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Ladies' Boot.

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Fig. 1.

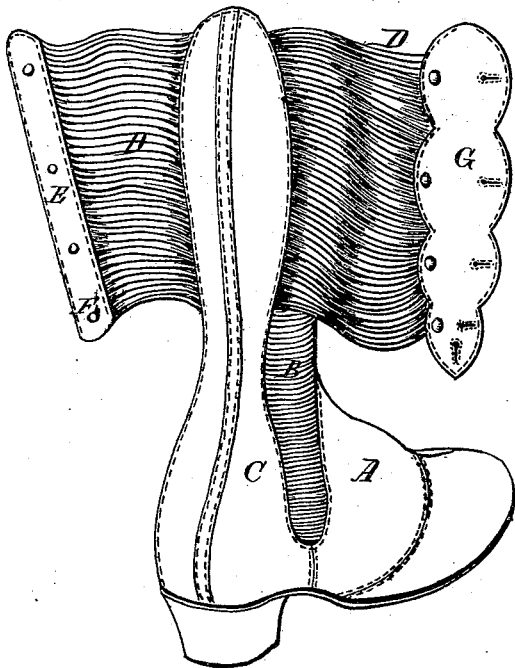


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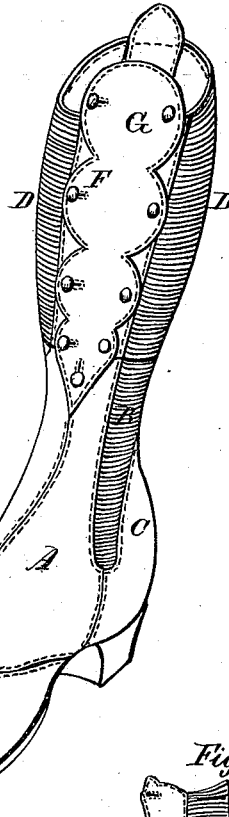
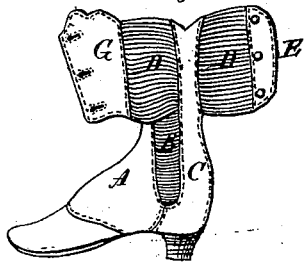


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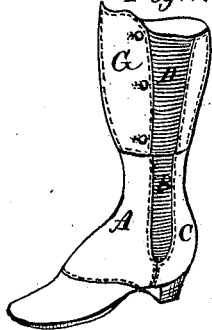
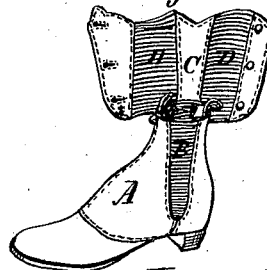


Fig. 5.



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IMPROVEMENT IN LADIES' BOOTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES DEAN, of the borough of Derby, England, elastic web manufacturer, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, have invented or discovered new and useful Improvements in or additions to Ladies' Boots; and I, the said JAMES DEAN, do hereby declare the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement thereof.

In order that my said invention of improvements in additions to ladies' boots may be properly understood and carried into practical effect, I will now proceed to describe the same more particularly, reference being had to the drawing hereunto annexed, and to the letters and figures marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a back view of the improved boot and anklet or gaiter, showing the anklet open and extended laterally on each side of the boot. Fig. 2 is a front view of the boot, with the anklet closed and buttoned.

The front part A is made in the usual way, and having the side springs B inserted in the ordinary manner.

The back part of the boot, at C, consists of a single piece of leather, which extends from the heel to the upper margin of the gaiter, and it is sewed to the side spring B up to the height of the ordinary boot. Above this part there is inserted at each side of the back piece C an elastic side spring, D, which forms an upward extension of the side spring B, but is entirely separate therefrom.

Each side spring D is so inserted that it overlaps the upper edges of the side springs B H, so as to form a neat junction of the parts, and effectually cover the stocking of the wearer, and prevent its being in any way exposed.

The front ends of the side springs D have sewed to them a leather tongue, E, to receive the buttons F; and the two parts are united by a separate front button-hole piece, G, which covers the junction of the side springs D, and forms a very neat and effective finish to the front of the boot. This portion of the boot

may be made more or less ornamental, according to taste or the particular fashion of the boot.

In the example given in the accompanying drawing the button-hole piece G is shown with button-holes up each side, and one hole at the lower part, which serves to keep the anklet or gaiter securely and snugly over the under edge of the boot.

Another way of arranging the front piece G is to make it with one row of holes on the left side on one boot, and on the right side on the other, and attach it by sewing on the right side to the side spring D, a leather tongue-piece being sewed to the left-hand spring D, or right, as may be required, as shown in Figs. 3, 4, and 5.

In other cases buttons are dispensed with at the side, and in lieu thereof a strip of flexible steel, terminating in a small cap or socket at each end, is sewed into the tongue on the side spring, to the left or right, as required.

The front piece G has a slip of steel sewed midway in it, each end of which projects a little beyond a transverse cut made in the lining.

The steel slip is made sufficiently flexible to admit of its being bent outward, so as to allow the free ends to slip into the sockets on the other part of the fastening, or vice versa.

The loops by which the boot is drawn onto the foot of the wearer are sewed inside the boot in the usual place, just below the upper edge of the boot, so that it is as readily drawn on and off as those of the ordinary kind.

The several modes of fastening or otherwise giving an ornamental appearance to the front part of the boot may obviously be varied in many ways without departing from the essential and distinctive features of this invention.

Having now described and particularly ascertained the nature of my said invention, and in what manner the same is or may be carried into practical effect, I wish it to be understood that what I consider to be novel, and desire to secure under the hereinbefore in part recited Letters Patent, is—

In the manufacture of ladies' boots, the additional top or anklet D, attached above the

usual gaiter-top by extending the heel-piece or providing it with a narrow projecting tongue, as shown and described, to which tongue the elastic material of the additional top or anklet D is sewed, so that the latter will overlap the usual gaiter-top, said elastic material being provided with suitable facings to adapt it to be buttoned in front of the leg

and over the gaiter-top, substantially as shown and described.

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