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BOOT AND GAITER STRAPS.

No. 186,563.

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FIG. 1.

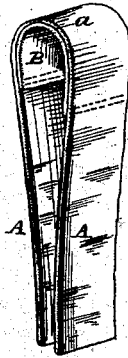
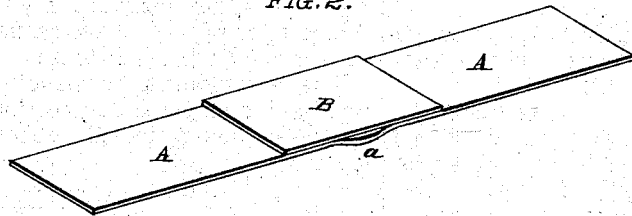


FIG. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOT AND GAITER STRAPS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **186,563**, dated January 23, 1877; application filed
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL HODGINS, of the city and county of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain Improvements in Boot and Gaiter Straps, of which the following specification is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention consists in placing a strengthening-piece of leather, sheet metal, or other suitable material, wholly on the inside of the eye of the strap, in order to prevent wear, breaking, or tearing of the strap at the said eye.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the strap. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the strap opened out.

A is the strap of a boot, shoe, or gaiter, to be used by a person drawing on his shoes, &c. The strap may be of cloth, leather, or other suitable material. Within the loop *a* of the strap is secured a strengthening-piece, B, of leather, the purpose being to strengthen the loop *a*, or that part of the eye on which the greatest wear and strain come.

I am aware that it is old to provide a strap with a piece of leather having transverse slits, through which the strap is passed, for the purpose of ornamentation and the protection of the webbing from wear. In applying the piece in this manner the transverse slits destroy its longitudinal strength, and the piece is only partially concealed. My piece is applied in such a manner as to obtain longitudinal strength, and at the same time is entirely concealed, so as not to change the appearance of the strap in combining the strengthening-piece therewith.

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

The boot-strap A, constructed of webbing, and having on the inner portion of the loop the re-enforcing piece B, substantially as set forth.

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