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Fig. 1.

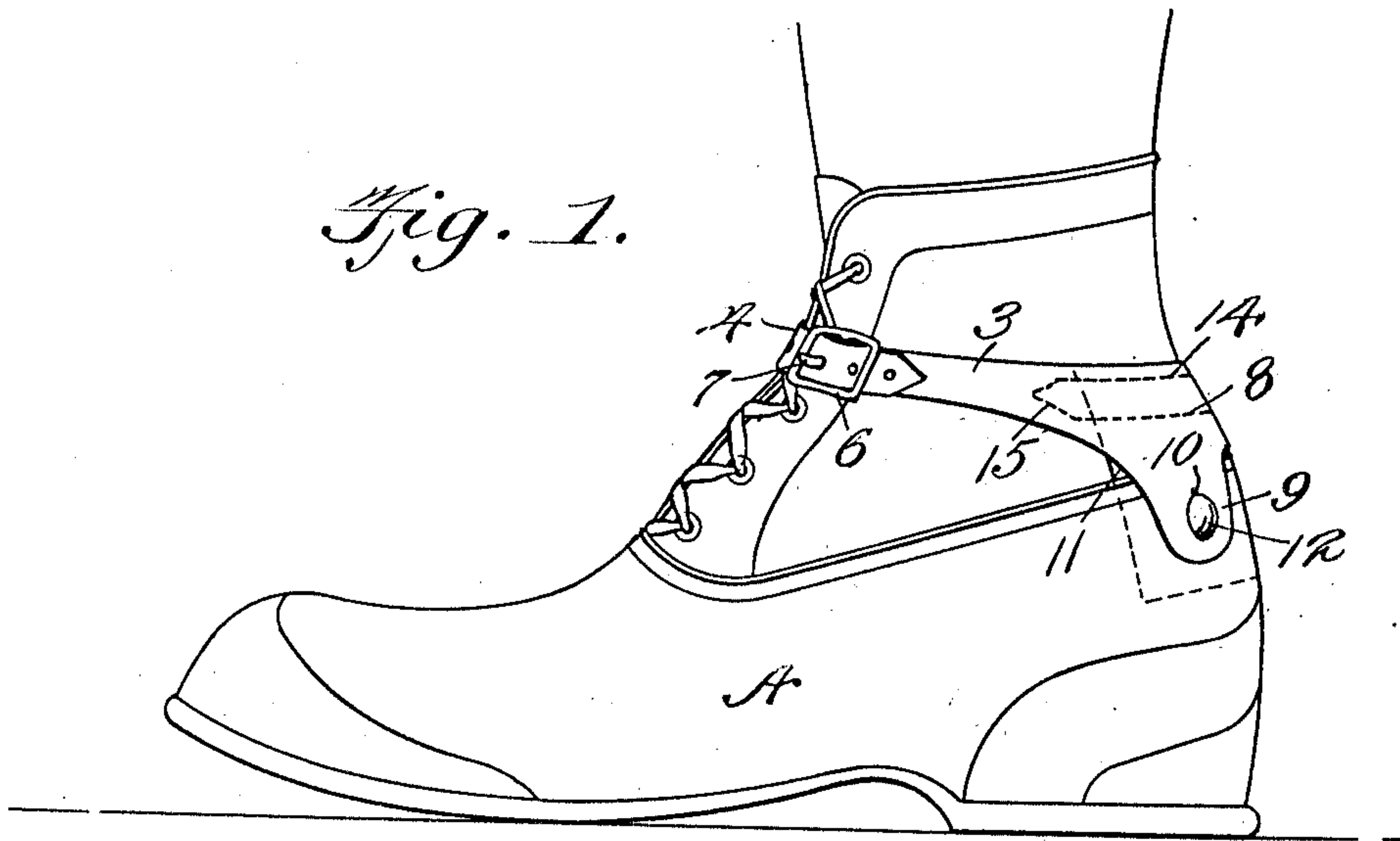


Fig. 2.

