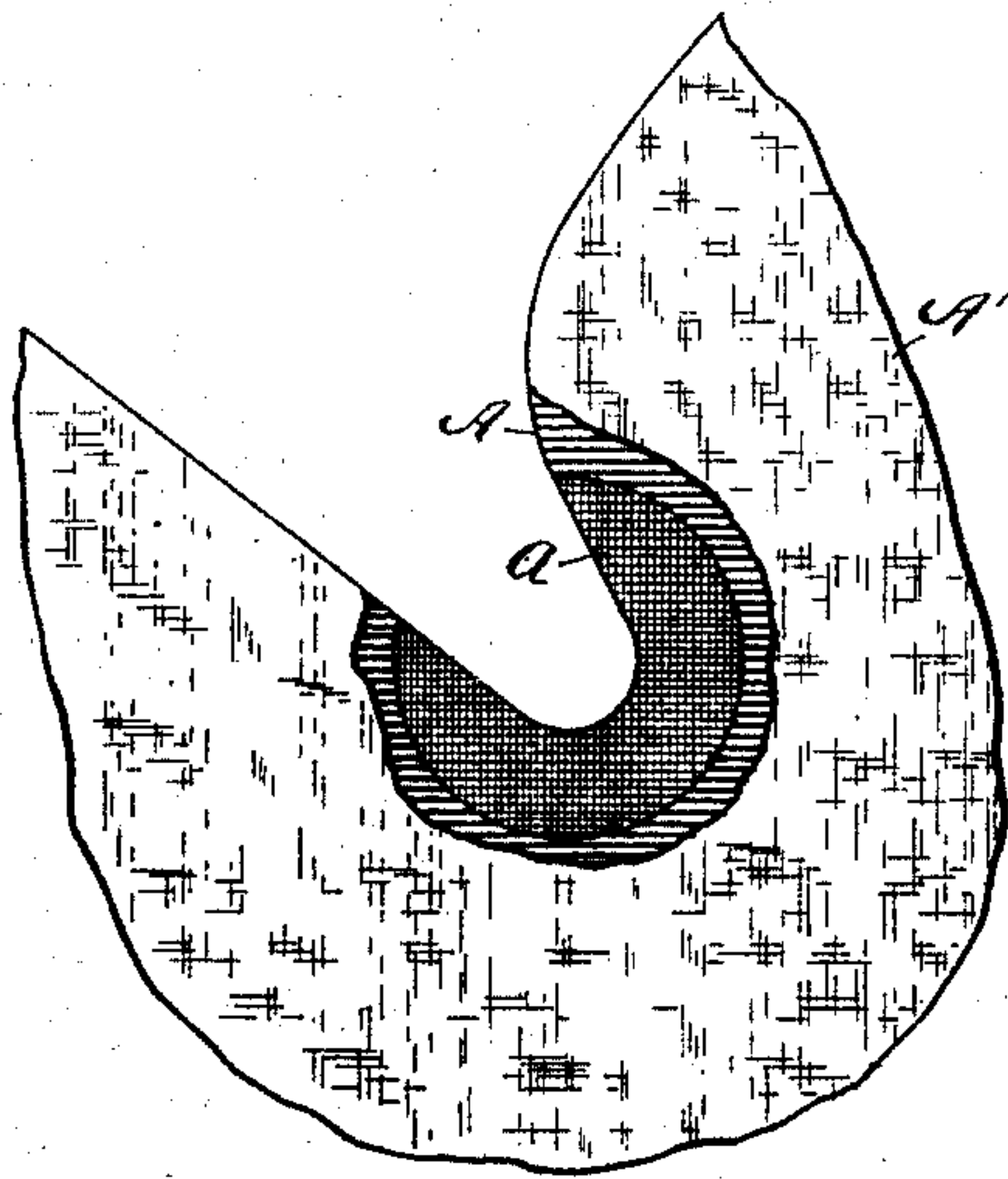


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDMOND W. CHASE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kalamazoo, in the county of Kalamazoo and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overshoes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in overshoes.

It relates particularly to that style of overshoes usually designated as "storm overshoes or rubbers." Such overshoes are designed to cover the instep, but no provision is made for opening other than the downwardly and forwardly extending slit-like openings at each side; as a consequence they are put to considerable stress in drawing upon the shoe, which very frequently results in tearing the overshoe at the bottom of these side openings or slits.

It is the main object of this invention to provide an improved storm overshoe or rubber which is not likely to be torn or injured in drawing upon or removing from the shoe, and one which is at the same time economical to produce.

Further objects, and objects relating to structural details, will definitely appear from the detailed description to follow.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by the devices and means described in the following specification.

The invention is clearly defined and pointed out in the claim.

A structure embodying the features of my invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of an overshoe embodying the features of my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail section on a line corresponding to line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail inside view, a portion of the lining A' of the overshoe being broken away to show structural details.

In the drawing similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawing, the overshoe is formed with a front piece *a* extending well up over the instep. On each side are downwardly and forwardly extending slits or openings *a'*. The body A of the overshoe is preferably formed of India rubber and is provided with a lining A'. At the lower end of the side openings *a'* are reinforcing pieces *a''*. These reinforcing pieces are preferably crescent shaped and are formed of suitable fabric which is interposed between the body of the overshoe and its lining A', being molded therein. These reinforcing pieces do not in any way affect the appearance of the overshoe.

My improved overshoe is strengthened at the point of greatest strain, so that it is not likely to be injured in drawing upon the shoe. It is very economical to produce and has all the advantages of the common storm rubbers or overshoes in the matter of convenience.

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

An overshoe having a rubber outer or body portion, comprising an upwardly extending instep portion at the front and downwardly and forwardly extending openings at each side thereof; a lining for said body; and crescent-shaped reinforcing pieces of fabric arranged between the said body and lining at the lower end of said side openings, said body being molded upon said lining and reinforcing pieces, as specified.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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