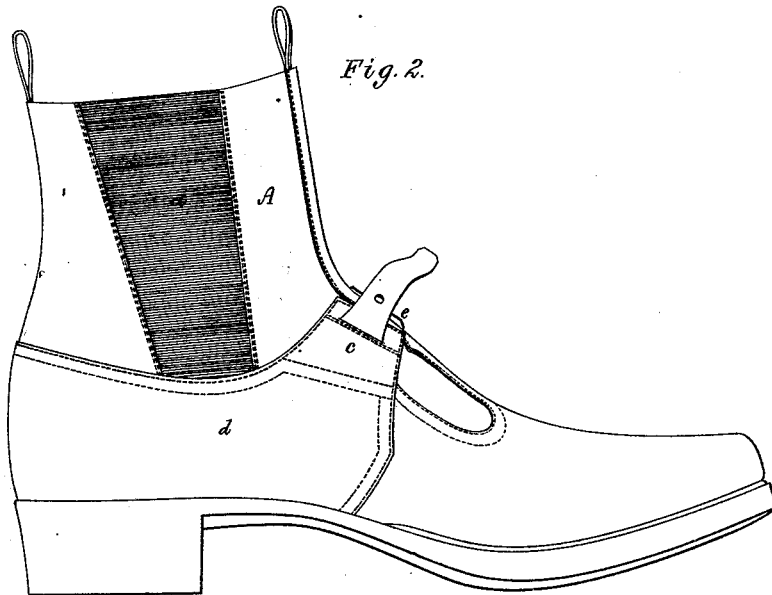
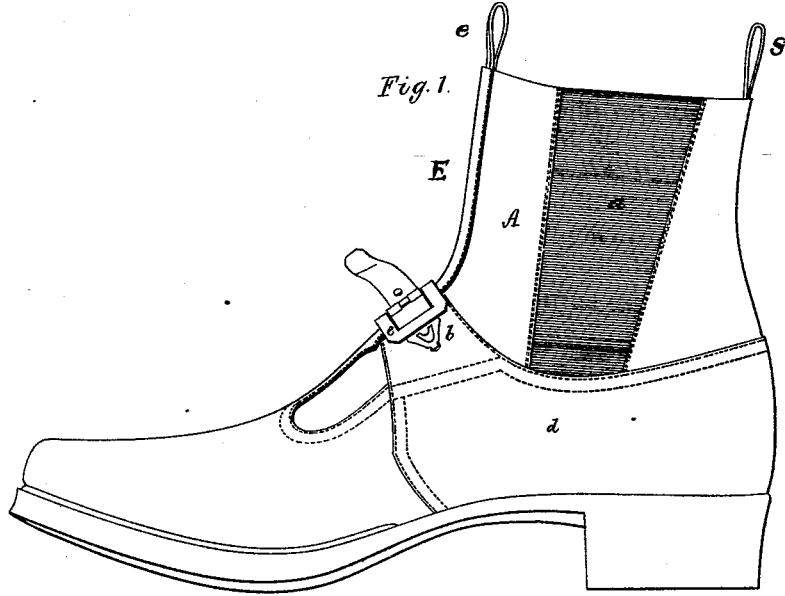


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOTS AND SHOES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JEFFREY VOSMUS, of Brockton, of the county of Plymouth, of the State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shoes; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figures 1 and 2 are opposite side elevations of a shoe made in accordance with my invention.

The shoe, usually termed a "congress boot," has an elastic gore, *a*, in each side of the leg part A, the instep being closed.

In carrying out my invention, I combine with such a shoe two straps, *b c*, to extend upward from the two "quarters," *d d*, directly over the upper portion of the closed instep. To one of these straps I fix a buckle, *e*, to receive the other strap, all being substantially as represented.

Furthermore, I extend from the upper across the middle of the instep, and up to the front, one of the two pulling-loops *e f*, a leather stay, E, which I firmly sew or fasten to the instep and leg part A of the shoe. This stay, by being crossed by the straps *b c* and their buckle will be so supported by them as to be prevented from being torn away from the instep, while the shoe may be in the act of being drawn on or off the foot of a person.

In pulling a common congress boot on the foot of a person, there is, particularly in case

of it fitting tightly at the instep, a great liability of tearing or ripping the shoe at or near the instep, and especially at the front seams of the elastic gores. By having the straps *b c*, and buckle and the stay E, arranged as described, the shoe may be very loose-fitting at the instep, so as to be easily drawn on the foot, the necessary tightness over the instep, in order to prevent rising of the foot at the heel, while the shoe may be in use, from taking place, being subsequently effected by means of such straps and buckle.

The straps and buckle, while the shoe is being drawn on the foot, also serve to support it across the instep, and thereby relieve such part from being torn from the quarters, or separated from the gores at their front seams. Furthermore, the straps and buckle give to the shoe, while its leg part is covered by the leg of the trowsers, the appearance of a low-cut shoe.

I therefore claim—

As a new or improved manufacture, a shoe, substantially as described, having the closed instep, the leg part A, the stay E, and its elastic gores *a*, and also having the straps *b c* extending from the quarters *d d* over the instep, and provided with a buckle, *e*, all being essentially as specified.

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