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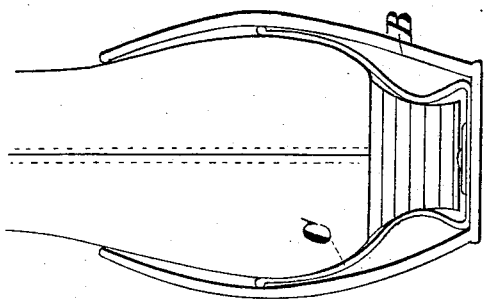
Fig. 2.



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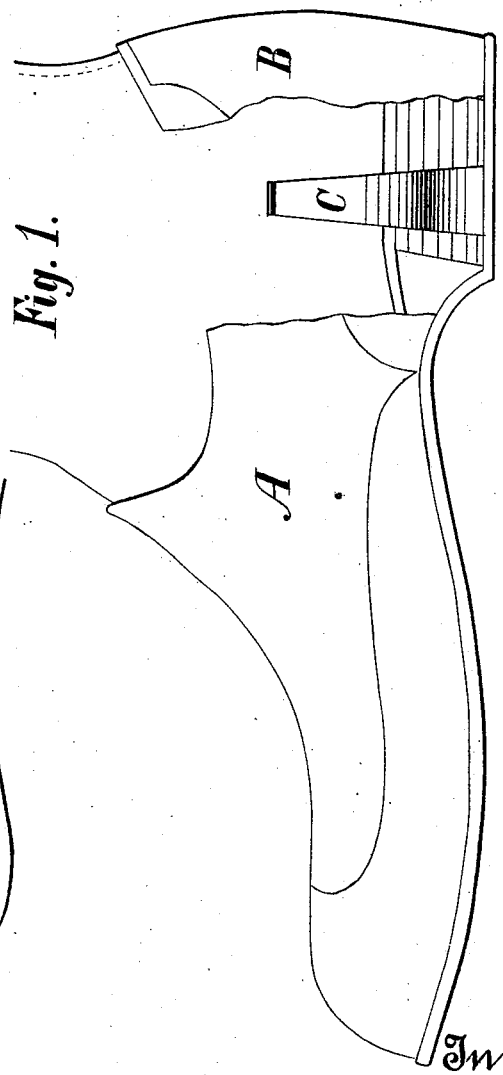

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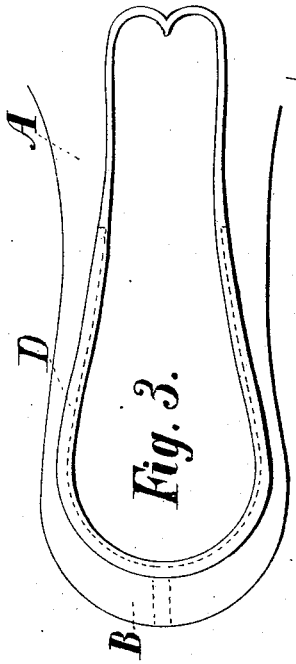

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY O. HOOPER, of Fresno, county of Fresno, and State of California, have invented an Improvement in Overshoes; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to the class of overshoes; and it consists in an improvement in the counter of the overshoe, the object of which is to prevent the overshoe from slipping from the heel or counter of the inserted shoe.

My improvement consists in a suitable spring placed in the counter of the overshoe, adapted to bind on the counter or heel of the inserted shoe and prevent slipping.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a rubber, a portion of the side of the counter of the overshoe being broken away to show the spring C in relation with the heel and counter of the inserted shoe. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of same, the back of the counter of the overshoe being off to show the spring C and inserted shoe. Fig. 3 is a top view of the counter of the overshoe, showing a spring, D, sewed in the lining thereof.

A is a common rubber overshoe having the counter B. Overshoes have a tendency, unless very tight-fitting, which is undesirable, to slip off at the heel, and especially so when the ground is muddy under foot. To prevent this I make a spring-counter to the overshoe, whereby it is adapted to clasp tightly the counter or heel to which it is fitted. This I accomplish by the insertion of a suitable spring in the counter of the overshoe. The manner in which I do this and the form of the spring I prefer to employ is shown in Figs. 1, 2. It consists of a metallic strip, C, having a horizontal base riveted or otherwise secured on the inside through the heel of the overshoe, and upwardly-extending side arms passing up beside each side of the counter. These side arms are made springy, and are given a slightly-inward curve near their bases, whereby their points diverge, thereby allowing an easy entrance of the heel and counter of the undershoe to be effected, and providing for a clasping or binding effect on the heel and counter after it is inserted.

In Fig. 3 I show another way in which the spring may be employed. The spring D is here a strip of metal bent into the form of a horseshoe and following the curvature of the counter near its top. It is secured to the counter in suitable manner, preferably by being sewed up in the lining. It binds on or clasps the counter of the undershoe and prevents the overshoe from slipping off.

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

1. The spring-clasp C, having its lower portion shaped to receive the heel of a boot or shoe, and provided with vertical spring-arms adapted to be attached to the inner surface of the heel of an overshoe, for the purpose set forth.

2. An overshoe provided with the spring-clasp C, attached to the heel inside, with its vertical arms, one on each side of the shoe, adapted to receive and clamp the sides of an inserted boot or shoe, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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