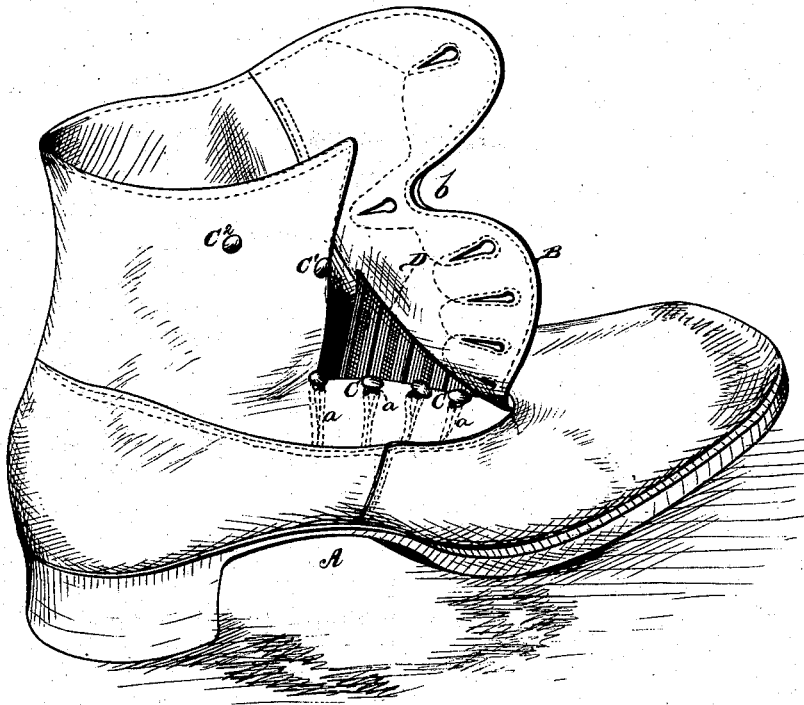


J. B. STEVENS.  
Shoe.

No. 205,435.

Patented June 25, 1878.

*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



WITNESSES

*Robert Everett*  
*Jas. J. Schock*

INVENTOR.

*Jerome B. Stevens*  
*Galbreth, Smith & Co.*

ATTORNEYS.

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JEROME B. STEVENS, OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

## IMPROVEMENT IN SHOES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 205,435, dated June 25, 1878; application filed February 9, 1878.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JEROME B. STEVENS, of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Shoes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my shoe, and Fig. 2 is a sectional detail of the same.

My invention relates to button-shoes; and it consists in providing a button-shoe with an elastic gore in the quarter of the shoe under the button-flap to draw the shoe together, and with buttons connected to elastic tape or cord to draw the button-flap down.

My invention also consists in the construction of the button-flap above the elastic gore, all as hereinafter more fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

The annexed drawing, to which reference is made, fully illustrates my invention.

A represents an ordinary button-shoe, of which B is the button-flap, and C C are the buttons for fastening the flap.

D represents an elastic goring, sewed or otherwise fastened in any suitable manner in the quarter of the shoe under the button-flap B, for the purpose of drawing the shoe together.

The button-flap B is drawn down by the buttons C C, being connected by elastic cords or tapes *a a* to the shoe, said elastic cords or tapes passing between the upper and the lining of the shoe, as shown.

By these means the shoe can be put on and pulled off without being unbuttoned on the instep.

For low-quarter shoes, the button-flap B does not extend much higher than the elastic goring; but for gaiters it extends upward to any desired height. In such case the button-flap is formed with a scollop, *b*, just above the instep. At the deepest part of this scollop is a button-hole for fastening on a button, C<sup>1</sup>, and then at the top of the flap is another button, C<sup>2</sup>.

It will be noticed that by the scollop *b* I do away with two buttons, so that there are only two buttons to be used in putting on and taking off the shoe where eight or ten are generally used.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a button-shoe, the combination of an elastic goring, D, under the button-flap, and elastic cords or tapes *a* arranged between the upper and lining, for connecting the buttons C to the shoe, as and for the purposes herein set forth.

2. In a button-shoe having an elastic goring, D, under the button-flap, and the buttons C connected by elastic cords or tapes *a* to the shoe, the button-flap B, formed with a scollop, *b*, just above the instep, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

JEROME B. STEVENS.

Witnesses:

JAMES S. BURROWS,  
HENRY M. CHEEVER.