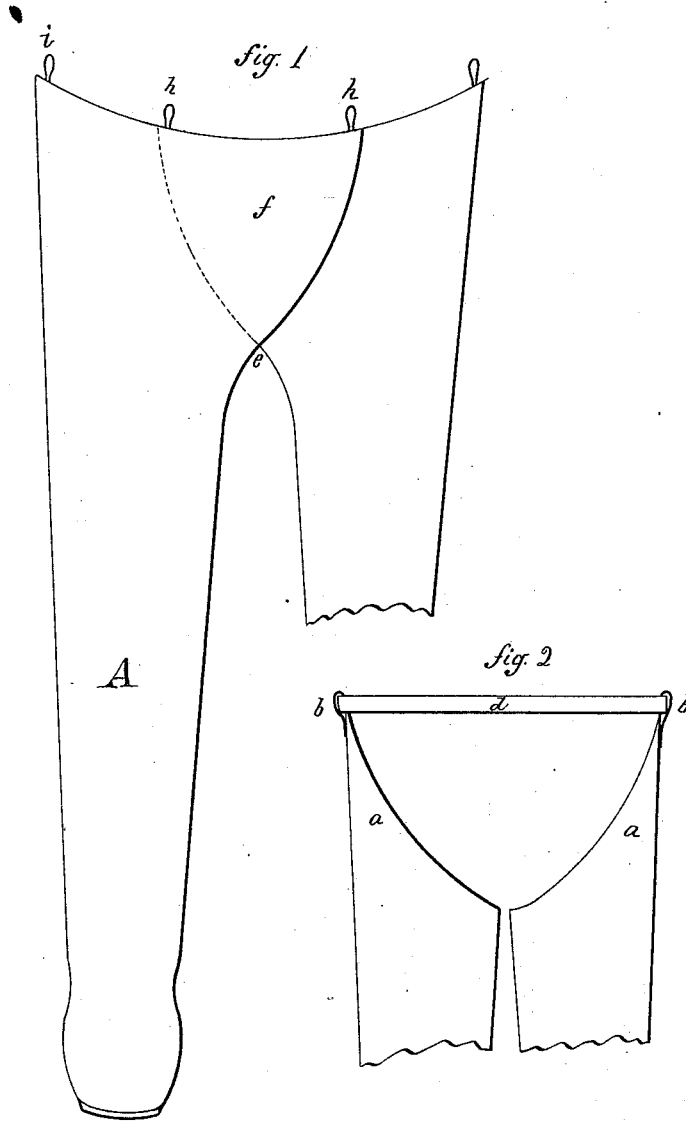


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IMPROVEMENT IN INDIA-RUBBER BOOTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEO. WATKINSON, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in India-Rubber Boots; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a front view of a pair of boots, showing the improvement; Fig. 2, a front view, showing the common construction.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of india-rubber boots which are made with legs extending up to the hips of the wearer, and extensions to the waist, so that a band around the waist and through loops on the extension will hold the legs up.

This construction is shown in Fig. 2, *a* being the extensions; *b*, the loops, and *d* the waistband. This class of boots are worn by persons whose occupation exposes their legs to wet—as oyster-men, ice-men, &c.; but because the extensions contract from the inside of the leg to the waistband, the front of the body of the trowsers is exposed, necessitating an apron.

The object of this invention is to so con-

struct the boots that they will protect this part of the body and avoid the use of the apron; and it consists in the construction as hereinafter described, and more particularly recited in the claim.

A is the leg, which, with the foot, is of the usual shape up to the inside top at *e*. From that point, instead of contracting, as in previous constructions, the top expands to form a broad front, *f*, so as to lie across and cover the front of the body part of the trowsers, the part *f* of one boot overlapping the part *f* of the other, as indicated in broken lines, Fig. 1. Near the edge of the part *f* is a loop, *h*, and another, *i*, at the side, through which the waistband is passed to hold up the legs and fronts. The back may be provided with a like extension, if desired.

These overlapping parts of the front fully protect the body of the person, and serve the purpose of the apron heretofore required.

I claim—

In india-rubber boots, the tops provided with overlapping body fronts or backs *f*, substantially as described.

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