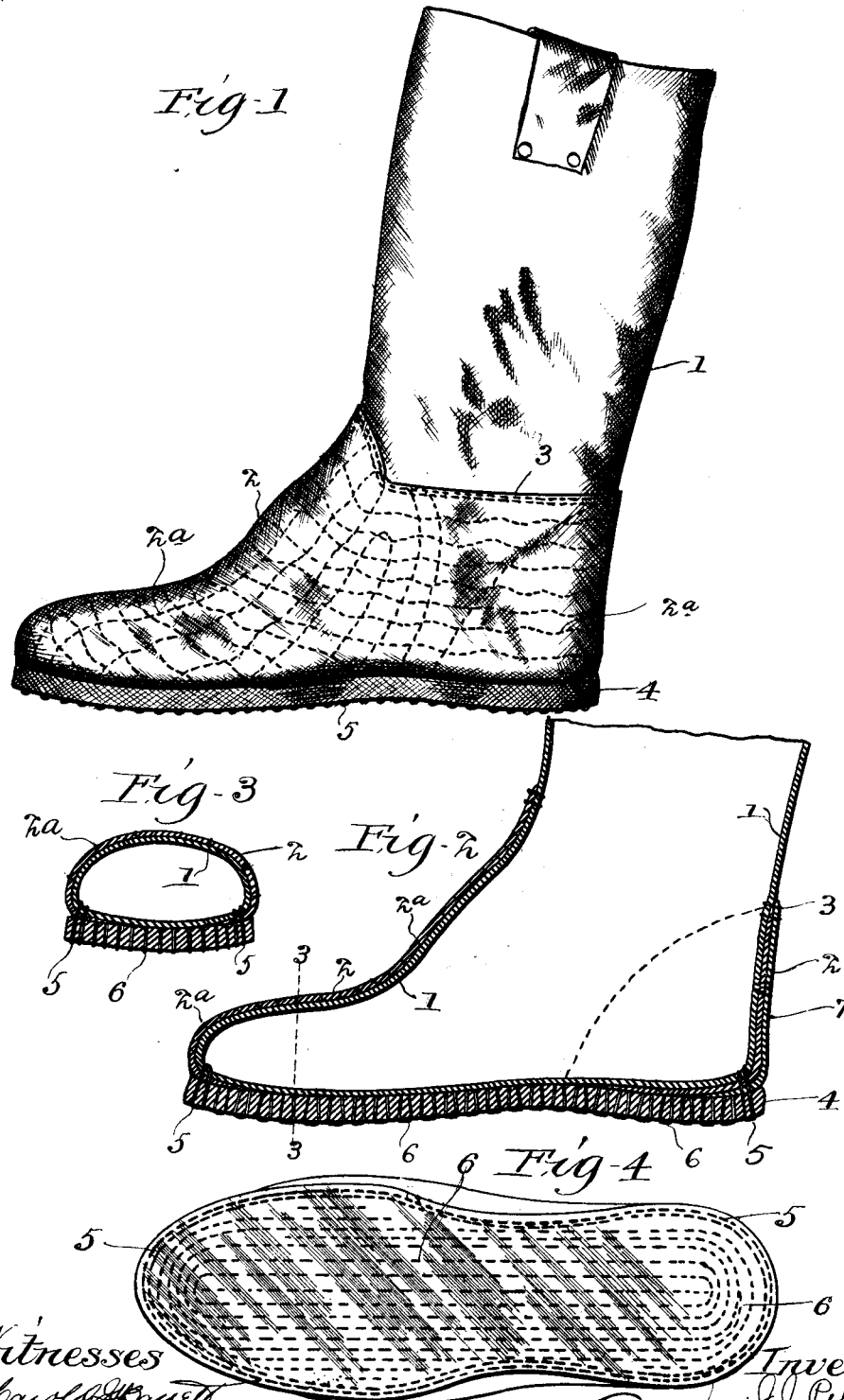


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## BOOT OR SHOE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH J. PELUCHA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boots or Shoes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

My invention relates particularly to the construction of boots and shoes of felt and other like materials; and it has for its object to provide a boot or shoe constructed of such material and which shall be shapely and durable and afford a firm but comfortable footing for the wearer.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain features of novelty in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts by which the said objects and certain other objects hereinafter appearing are attained, all as fully described with reference to the accompanying drawings, and more particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a boot constructed according to my improvements. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof. Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on the line 3 3, Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a bottom view of the sole.

In illustrating my invention I have shown it as applied to a boot; but it is of course immaterial whether the leg or top of the foot-covering shown be of greater or less length, and hence it is equally applicable to a shoe.

In embodying my invention in the form of a boot I employ a boot-leg and foot, preferably pressed out in one piece, like a stocking 1, and on the outside of this I secure an upper 2. This upper 2 may also be constructed of one piece, but secured together at the back of the heel and also secured along the upper edge to the stocking-piece 1 by one or more rows of stitching 3, which are passed entirely through the upper 2 and stocking-piece 1, as indicated in Fig. 2. The upper 2 before being secured in place is quilted by numerous rows of stitching 2<sup>a</sup> at short intervals apart

and preferably crossing one another, as shown in Fig. 1, so as to make the upper more tenacious and prevent it from raveling out or fraying when wet. This quilting, however, does not extend through the stocking-piece 1.

4 represents the sole, which is also constructed of felt or other similar material and is secured to the upper 2 and stocking-piece 1 by one or more rows of stitching 5, extending around its outer edge and passing through both the upper 2 and stocking-piece 1, as shown in Fig. 2. The sole is made substantial and capable of withstanding considerable wear by numerous lines of stitching 6, formed of heavy waxed thread and located at short intervals apart, as shown in Fig. 4; but this stitching does not extend through the stocking-piece 1, and hence the latter constitutes a soft and comfortable insole, shielding the foot from the hard lumps formed by the stitches 6.

The heel may be stiffened by a usual stiffener 7, constructed of leather or other suitable material, located between the stocking portion 1 and the upper 2 and being bound in place by the stitching 3 and 4.

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

As a new and useful article of manufacture a felt boot or shoe consisting of a stocking-like upper for completely incasing the foot, a felt sole stitched throughout its surface, an outside felt upper having its lower edge inserted between said sole and said stocking-like upper and stitched along its upper edge to said stocking-like upper, said outside upper being quilted throughout its area but not through said stocking-like upper, and a line of stitches passing through and securing together said sole, quilted upper and stocking-like upper, substantially as set forth.

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