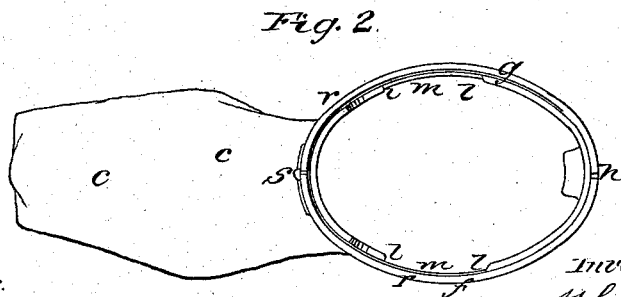
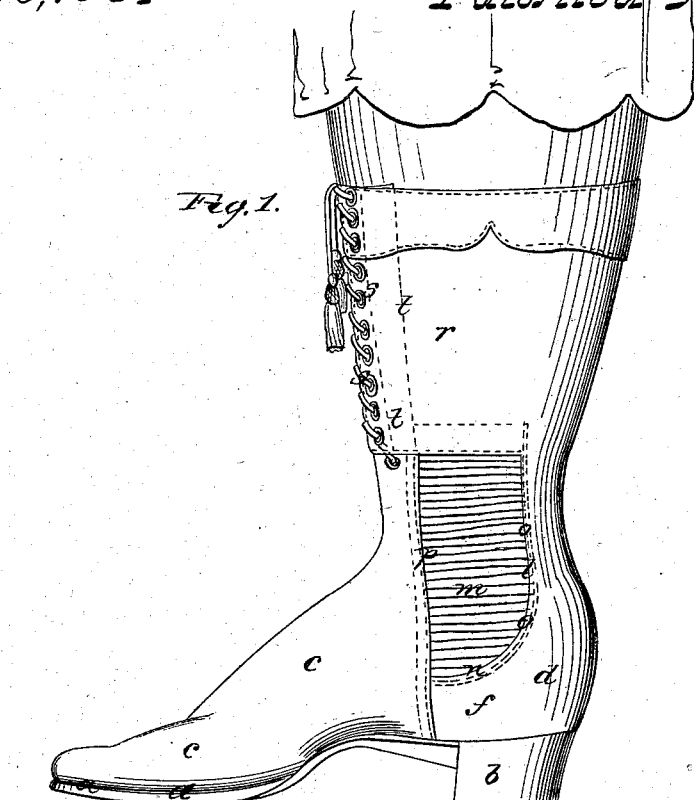


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IMPROVED LADY'S BOOT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, H. LIBBY, of Evansville, in the county of Rock and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ladies' Boots; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The present invention relates exclusively to boots worn by ladies or misses, and consists in forming those portions of the boot incasing and surrounding the ankles and lower portions of the person's legs wearing the same, in a novel and peculiar manner, whereby the boot can be either made with or without crimping, of any desired height or size, with a perfect fit always around the ankle and an easy feeling to the foot, and, furthermore, will economize in the stock.

In the accompanying plate of drawings my improvement is represented, Figure 1 being a side view of the boot as it appears when placed upon the foot; Fig. 2, a top view of the boot.

a a in drawings represent the sole of the boot; *b*, the heel; and *c* the upper-leather, attached to the sole *a* by sewing, pegging, or in any other suitable manner; *d*, the leather piece which surrounds the heel and ankle portions of the boot, made in two parts, *f* and *g*, joined together at *h* by sewing.

The heel-piece *d* is cut away on each side at *l*, and a piece of elastic webbing, *m*, is attached

to lower and side edges, *n* and *o*, of the same. This webbing, when the heel-leather is fastened to the sole-heel, is sewed to the upper-leather at *p*. The heel-leather *d* is also made of such a length that when the boot is put on the person's foot it will extend a short distance up the leg, around which it is folded by the side extension-pieces, *r r*, forming a part of the heel-piece *d*, or attached thereto, and then fastened in front by strings *s*, buckles, or in any other proper or desired manner.

t is a tongue of upper-leather, made of sufficient length to extend entirely up through the side pieces of boots, to prevent the lacing or buckling of the boot from injuring the leg of the person wearing the same.

From the above description it is plainly seen that all the advantages asserted by me for my improvement in boots are secured, and that a neat, tasty, and elegant boot is also obtained.

The heel-piece may be made of any length, so as to extend up the leg of the person to any height desired, and can be ornamented in any of the ordinary styles.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A boot for ladies' and misses' use, made with a heel-piece, *d*, and extensions *r r*, constructed substantially in the manner herein shown and described.

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