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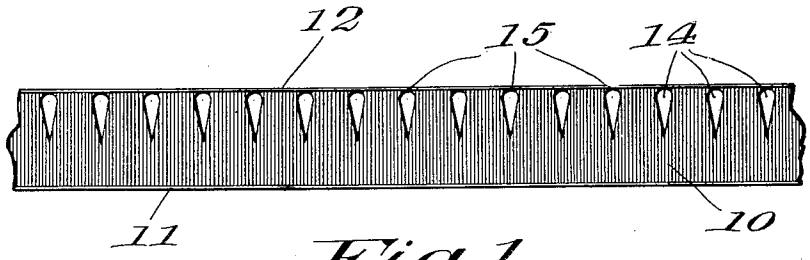


Fig. 1

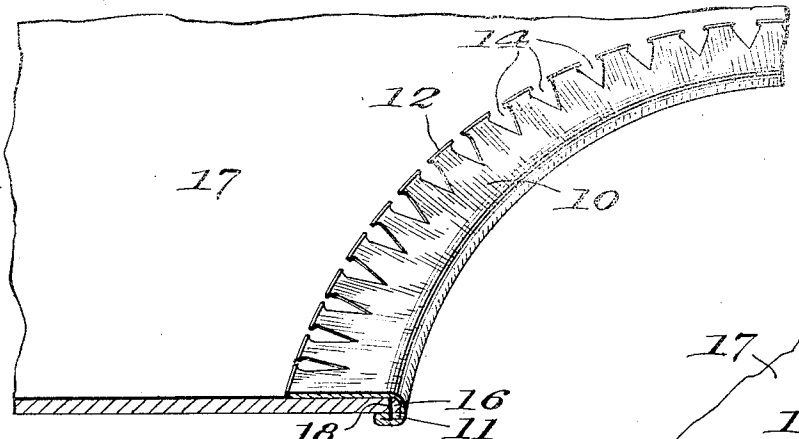


Fig. 2

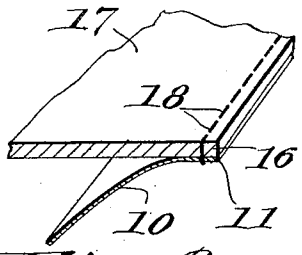


Fig. 3

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1 Claim. (Cl. 12—146)

This invention relates to finishing and binding the edge of sheet material having a curved portion and to a binding therefor. More particularly, the invention relates to a French cord binding and method of applying the same to the edge of the uppers of ladies' shoes.

It is common practice to finish the edge of the uppers of ladies' shoes by stitching the edge portion of a tape or galloon to the outer surface of the upper adjacent the edge thereof and then turning the tape over the line of stitching and over the edge of the upper and cementing the tape to the inner surface of the upper to form a French cord binding. In order to avoid the formation of wrinkles in the portions of the binding covering the curved portions of the edge of the upper, it has been common to provide spaced notches in the edge of the tape which is not stitched to the upper. Because of the presence of these notches and the tabs therebetween, it has been difficult to guide the tape accurately during the stitching operation.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a finishing and binding material and method of applying the same to the edge of sheet material to overcome this difficulty.

This and other objects of the invention will be more clearly understood from the following description in conjunction with the accompanying drawing: in which,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a galloon embodying the invention;

Figs. 2 and 3 are fragmentary perspective views illustrating different steps and methods of applying the galloon to sheet material.

In the accompanying drawing, a galloon embodying the invention is illustrated comprising a tape 10 of any suitable material having continuous unbroken edges 11 and 12. A plurality of longitudinally spaced apertures 14 are provided in the tape 10 adjacent the edge 12 thereof, the outer extremities of the apertures being separated from the edge 12 by a narrow, easily severable portion 15 of the tape.

To provide a finish and binding for the curved edge portion 16 of a piece of sheet material 17 such as a shoe upper, the galloon is fed through a suitable guide (not shown) upon the outer surface of the upper 17 with the edge 11 adjacent the edge 16 and is secured thereto as by stitching 18 as shown in Fig. 3. The continuous unbroken edges 11 and 12 permit the tape to be guided accurately during the stitching operation and consequently uniform work of good quality is produced. The tape 10 is then folded over the line of stitching 18 and over the edge portion 16 and against the inner surface of the upper 17. During the folding operation the operator pulls the tape to break the narrow portions 15 as shown in Fig. 2 to continue the apertures to the edge 12 and permit the tape to be secured smoothly, as by cement, to the inner surface of the upper without wrinkling.

I claim:

The method of finishing and binding a curved edge of sheet material which comprises securing one edge portion of a tape to one side of said sheet material adjacent said edge thereof, the other edge portion of the tape having spaced easily severable portions, folding the tape over the edge of the sheet material and simultaneously severing the other edge portion of the tape at a plurality of spaced points, and securing the tape to the other side of the sheet material.

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