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Rubber Over-Shoes.

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Fig. 1

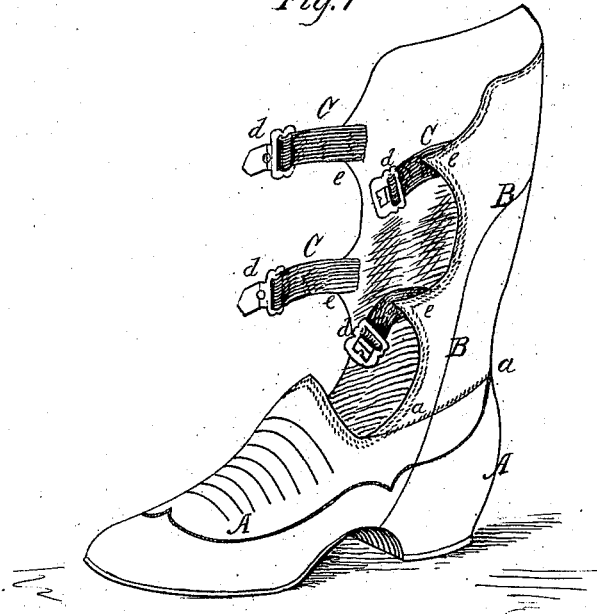
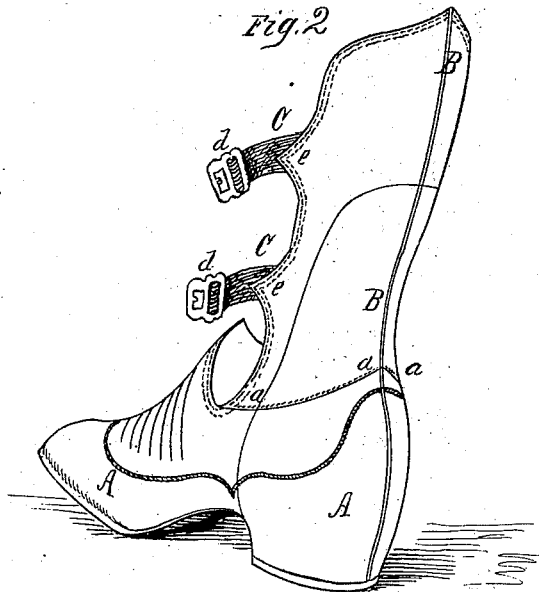


Fig. 2



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## IMPROVEMENT IN RUBBER OVERSHOES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN A. OLMSTEAD, of Port Richmond, in the county of Richmond, State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Rubber Overshoes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The invention consists in the attachment to a rubber overshoe of a shield formed on or attached to the back part of the said overshoe, to extend up over the ankle and lower part of the back of the leg, to protect the stocking from being soiled in sloppy or muddy weather, and provided with anterior clasps, bands, or fastenings, to hold said shield in proper position to perform its assigned function.

Figure 1 in the drawings is a perspective front view of an overshoe formed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective rear view of the same.

A is the foot of the overshoe, and B the stocking-protecting mud-shield, joined to the said shoe on or about on the line *a a a*, and extending sufficiently upward to protect the ankle and lower part of the back of the leg, to protect the stocking from contact of muddy skirts, and also to protect the bottoms of men's pantaloons.

The protecting mud-shield B extends about half-way around the leg, and to its front edges are attached the anterior clasps, bands, or

fastenings C. Said bands, clasps, or fastenings C may be inelastic straps with buckles or other fastenings attached; but they are preferably elastic bands with metallic clasps *d*; or metallic hooks and eyes may be used on said bands, or any other suitable device for joining them together may be employed.

The protecting mud-shield B may be made of cloth or any other suitable flexible material; but it is preferably made of rubber, attached to the back part of the shoe. It is also preferably provided with anterior projections *e*, for the convenient and durable attachment of the clasps, bands, or fastenings C.

Overshoes thus made are nearly as good a protection to the hose of the wearer as rubber boots; but for ladies' wear they are far more convenient in use, as they may be put on and taken off more conveniently than the ordinary low overshoe. They are, moreover, more comfortable than boots, as the opening left at front of the ankle permits a free ventilation of the lower part of the leg.

I claim—

A rubber overshoe open in front from the instep upward, provided with the back leg extension or shield B, and having suitable ankle and leg fastenings, all substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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