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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

Improvements in the Construction of Football Boots and Shoes.

I WILLIAM ROBERT WALSH of King's Norton, Birmingham in the county of Warwick, Cashier do hereby declare the nature of this Invention to be as follows:—

I make my football boots and shoes with the toe part of the sole of indiarubber, or other similar pliable elastic substance which will impel the ball quite as well as leather, and should one player accidently kick another little harm will be done as the indiarubber shoe or boot will not cause as much damage or pain as leather; in the upper at the toe there may also be an indiarubber pad if required, or the cap of the toe part may be of indiarubber.

Dated this First day of March 1887.

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JOHN E. WALSH, Crossley Street, Halifax, Agent for the Applicant.

## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

## Improvements in the Construction of Football Boots and Shoes.

I WILLIAM ROBERT WALSH of Kings Norton, Birmingham in the county of Warwick, Cashier do hereby declare the nature of this Invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

## DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS.

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Fig. 1 is an elevation of football boot with loose cap cemented on; (the cap is shewn in section).

Fig. 2 is an elevation of football boot with fixed rubber at the toe, extending to the upper as well as sole.

Fig. 3 shows rubber toe piece on sole only.

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Fig. 4 is a section of removeable toe piece detached.

A represents the football boot or shoe with the toe part B of indiarubber, or other similar pliable elastic substance, fast or removeable, which will impel the ball quite as well as leather, and should one player accidently kick another little harm will be done, as the indiarubber toe of the shoe or boot will not cause as much damage or 15 pain as leather.

The indiarubber pad may only extend to the sole part, or it may extend to the upper at the toe if required, or part only of the cap of the toe may be of india-

rubber.

The caps, toes, or kicking part may be either fast to the boot forming part of it, 20 or cemented on, or sold loose, and separate from the boots, so that special football boots need not be bought, but the loose caps may be bought in sizes, to fit the ordinary boot of the players, who can themselves put them on, preferably with cement.

To preserve the indiarubber cap, it may be covered with cloth, canvas, or leather.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I would have it understood that I do not confine myself to any particular shape of my toe pieces to football boots, or shoes, nor to any particular manner of securing the same to the ordinary boots and shoes, but I declare that what I claim is:—

The construction of, or application to football boots or shoes of indiarubber or other 30 elastic or yielding toe pieces, whether fast or removeable for the purposes described.

Dated this Third day of December 1887.

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