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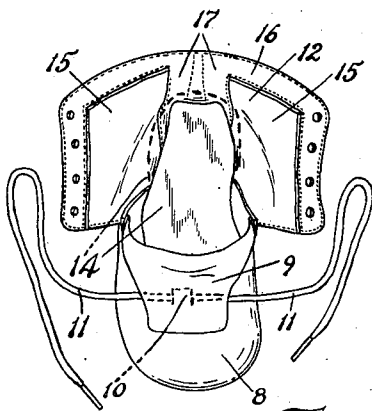


Fig. 1.

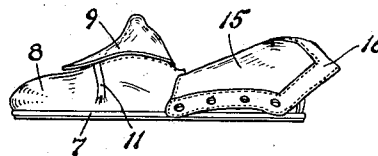


Fig. 2

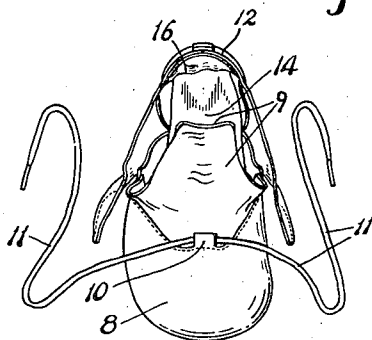


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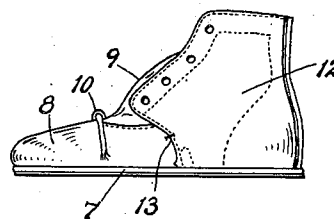


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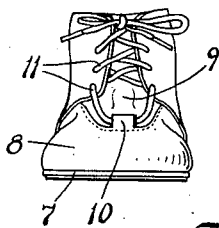


Fig. 5

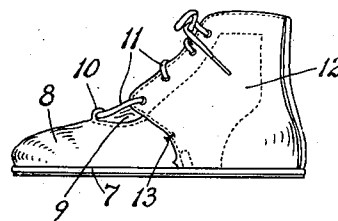


Fig. 6

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This invention relates to babies' shoes, and it has among its salient objects to provide certain structural improvements wherein and whereby it is made much easier to place the shoe upon the foot of the baby, and to lace it in place in such a way as to avoid hurt to the little foot, either by inserting it into the shoe, or in lacing it after it is in place on the foot.

Among these improvements are: to reduce the extent of the stitching at the side, between the rear and forward portions of the shoe, whereby the rear portion can be turned down further so as to make it easier to insert the foot into the shoe; to provide a special loop portion at the base of the tongue, between the tongue and the forward top part of the shoe, to receive the lacing and to hold it in position, even when it is all removed from the wing portions of the rearward part of the shoe having the lacing holes therein; and, in general, to provide simple improvement features in a baby's shoe which make for practical usage and comfort, and makes it more salable to mothers who understand the problems in connection with such shoes.

In order to explain my invention, I have illustrated on the accompanying sheet of drawings, one embodiment of my invention, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view, looking down into a shoe embodying my invention, with the tongue turned down over the forward part of the shoe and the lacing removed from the wing portions of the shoe;

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the shoe, showing the tongue portion turned down over the front, as in Fig. 1, and also showing the rear portion turned down around the heel part of the shoe;

Figure 3 is a plan view of the shoe with tongue and rear portion up in upright position, just before lacing takes place;

Figure 4 is a side elevation of the shoe as seen in Fig. 3;

Figure 5 is a front elevation of the shoe after being laced; and Figure 6 is a side elevation of the shoe in laced condition.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the shoe here shown for explanatory purposes, includes the sole 7, which is sufficiently flexible to be bent without breaking in the middle, with the forward portion 8, secured thereto in the usual manner, and a tongue portion 9 in place as indicated, said forward portion 8, at its top, or juncture with said tongue portion, having an integral loop 10, as clearly indicated to receive the lacing 11, as seen in Fig. 3.

The rearward portion 12 is secured to the sole in the usual manner, but at its juncture with the forward portion, the stitching at 13, does not extend as high up on the forward portion as usual, and this makes it possible to turn the rearward portion back upon itself, as indicated in Fig. 2, whereby to make it easy to slip the toe or forward part of the shoe, with the tongue portion turned

back, as in Fig. 2, on to the little foot of the baby with comparative ease. It frequently happens that the baby's toes are turned down or under and it is difficult to get the foot inserted straight into the forward part of the shoe, but this construction makes it easy to accomplish this.

The inner sole 14 is flat upon the sole, and these are sufficiently flexible that they will not break at the juncture between the forward and rearward portions thereof, but will be flat and smooth.

The wing portions, 15, 15, are provided with the reinforcing border 16, 16, which is integral with the rear lining portion 17, thus making for strength and practicability and economy in manufacture.

The lacing is inserted into the lower hole in the wing portions from the outside, as seen in Figs. 5 and 6, thus drawing the wing portions down upon the tongue and toward each other, with less pressure upon the tongue. This makes for comfort when the shoe is laced as indicated in Figs. 5 and 6.

I do not limit the invention to the showing here made, except as I may be limited by the hereto appended claim forming a part of this specification.

I claim:

A baby's shoe having a flat, flexible sole, a toe and vamp portion secured to said sole with a tongue secured thereto, a quarter portion secured to said sole and overlapping said toe and vamp portion at opposite sides a short distance, and stitched to said vamp portion at opposite sides approximately half way up the vamp, whereby said quarter portion can be folded downwardly upon itself to give clearance into said toe and vamp portion, and a lacing loop integrally formed at the juncture of the toe portion and the tongue for holding a lacing by its middle with its ends free for lacing purposes in the quarter portion when said quarter portion is raised to its normal position.

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