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BURIAL SHOE.

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Fig. 1.

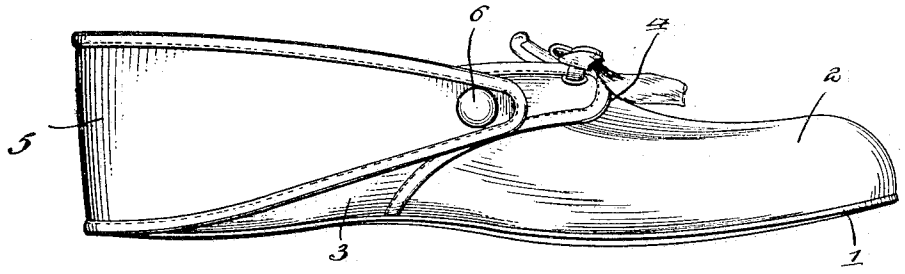


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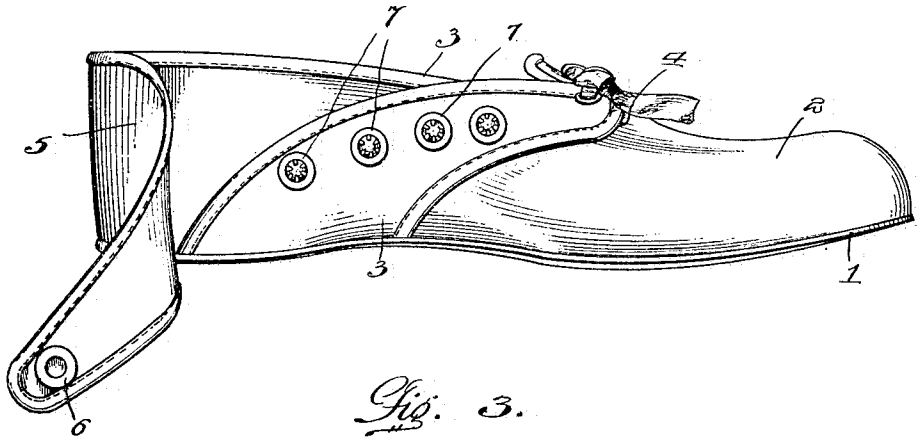
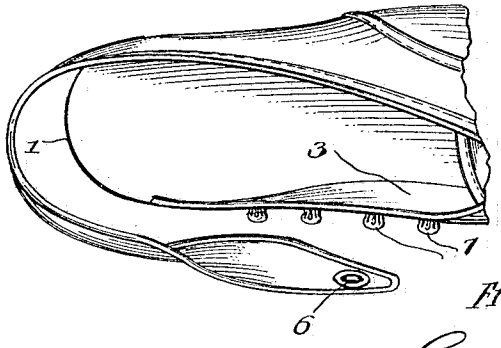


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK M. BARNHART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Findlay, in the county of Hancock and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates generally to an improvement in adjustable shoes, and particularly to a shoe of this type designed for use as a burial shoe, which, through its adjustability provides a series of usable sizes in a shoe constructed on a single last.

The main object of the present invention is the provision of a shoe of this type including an upper having the heel portion thereof wholly free of connection with the sole, with the free heel flap connected to or formed integral with one side upper and adapted to overlap and arranged for adjustable connection longitudinally of the other side upper, whereby the length of the shoe may be varied as necessary.

The invention in the preferred form of details will be described in the following specification, reference being had particularly to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of the improved shoe. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the heel flap open. Fig. 3 is a broken plan of the shoe with the heel flap disconnected from the side upper.

In constructing the improved shoe, I provide the usual sole 1, forward or toe portion 2, and upper 3, the latter having the usual meeting edges 4 adapted to be laced or otherwise connected in securing the shoe in position. The upper 3 on one side, preferably the inner side of the shoe, terminates short of the rear end of the sole, the upper edge of the upper extending rearwardly and downwardly and terminating on the sole line. The opposing side of the upper is secured to the edge of the sole in any usual or preferred manner for a length coextensive with that of the inner section of the upper just described, the said opposing side being then extended in the form of a free flap 5, of a length to extend around the heel edge of the sole and overlie the first mentioned or short side of the upper. The flap 5 is wholly free of connection with the sole, and its free terminal is of reduced width and provided on its inner surface with one member 6 of a fastening device, adapted for coöperation with any one of a series of coacting fastening members 7, secured to the short side of the upper and extending longitudinally thereof.

By the arrangement described, it is obvious that the heel portion of the shoe, which is in effect formed by the flap 5, may be increased or decreased in its spacing from the toe portion of the shoe, by coöperation of the fastening member 6 with the appropriate coöperating member 7, and to this extent the shoe is adjustable.

In the particular use for which the shoe is designed, it will be apparent that the inner sides of the shoes are concealed, as is also the heel portion, and therefore in this use the elements constituting the adjustable feature of the shoe are entirely concealed, and the shoe has the appearance of a proper and exact fit.

The ability to disconnect the flap from the short side of the upper, in addition to providing a shoe adjustable as to length, also permits the convenient application or removal of the shoe in the particular described use, so that an additional important object is gained by the particular construction.

It is of course to be understood that the shoe is to be constructed of any desired material or materials, and that I contemplate the use of any desired type of fastening means for adjustably securing the flap to the short side of the upper.

What is claimed is:—

An adjustable shoe comprising a sole having a heel portion, an upper, one side of said upper terminating forwardly of the extreme heel end of said sole and the other side of said upper being extended about the heel edge of said sole in the form of a flap adapted to overlap said first mentioned side, said flap being free of connection with said sole, a fastening member carried by said flap and a series of fastening members carried by said first mentioned side and spaced

apart longitudinally thereof, said fastening member on said flap being adapted to cooperate with any of said fastening members on said side whereby an adjustable connection between said flap and side is provided.

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

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