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1800s Oregon Boot Advertisement

Transcript

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Fig. 3: Key.

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No person has ever escaped from an Oregon boot, a record without parallel.

The inventor and original manufacturer has passed on, and of late years the OREGON BOOT has existed only in history. A few of the older penal institutions and law-enforcing departments in the western United States have this boot, procured from the inventor, and these possessors prize them highly for modern policy duty. There has been much desire on the part of police officials to procure these shackles, so they are being manufactured again, in a highly perfected state.

THE OREGON BOOT as now manufactured by Art Burnside, manager of the world's premier police supply house, is a shackle beyond comparison. It is a most humane instrument, one which can comfortably remain on the prisoner in standing, sitting, walking and laying down positions. These are most necessary requirements for prisoners transportation. A fool-proof and absolutely non-pickable lock is incorporated in the boot. It cannot be cut off with a welding torch, nor can it be broken with a sledge hammer. If a hacksaw attempts to cut through the lock, the blade will strike a revolving washer and cease to cut—

The ONLY WAY TO GET AN OREGON BOOT OFF IS WITH A KEY

Every prison, industrial home, police and sheriff department needs this boot. If used for transporting prisoners, there will be no more jumping out of train windows or off the platform, as the 15-pound weight on the foot holds 'em and holds 'em for keeps. All policy agencies have need for this boot, in a hundred and one different ways. A shoe may be attached to the support and used on different persons, or it may be instantly screwed to a convict's own shoe. A heavy plate insures against rust or corrosion.

Price \$22.50, F.O.B. Spokane.

Sole Manufacturer: Art Burnside, Sporting Goods, Division of Policy Equipment North 2208 Dakota Street, Spokane, Wash.

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