

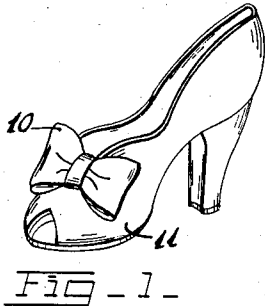
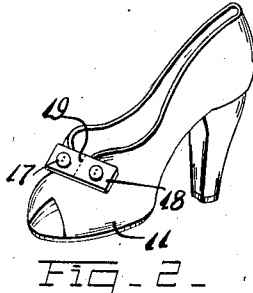
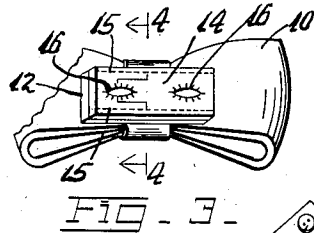
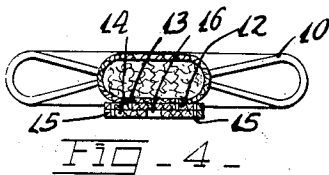
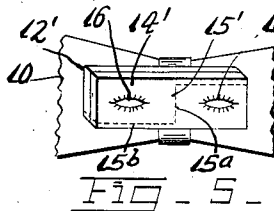
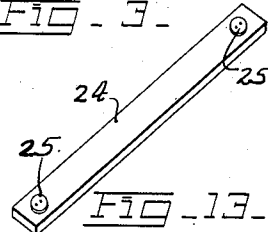
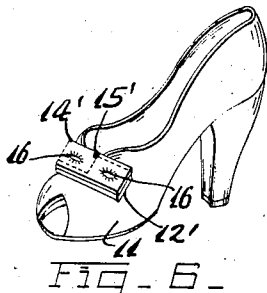
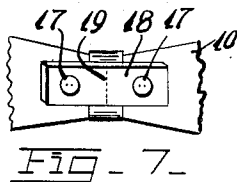
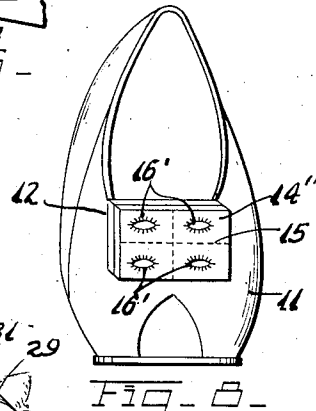
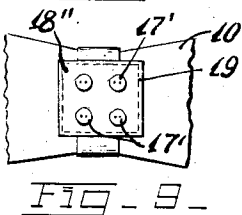
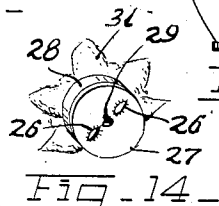
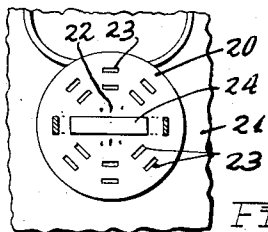
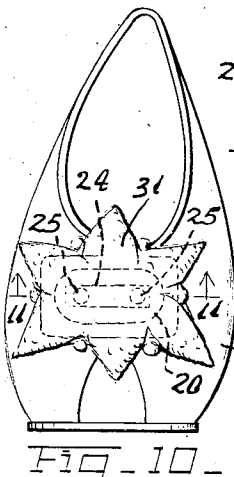
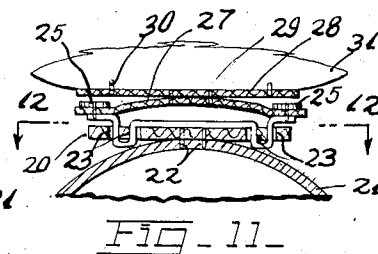
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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a device for interchanging bows or ornaments on shoes or other articles.

More specifically, the invention proposes the construction of a device whereby ornaments may be removably mounted upon the vamp portion of a shoe in a manner to permit the ornament to be interchanged with other ornaments, or to permit the ornaments to be temporarily removed when it is desired or necessary to wear rubbers or other rain footwear over shoes. Removal of the ornaments is particularly advantageous when wearing rubbers over the shoes as it is extremely difficult to engage these rubbers over the shoes with the ornaments in position, and frequently the ornaments are torn from the shoes while donning or removing the rubbers. Removable mounting of the ornaments permits them to be removed from the shoes before the rubbers are donned and alleviates these objections.

