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Fig. 1.

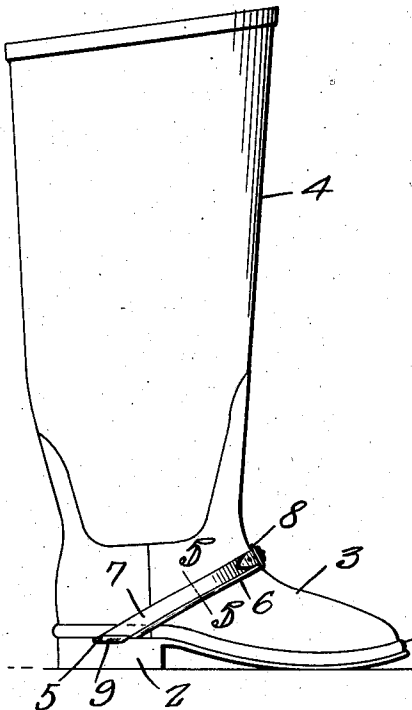


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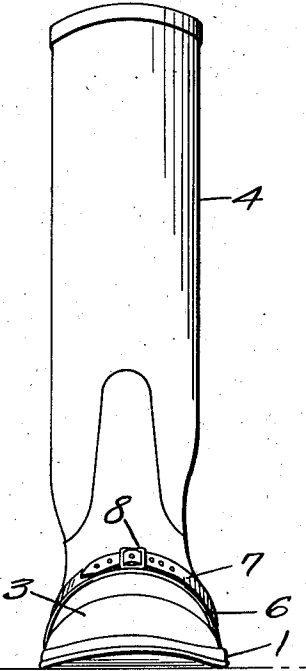


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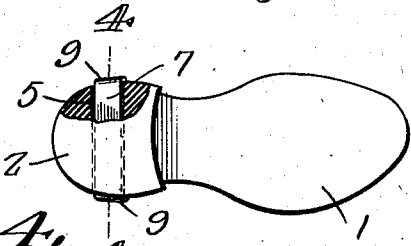


Fig. 4.

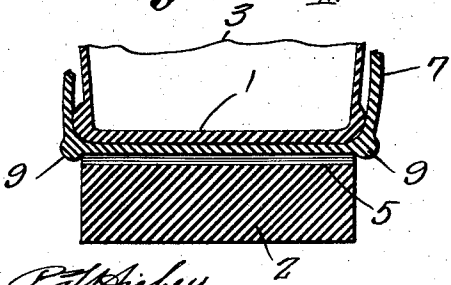
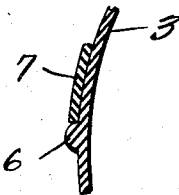


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to footwear, and its general object is to provide a shoe or boot and particularly a rubber boot that includes fastening means therefor to hold the same relatively fixed with respect to the foot of the wearer, in that the fastening means which in fact is a strap extends about the instep portion of the boot for gripping association therewith and between the rear portion of the sole and heel, thereby preventing the boot from rubbing the foot, thus eliminating the formation of corns, bunions and the like and injury to the instep as well as tends to brace the latter.

A further object is to provide a boot that includes a fastening strap for the purpose set forth, which is held against displacement or accidental removal.

Another object is to provide a boot of the character set forth, that is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and extremely efficient in use and service.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a boot constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a front view thereof.

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken approximately on line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken approximately on line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawing in detail, it will be noted that I have illustrated my invention as being applied to a boot, but it can be used with equal efficiency on arctics, shoes, etc., and the boot is shown as being of the hip rubber type that is provided with a sole 1, a heel 2, an upper 3, and a leg portion 4.

The heel has a narrow bore 5 extending transversely in the upper surface thereof for disposal under the rear portion of the sole, and the bore is preferably arranged midway between the front and rear portions of the heel, as best shown in Figures 1 and 3. Disposed about the instep portion of the upper and the sides thereof and terminating flush with the forward edges of the outer ends of the bore 5, is a bead 6 providing

a ridge or abutment means for a strap 7 which rests upon the bead 6 as shown in Figure 1 and extends through the bore.

The ends of the strap are connected together by a buckle 8, and in order to prevent accidental removal of the strap from the bore, it will be noted that the strap has lugs 9 formed thereon of a size to prevent free slidable movement of the strap within the bore, in that the lugs cannot freely pass through the bore and they tend to close the ends thereof as best shown in Figure 4. However, the bore is of a size to allow limited vertical movement of the strap, so that the latter will not bind therein, and the lugs can be forced through the bore, in the event it becomes necessary to remove the strap, or to remove dirt and foreign matter from the bore.

From the above description and disclosure of the drawing, it will be obvious that the strap is buckled about the instep of the upper and holds the boot against relative movement on the foot, and particularly slippage of the heel portion. It will be further obvious that when the strap is unbuckled that the boot can be readily applied and removed, in that by employing the strap a larger size of boot can be worn.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of the invention will be readily apparent.

It is to be understood that changes may be made in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A boot comprising an upper, a sole and a heel, the latter having a bore extending transversely thereof in its upper surface and disposed under the sole, a strap extending through the bore, means for securing the ends of the strap about the instep portion and in gripping engagement therewith, means to prevent unintentional removal of the strap from the bore and abutment means for the strap extending about the instep portion and sides of the upper.

2. A boot comprising an upper, a sole and a heel, the latter having a bore extending transversely of the upper surface thereof and disposed under the rear portion of the sole, a strap extending through the bore, lugs formed on the strap to prevent unintentional removal of the latter from the bore, a buckle for securing the strap about the instep portion of the upper, and a bead formed on the upper about the instep portion and sides thereof and providing abutment means for the strap.

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