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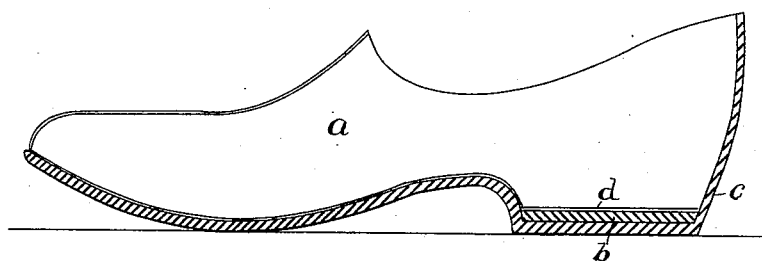


Fig. 1.

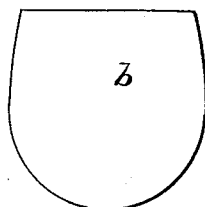


Fig. 2.

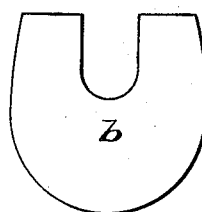


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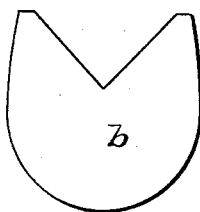


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN P. ANSHUTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have
5 invented a new and useful Improvement in India-Rubber Overshoes, of which invention the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ordinary gum or rubber shoes. Whenever the heel of a shoe
10 or boot over which a rubber shoe is worn happens to be rounded or beveled off by use at the rear or at one side of the heel, the counter of the rubber shoe a little above the hindmost portion of the face or flat part of the heel is
15 crushed and broken, and the overshoe, whether old or new, made leaky and worthless in a few wearings.

My invention consists of a stiff or rigid plate placed within the rubber shoe upon the
20 inner flat face of the depression of the heel, and rounded out fully at the rear, for the purpose of keeping the face of the heel flat whenever the weight of the wearer comes on it, although the heel of the under shoe or boot may
25 be unevenly worn off.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical section of a rubber shoe embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a plan of the stiffening-

plate; Figs. 3 and 4, plans of modified forms of the stiffening-plate.

Referring to the drawings, *a* is a rubber shoe. *b* is a plate of wood or other sufficiently rigid material placed in the heel depression, as shown. The rounded or arched portion of the plate *b* at the rear comes close up to and
30 preferably in contact with the counter of the shoe, as at *c*. The plate *b* is secured in its seat with glue or cement, and is preferably covered with muslin, flannel, or other soft fabric, *d*, to
35 prevent noise from the contact of the heel of the inner shoe or boot with the plate *b* when the wearer of the rubber shoe is walking.

I prefer to make the plate *b* of wood and in the form shown in Fig. 2, although plates of a modified form, such as are represented in Figs.
40 3 and 4, are a little lighter and may be employed.

I claim—

A rubber boot or shoe provided with the rigid plate secured within the heel depression
50 on the flat surface thereof, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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