It is proposed to characterize the device by a piece of cloth for attachment to either the shoe or the ornament and to which a second piece of cloth is attached at spaced points so as to have relatively free portions which may be flexed a short distance from the adjacent face of the first piece of cloth and which may be provided with buttons or buttonholes to be cooperative with buttons or buttonholes formed on a third piece of cloth which is attached to either the shoe or the ornament, depending upon the object to which the first piece of cloth was attached, in a manner to permit the buttons or buttonholes to be interengaged for mounting the ornament in position on the shoe.

It is a further object of this invention to provide various means of attaching the two pieces of cloth together in a manner to provide differently shaped free portions and arranged to facilitate the engagement of the buttons and buttonholes, depending upon one's preference.

It is another object of this invention to provide a means for adjustably mounting the buttons relative to the shoe in a manner to permit the position of the buttons to be shifted relative to the shoe so that when they are with the buttonholes they will hold the ornament in a desired shifted position upon the shoe.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a lady's shoe provided with a device for removably mounting an ornament in position thereon, constructed according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but with the ornament removed.

Fig. 3 is a rear perspective view of the ornament, per se.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a rear perspective view similar to Fig. 3 but illustrating a modification of the invention.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a shoe similar to Fig. 2 but illustrating a still further modification of the invention.

Fig. 7 is a rear perspective view of the bow for use in the modification of the invention shown in Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is a front elevational view of a shoe constructed in accordance with a still further modification of the invention.

Fig. 9 is a rear perspective view of the ornament for use on the parts shown in Fig. 8.

Fig. 10 is a view similar to Fig. 8 but illustrating a still further modification of the invention.

Fig. 11 is an enlarged vertical sectional view taken substantially on the line 11—11 of Fig. 10.

Fig. 12 is a sectional view taken on the line 12—12 of Fig. 11.

Fig. 13 is a perspective view of the strap used in the latter modification of the invention.

Fig. 14 is a rear perspective view of the ornament per se.

The device for interchanging bows or ornaments on shoes or other articles is to be used in combination with a pair of articles, such as a bow 10 or other ornament and a shoe 11. The attachment means consists of a piece of cloth 12 mounted upon one of the articles. The piece of cloth 12 in this first form of the invention is attached to the rear of the ornament 10 by means of stitches 13. A second piece of cloth 14 is superimposed on and in face contact with the first piece of cloth 12 and is attached at spaced points thereon so as to have relatively free portions which may be flexed a short distance from the adjacent face of the piece of cloth 12. More specifically, the piece of cloth 14 has its oppositely disposed edges attached to the adjacent edges of the piece of cloth 12 by lines of stitches 15. This leaves the ends of the pieces of cloth 12 and 14 free to be flexed. The piece of cloth 14 is provided with buttonholes 16 which are adapted to

be engaged with complementary buttons 17. These complementary buttons 17 are mounted on a third piece of cloth 18 which is attached along its vertical center to the vamp portion of the shoe 11 by a line of stitches 19. The layers of material 12, 14 and 18 have been specifically defined as being pieces of cloth, but they might also be formed of leather, oil cloth, plastic material, or other similar materials which may be flexed to accomplish the engagement of the buttons 17 with the buttonholes 16.

The operation of the invention is as follows:

Normally, the ornament 10 will be in position upon the shoe 11, as shown in Fig. 1. If it is desired to remove the ornament to be interchanged with other ornaments, or to free the vamp portion of the shoe to permit a pair of rubbers to be more easily engaged thereon, it is merely necessary to engage one's fingers into the open ends of the layers of cloth material 12 and 14 to permit the buttons 17 to be disengaged from the buttonholes 16 formed in the layer of cloth 14. The shoe 11 will then appear as in Fig. 2 without any obstruction on the vamp portion thereof. To re-engage the same ornament or other ornaments on the shoe the above procedure is reversed.