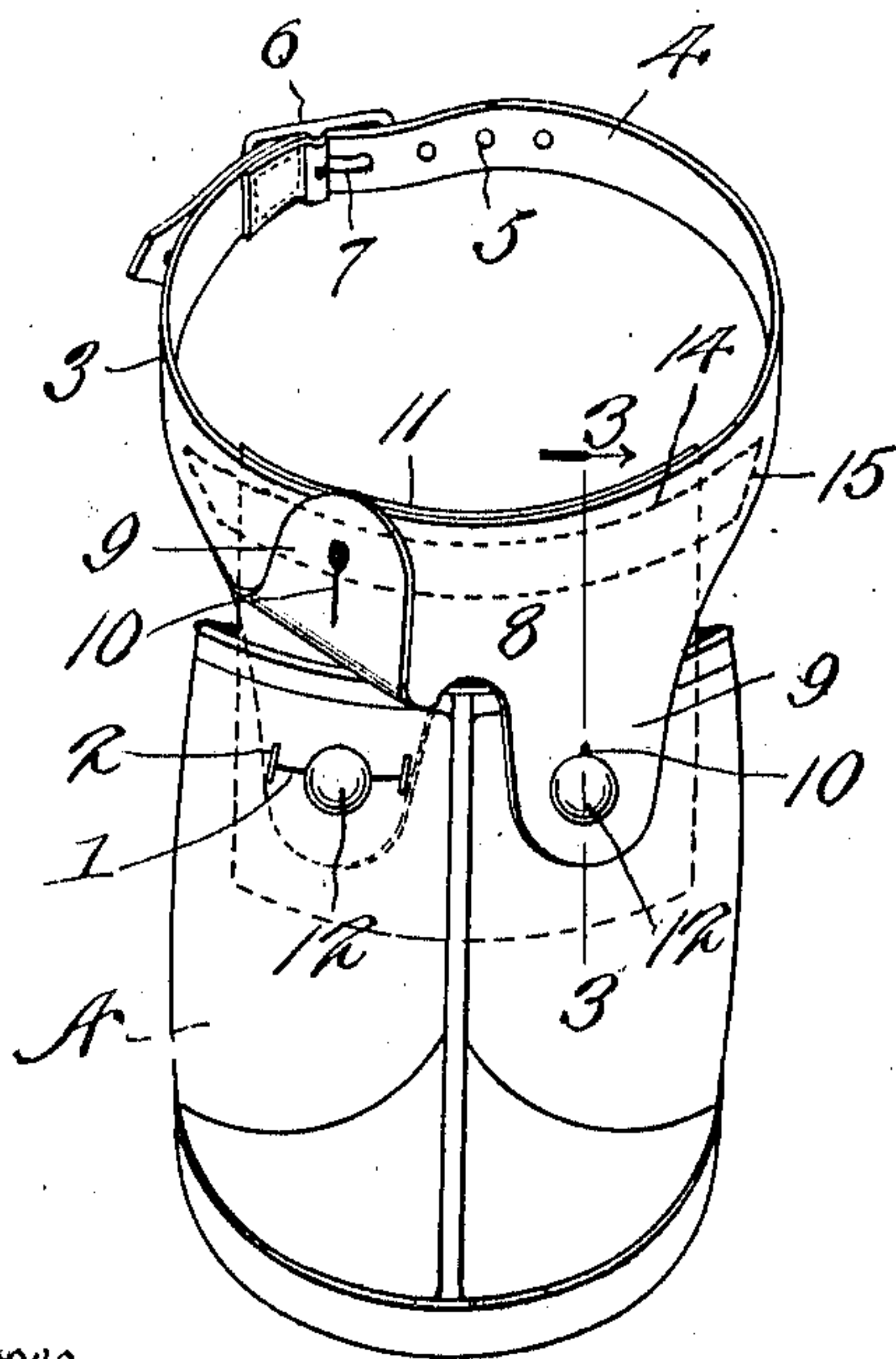
