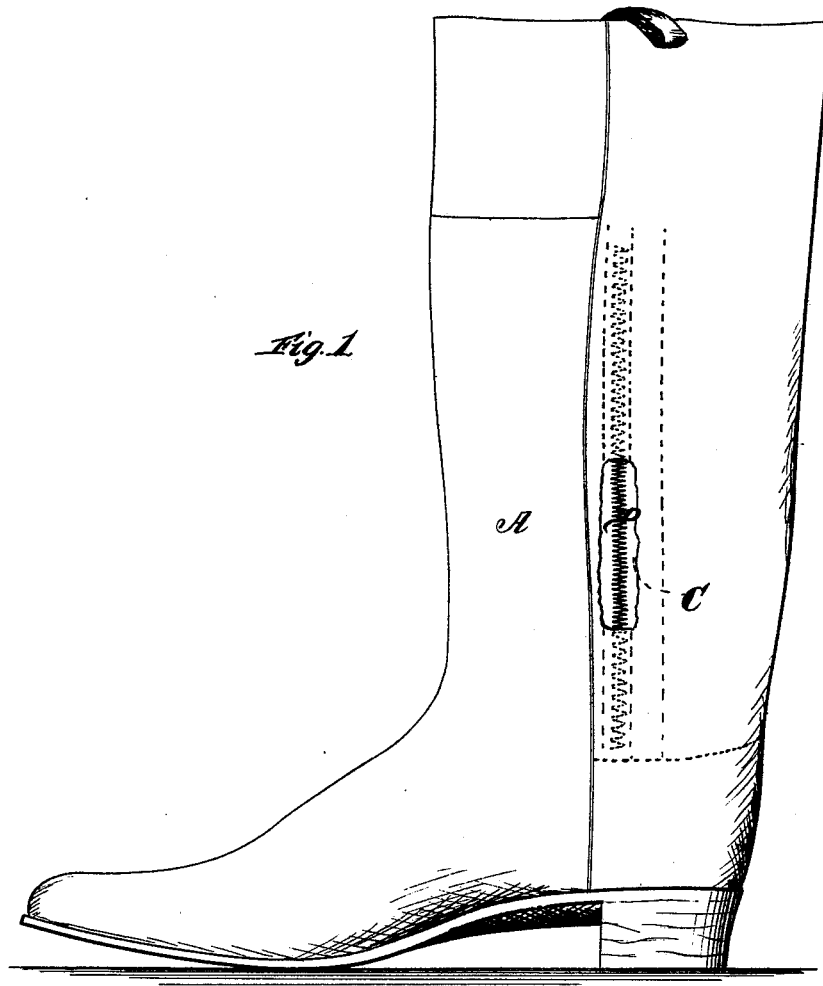


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*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOT-LEG SUPPORTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. TIBBETTS, of Edenburg, (Knox P. O.,) in the county of Clarion and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Boot-Leg Supports; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a boot, with a portion broken away to show my improvements; and Fig. 2 is a sectional detail view of the same.

My invention relates to a means for stiffening or supporting the legs of boots; and it consists in a spiral spring fitted into a socket or pocket made by sewing a strip of leather upon the inner surface of the leg on one or both sides.

If desirable, two or more coils of spring may be employed on either or both sides.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the boot-leg, of ordinary construction; and B, a leather or other strip sewed or otherwise secured thereto, forming one or more pockets, C, for the reception of a spiral spring, D. I have discovered, in practice, that this spiral spring acts in a very satisfactory manner in this capacity, having sufficient flexibility to adapt itself to all movements of the parts, and sufficient strength to support the leg efficiently.

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

The boot-leg A and strip B, secured thereto to form pockets C, in combination with one or more spiral springs to support said leg, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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