In the modification of the invention shown in Fig. 5 the construction of the attachment means is similar to that previously described except for a slightly different method of attaching the piece of cloth material 14' to the face of the piece of cloth material 12'. This means comprises stitches 15' comprising a line of stitches 15b extended in opposite directions from the ends of the lines of stitches 15a. This leaves oppositely disposed corners and adjacent sides of the piece of cloth material 14' free of the piece of cloth material 12'. Thus larger relatively free portions are provided, permitting one's fingers to be more easily engaged between the adjacent faces of the layers of cloth material 12' and 14' to more easily engage and disengage the buttons and buttonholes.

In Figs. 6 and 7 the construction of the attachment means is similar to that previously described, except that the buttons 17 are mounted on the ornament 10 and the buttonholes 16 are formed in the layers of cloth material attached to the shoe 11. This is merely by way of illustration to make it clearly understood that the application of the buttons and buttonholes may be interchanged between the ornament and the device to which the ornament is to be attached.

In the modification of the invention shown in Figs. 8 and 9 the piece of cloth material 14'' is provided with four buttons 17' engageable with four complementary buttonhole openings 16' formed in the piece of cloth material 14 mounted on the shoe 11. In other respects this form of the invention is similar to that previously shown and like reference numerals identify like parts in each of the several views.

In the modification of the invention shown in Figs. 10-14 the attachment means is characterized by a disc of cloth material 20 attached to the vamp of a shoe 21 by means of stitches 22 at its center area only. The peripheral edges of the disc of cloth material 20 is provided with oppositely disposed aligned pairs of openings 23. A strap 24 is adapted to be laced through any one of the aligned pairs of oppositely disposed openings 23 to have free ends extended along the top face of the disc of cloth material 20, as shown in Fig. 11. These free ends of the strap 24 are provided with buttons 25 which are adapted to

be engaged with complementary buttonholes 26 formed in a piece of cloth material 27. This piece of cloth material 27 is securely attached to a second piece of cloth material 28 at its center by means of stitches 29. The piece of cloth material 28 is securely attached by means of stitches 30 to the back face of an ornament 31. The buttons 25 when engaged with the buttonholes 26 act to maintain the ornament 31 fixedly releasably in position upon the vamp of the shoe 21. However, if the construction of the ornament 31 and the attachment of the pieces of cloth material 27 and 28 to the back thereof is such that the buttons cannot engage with the buttonholes 26 to properly position the ornament on the vamp of the shoe, it is merely necessary to disengage the strap 24 from the openings 23 with which it is engaged, and re-engage the strap 24 with the desired groups of openings 23. This will shift the position of the buttons 25 on the disc 20 permitting the buttons to be then engaged with the buttonholes 26 to hold the ornament 31 in position on the shoe 21 in a proper turned position.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A device of the class described having a pair of articles one of which comprises an ornament for the other and a cloth piece attached to one of said articles with a second cloth piece superimposed on said cloth piece and attached thereto at spaced points providing relatively free portions and a third piece of cloth attached to the other of said pair of articles, adjustable means connecting together said second and third pieces of cloth for adjustably connecting said pair of articles, comprising a strap, fastening elements between the ends of said strap and said second piece of cloth, and means mounting said strap in position adjustably on said third piece of cloth to hold the articles in various turned positions relative to each other in the engaged positions of said fastening elements.

2. A device of the class described having a pair of articles one of which comprises an ornament for the other and a cloth piece attached to one of said articles with a second cloth piece superimposed on said cloth piece and attached thereto at spaced points providing relatively free portions and a third piece of cloth attached to the other of said pair of articles, adjustable means connecting together said second and third pieces of cloth for adjustably connecting said pair of articles, comprising a strap, fastening elements between the ends of said strap and said second piece of cloth, and means mounting said strap in position adjustably on said third piece of cloth to hold the articles in various turned positions relative to each other in the engaged positions of said fastening elements, said fastening elements, comprising buttons on the ends of said strap engageable with buttonholes formed in the relatively free portions of said second piece of cloth.

3. A device of the class described having a pair of articles one of which comprises an ornament for the other and a cloth piece attached to one of said articles with a second cloth piece superimposed on said cloth piece and attached thereto

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5 hold the articles in various turned positions relative to each other in the engaged positions of said fastening elements, comprising oppositely disposed pairs of openings formed in the third piece of cloth and through which the ends of said strap are to be selectively engaged so its ends project along the top face of said third piece of cloth.

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