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SHOE FASTENING.
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Fig. 1.

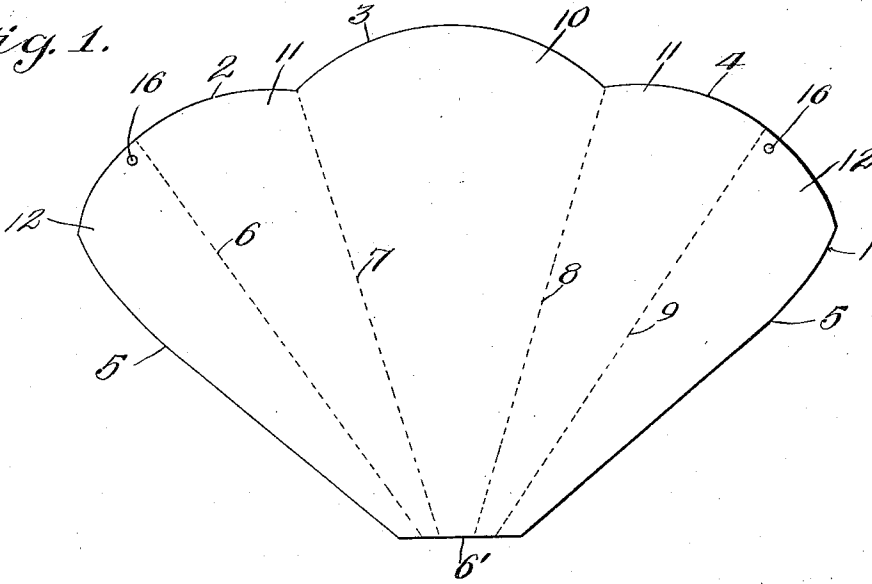


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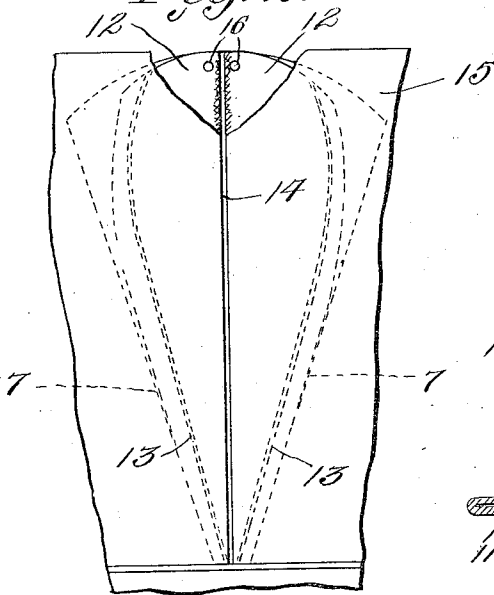


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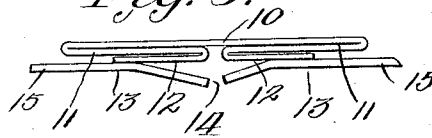
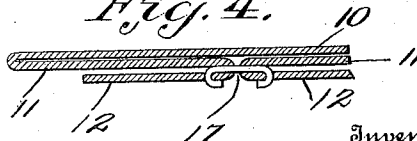


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK DASSORI, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Fastenings; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to shoe fastenings, and one of the principal objects of the invention is to provide simple, reliable and efficient means for closing the instep opening or side opening of shoes without requiring the use of laces or buttons.

Another object of the invention is to provide a fastening means for shoes made of a single piece of leather or other similar material which is crimped to close the meeting edges of the foot opening in the shoe, said fastener being connected at its opposite edges near the opening in the shoe, and a single fastening device of simple construction being utilized for connecting the upper edge of the fastener or tongue.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a crimped leather tongue to be connected at its opposite edges to the shoe upper upon opposite sides of the meeting edges of the foot opening, said tongue having a natural tendency owing to the crimped condition of the same to close the opening, and a simple device connected to opposite portions of the crimped tongue for holding the shoe in closed condition about the foot of the wearer.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a plan view of the shoe fastener disconnected from the shoe. Fig. 2 is a detail view showing the fastener secured to the inner side of the instep portion of the shoe upper and the latter being broken away at its upper edge near the center of the fastening. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the device with the opposite portion of the upper of the shoe broken away, and Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing the double hook fastener for engaging the eyelet holes in the upper end of the crimped tongue or fastening.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates a fastener as an entirety, said

fastening comprising a piece of leather or other similar material, the larger upper end of which is provided with three curved edges, 2, 3 and 4. The side edges of the fastening tongue are curved as shown at 5, and the reduced lower end has a straight edge 6'. The leather blank forming the fastening is crimped while wet or moist upon the lines 6, 7, 8, and 9 to form the inner transverse portion 10, and the inwardly extending portions 11 and the outwardly extending portions 12 which are secured by stitches 13 to the opposite sides of the opening 14.

The crimped leather tongue or fastening is secured at some slight distance from the opening 14 in the upper 15 of the shoe, and near the upper edge of the securing flaps 12 are formed perforations 16. A double hook 17 engages the perforations 16 to hold the upper edge of the fastening together, and said hook may be permanently secured to one section and extends through a slit or perforation in the crimped portion of the section 11, said hook being detachably connected to the other perforation. It will be understood however that any suitable fastening device may be substituted in lieu of the double hook 17.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that a shoe fastener made in accordance with this invention is extremely simple in construction, will prevent snow or rain from entering the shoe, and if the leather tongue is properly made and thoroughly crimped it will have a tendency to close the shoe about the foot of the wearer and the double hook or similar device which can be very quickly connected will form a shoe fastening which can be manufactured at low cost and which will be durable and efficient for its purpose, while it will afford to the shoe a neat and elegant appearance without requiring the tiresome practice of lacing and inlacing the shoe.

Various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. A shoe fastening comprising a piece of leather or similar flexible material crimped longitudinally to form securing flaps, outwardly extending portions, and a transverse portion connecting said outwardly extending portions, said shoe fastening having perforations in the securing flaps, and means

for engaging said perforations to hold the fastening together at the upper end thereof.

2. A shoe fastening comprising a piece of leather crimped longitudinally to provide
5 securing flaps, outwardly extending portions and a transverse inner portion connecting said outwardly extending portions, said flaps being secured at opposite sides of the opening in the shoe and adapted to nor-
10 mally close the opening in the shoe, and means for securing the said flaps together at the upper edge of the fastening across the opening in the shoe.

3. A shoe fastening comprising a leather
15 tongue having the upper edge thereof

formed into a plurality of curves, and having converging and curved side edges, said tongue being crimped longitudinally and provided with securing flaps, said flaps having each a perforation at its upper edge and
20 a double hook fastening for connecting said flaps to hold the shoe closed at its upper edge.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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