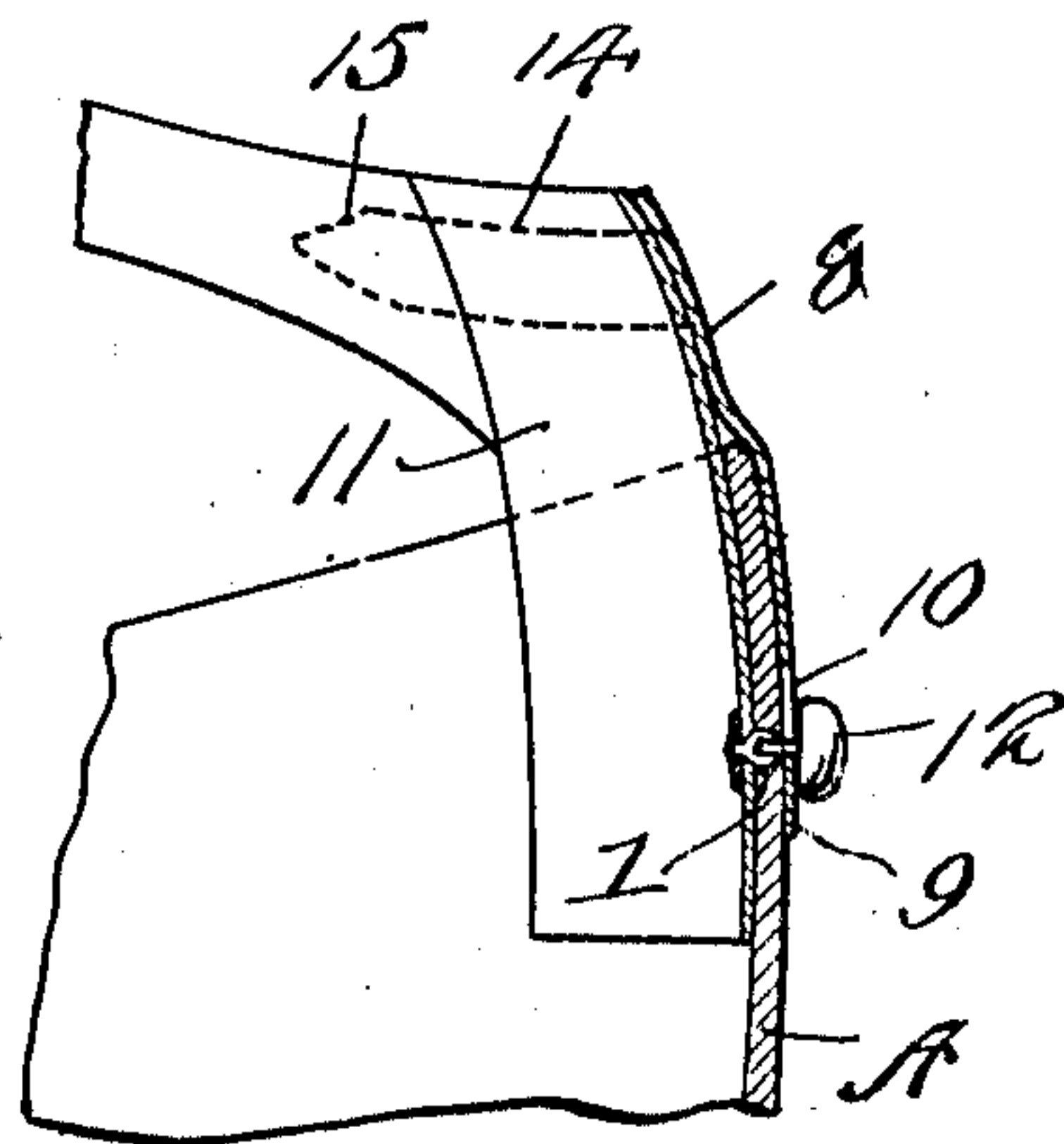


