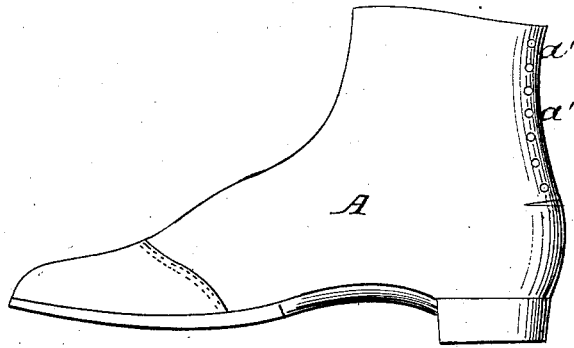
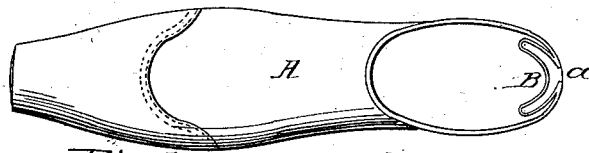


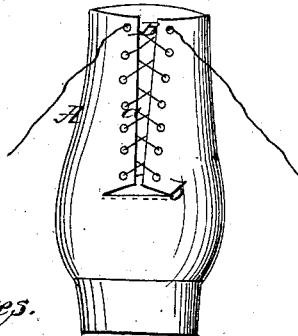
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*Fig. 1.*



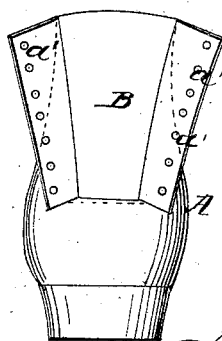
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN GAITER-BOOTS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 50,030, dated September 19, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS POWELL, of Richland, in the county of Rush and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Gaiter Boots and Shoes; 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, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention; Fig. 2, a plan or top view of the same; Figs. 3 and 4, rear views of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in the lacing-up arrangement of a gaiter or shoe, whereby the same is rendered water-proof from the bottom to the top—or, in other words, no seam or joint is allowed at the lacing for water to pass through—and the gaiter or shoe at the same time rendered capable of being applied to and taken from the foot as readily as those of ordinary construction.

The main portion of the gaiter A may be constructed in the usual or in any proper manner, and behind it is cut vertically down to the counter, as shown at *a*, the vertical cut at this point intersecting a horizontal cut, *b*, the two cuts being clearly shown in Fig. 3.

At each side of the vertical cut there are eye-lets, *a'*, through which the lacing passes, and

to the inner side of the shoe there is stitched a gore, B, which is of such dimensions as to admit of being folded in a double manner, as shown in Fig. 1, and when the gaiter or shoe is placed on the foot and laced up fit snugly between the back of the ankle and the inner side of the shoe. This gore B is stitched to the shoe entirely down each side of the vertical cut and below the horizontal cut to the counter, the gore passing between the upper part of the same and the outer leather; and it will be seen that on account of the fullness of the gore the foot may be readily inserted into and withdrawn from the gaiter or shoe, as the gore, when the lacing is loosened or drawn out, may be pulled out through the vertical cut. In fact, the gore does not interfere in the least with the putting on and taking off of the gaiter or shoe, and when the latter is adjusted on the foot and laced up the gore is entirely hidden.

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

The employment or use in gaiters or shoes of a double-folding gore, B, stitched by the sides of a vertical cut or slit made in the upper leather from the top downward at the rear of the gaiter or shoe, and either with or without the horizontal cut, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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