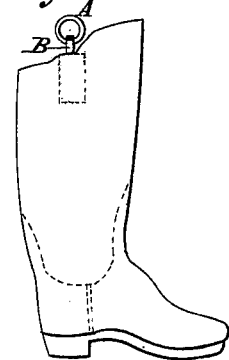


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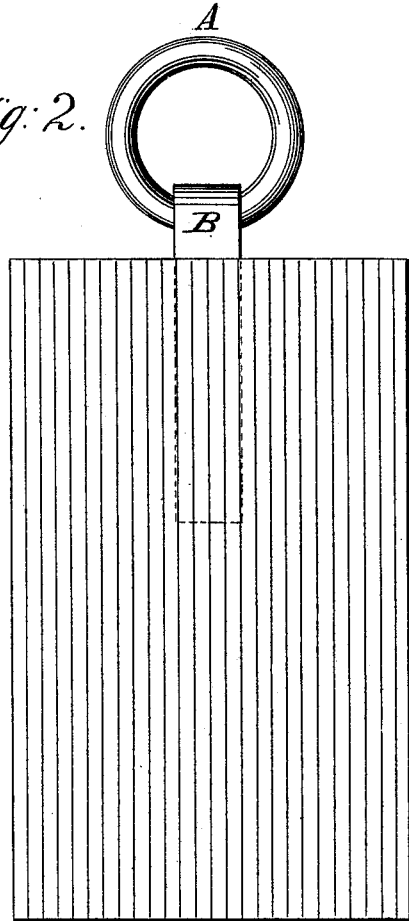
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOT-STRAPS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN B. BELCHER, of Charlotte, in the county of Eaton and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Boot-Strap, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a plan of the strap attached to a boot. Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the strap as attached to a rubber boot.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention has for its object the manufacture of a boot-strap especially applicable to rubber boots which shall be simple, strong, and convenient.

The strap consists of two parts, the ring A and its holder B, the ring being held in the loop of the holder, as shown in the drawings.

The strap may be attached to the boot on the outside, inside, or between the boot and its lining, as may be most convenient.

The holder B may be made of rubber, leather, cloth, or any other flexible material or combination of materials, and the ring A may be

made of rubber, bone, leather, metal, or any other substance of sufficient strength and durability.

The ring should be loose within the holder, so that it may fall or be easily turned down.

This strap possesses a great advantage over most, if not all, straps in use in that the ring part always admits of the quick insertion of the fingers in the dark or cold; and it possesses a further great advantage over all straps in that it will not readily catch on obstructions nor interfere with one's clothing or legs, as do the stiff upright strap or the flexible hanging strap.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of the loose ring A, the cloth or rubber loop-strap B, and the rubber boot-leg, as and for the purpose specified.

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