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM G. WHEELER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Overshoe-Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to overshoe retainers, and has for an object to provide a device of this character which can be readily attached to any well known form of overshoe without materially changing the construction of the same to accommodate the device.

Another object of the invention is to provide an overshoe retainer which can be conveniently attached to or removed from the shoe and adjusted to the instep portion of the foot of the wearer so as to prevent displacement or loss of the shoe and to so construct the device that will permit the heel portion of the overshoe being held securely against the heel portion of the inner shoe, thus preventing destruction to the heel portion of the overshoe, incident to the overshoe becoming loose on the inner shoe and being constantly pounded by the impact of the foot in walking.

In the drawing, forming a portion of this specification and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views:—Figure 1 is a side view of the overshoe retainer showing the application thereto to an overshoe. Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof, one of the tabs being moved to a released position. Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

As stated, the device is designed to be attached to any well known form of overshoe. The shoe A shown herein is one of common construction and is rubber. At the heel end of the shoe are formed button-holes 1 which are reinforced at their ends by metallic members such as the staples 2. These staples prevent the button-holes from being enlarged under constant use of the overshoe retainer.

The retainer comprises an attaching member 3 which is preferably constructed from a thin strip of leather and formed to provide a strap, one terminal 4 thereof having a longitudinal series of perforations 5 therein and the opposite terminal having secured

thereto a buckle 6 having the usual tongue 7 for interchangeable adjustment in the perforations 5. This construction is such that the strap can be conveniently attached to the ankle of the foot, as shown clearly in Fig. 1 of the drawing. The strap is enlarged at the back, as at 8, and is formed at such portion to provide depending tabs 9, each of which having formed therein a button-hole 10. A fastener carrying member 11 embodying a thin strip of leather or other suitable flexible material is secured to the inner surface of the enlarged portion 8 of the attaching strap. This member is provided with buttons 12 to be extended through the button-holes 1 in the heel portion of the overshoe, as shown. For the purpose of allowing convenience in the manipulation of the tabs, they are spaced from each other and each, preferably, is substantially of V-form having its smaller end disposed lowermost. The tabs extend over the back of the heel portion of the overshoe and the member 11 extends downwardly and against the inner side of the said heel portion of the overshoe and its buttons are connected with the shoe, as described, and in positions to be inserted through the button-holes 10 in the tabs 5. As shown at 14, the fastener carrying member is sewed to the rear portion 8 of the attaching strap and for the purpose of preventing the ends of the said fastener carrying member from being torn away from the member 8 the lines of stitching are extended over the vertical edge portions of the said fastener carrying member, as at 15.

The device is preferably constructed of leather or of similar flexible material which will readily conform in configuration with the heel end of the overshoe and which will adapt itself to the heel of the inner shoe and be applied thereto without resulting in injury to the shoe or imparting any discomfort to the wearer.

The device as constructed herein is such that it can be conveniently and readily applied to the overshoe immediately on its being taken from stock, and in practice, it will be found most valuable in that it will guard or insure against loss of the overshoe.

While it has been described as desirable to place the staples 2 at the ends of the but-



tonholes it may be mentioned that ordinarily the fabric lining of the shoe will readily serve this purpose.

I claim:—

- 5 1. An overshoe retainer comprising a foot supported member having a fastener carrying portion extending downwardly into the overshoe, a fastening device carried by said downwardly extending portion and extended through the shoe, and an attaching  
10 tab for engaging the said fastening device.
2. An overshoe retainer comprising an ankle engaging strap, a flexible member  
15 carried by the strap and extended downwardly into the shoe, a fastening device supported by the said flexible member and extended through the shoe, and an attaching  
20 tab carried by the strap and detachably connected with the fastening device.
3. An overshoe retainer comprising an adjustable ankle engaging member having a

depending portion extending into the shoe, a flexible depending tab on the ankle engaging member, and means connecting the said flexible depending tab with the depending portion of the ankle engaging member. 25

4. The combination with an overshoe having a buttonhole therein, of an overshoe retainer comprising a foot-engaging member having a portion extending into the shoe  
30 and provided with a fastening device extending through the said buttonhole, and a flexible tab carried by the said ankle engaging member and extending downwardly against the outer side of the shoe and engaged with the said fastening device. 35

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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