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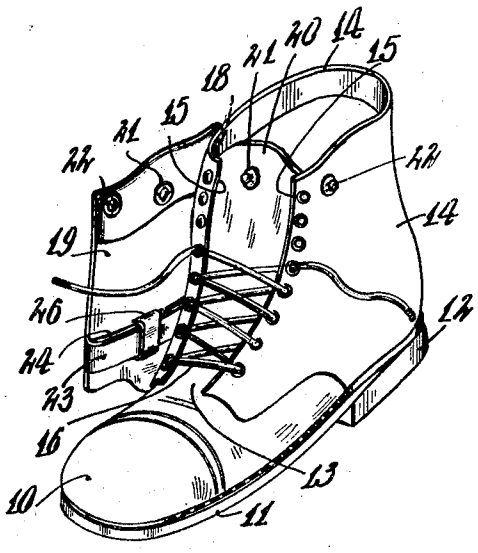


FIG. 1.

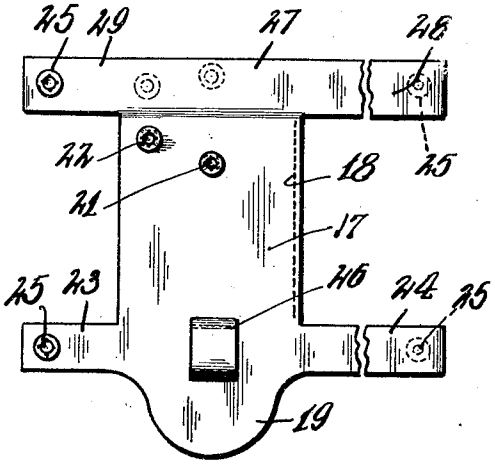


FIG. 2.

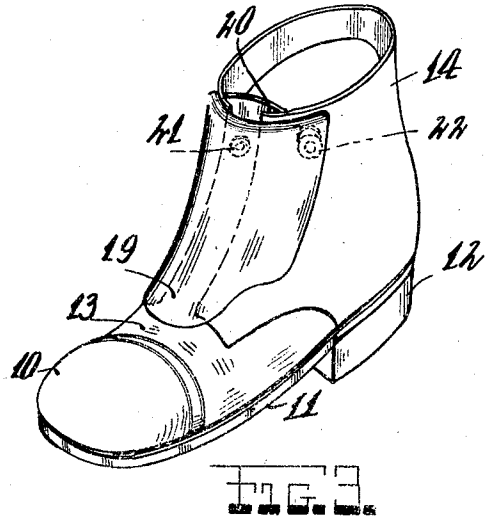


FIG. 3.

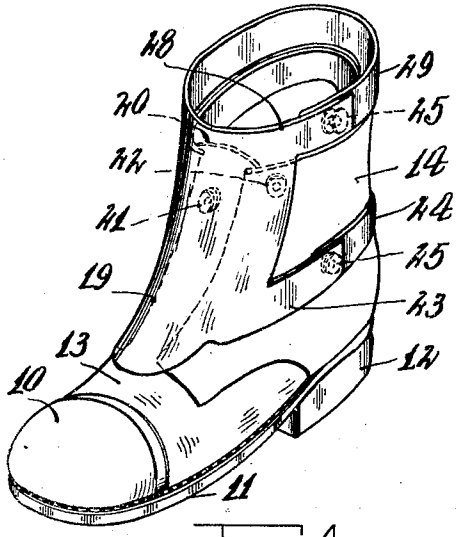


FIG. 4.

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My invention relates to shoes, and the object is to provide an improved construction which will render the shoe waterproof at the front portion thereof.

A further object is to provide a device readily and easily fastened and unfastened.

These objects and others which will be described hereinafter, I obtain in the following manner, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a shoe in an unlaced position constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a detail rear elevational view of flap member as embodied in my improved device.

Fig. 3 is a similar view to that shown in Figure 1, illustrating my improved shoe as same would appear when in use.

Fig. 4 is a similar view to that shown in Figure 3, illustrating the extended elements of the flap member in position on the ankle.

In the drawing, the numeral 10 designates a shoe having a sole 11, heel 12, a vamp 13, and upper quarters 14 and tongue 18. The quarters 14 are provided with flaps 15 secured by suitable fastening means 16, preferably lacing. The vamp 13, preferably comprises the usual toe portion of the shoe, embodying in particular what is known as the "blucher" type or style of shoe, as clearly shown in Figures 1, 3, and 4 of the accompanying drawing. The shoe 10 is provided with the usual lining, counter stiffeners, and the like, such as common to shoes of general design and manufacture.

The flap member 17 is stitched, sewn, or otherwise attached as at 18 at one edge thereof, to one of the above mentioned flaps 15. The flap member 17 is adapted to extend over the flap 15, and over the tongue 20. The flap member 17 is provided with a lower extended element 19, of semi-circular contour, adapted to extend over the upper portion of the vamp 13, intermediate the flaps 15.

The flap member 17 is loose or free, but adapted to be connected to the tongue 20 and to one of the quarters 14, adjacent to one of the flaps 15, by means of quick detachable fasteners such as ball and socket or snap fastenings 21, and 22, having coacting parts carried by the tongue 20 and one of the quarters 14.

The flap member 17 is provided with lower side extended elements 23 and 24, adapted to extend around the quarters 14 or the ankle of the person wearing my improved shoe. The extended elements 23 and 24, are loose or free, but adapted to be connected together by means of quick detachable fasteners such as ball and socket or snap fastening 25 having a co-acting part carried by the extended element 24.

The flap member 17 has sewn, stitched, or otherwise attached thereto, intermediate the extended elements 23 and 24, a depending member 26, so as to provide a loop, adapted to receive the extended elements 23 and 24, as clearly shown in Figure 1 of the accompanying drawing. The flap member 17 is provided with an upper portion 27 having side extended elements 28 and 29 adapted to engage around the ankle of the wearer of my improved shoe.

It being understood that the upper portion 27 and the side extended elements 28 and 29 may be folded inwardly, when desired. The upper portion 27 being provided with the usual ball and socket fastenings 21 and 22, as a means of attaching the upper portion 27 to the flap member 17 and to the above mentioned tongue 20.

While my improved shoe is especially designed to be worn by persons exposed to inclement weather, it is to be understood that the shoe is adapted for general use.

While I have described my invention in a particular form, it will be understood that the various parts of my invention may be changed without departing from the spirit thereof, and hence I do not limit my invention to the precise construction set forth, but consider that I am at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly come within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A shoe of the class described having a flap member attached thereto, said flap member adapted to extend over the tongue of the said shoe, said flap member provided with lower side-extended elements, a means for fastening the said extended elements together, said flap member provided with an upper portion having side-extended elements, a means for attaching the said second side-extended elements together, the said flap member having attached thereto intermediate the first mentioned extended

elements, a depending member, so as to provide a loop.

2. A shoe of the class described having a flap member attached thereto along one of its edges and extendible over the tongue of the said shoe, said flap member being formed with lower side extended elements provided with means for fastening the ends thereof together, said flap member being also formed with an upper portion having side extended elements provided with means for fastening the ends thereof together, and the said flap member having attached thereto intermediate the first mentioned extended elements, a depending member, so as to provide a loop.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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