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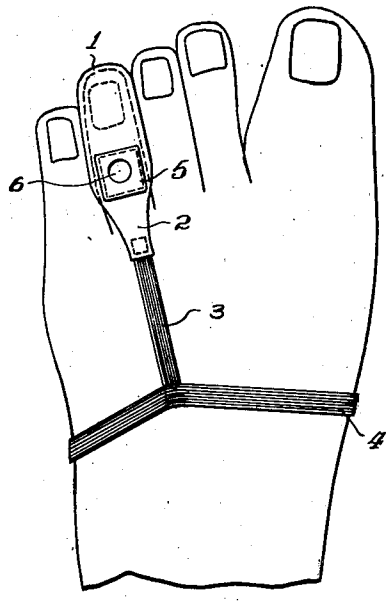



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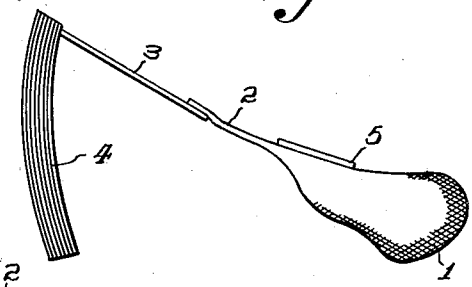
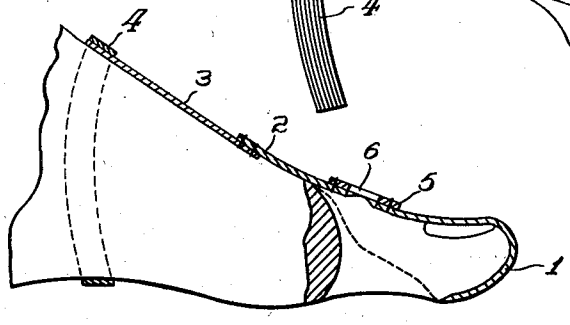



Fig. 2.




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## PROTECTOR FOR CORNS, BUNIONS, AND THE LIKE

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This invention relates to improvements in devices for treating corns, bunions and the like, and more particularly to the provision of a novel shield to protect a corn.

It is an object of the invention to provide a shield of soft leather or the like which fits easily over a toe and means thereon to protect a corn from rubbing against a shoe.

A further object is to provide a shield for protecting a corn while it is being overcome by the natural operations of the body without resorting to the use of medicinal liquids, pastes and the like.

A further object is to provide a shield which will protect a corn from frictional contact with a shoe at all times, even when the wearer is working.

These and other objects are attained by the novel construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and illustrated by the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a device embodying the invention applied to a toe.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the device on a toe.

Fig. 3 is a side view of the device.

Referring to the drawings, the corn shield is shown to comprise a leather pouch 1, preferably made of soft leather, such as sheep skin or the like or other similar materials. The pouch is shaped to fit comfortably over a toe and has an extension 2 to which is attached an elastic strip 3, connected to an elastic band 4 adapted to encircle a foot. The strip 3 and band 4 are preferably sewed together and the band 4 slipped over the foot into the proper position.

Placed over the top and secured to the pouch 1 is a piece of relative stiff leather 5, and through the piece 5 and the pouch 1 a hole is punched to receive the corn. It will be seen that the corn does not project above the piece 5 and consequently is projected into a sort of cup which protects it from the frictional rubbing of a shoe, the stiff leather engaging the shoe.

The shield can be made of leather, plastics,

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suitable cloths, metal and the like. When metal is used, a stiff leather insert is used in the same manner as when the shield is made of soft leather as previously described.

The shield can be easily placed over a toe to prevent a corn from rubbing against the inside of a shoe, and allows nature to take its course in healing the corn, without necessitating the use of medicinal liquids, pastes, and the like. The device is simple in structure and easy to apply, and capable of being inexpensively manufactured.

The above description is to be considered as illustrative and not limitative of the invention of which modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope as set forth in the appended claims.

The invention having been described, what is claimed is:

1. In a shield for protecting corns, a pouch adapted to fit over a toe, an elastic band to hold the pouch on a foot, and a piece of stiff leather on the pouch, said piece and pouch having holes therethrough to receive a corn.

2. In a shield for protecting corns, a pouch of relatively soft leather or the like, said pouch having an extension, an elastic strip attached to the extension, an elastic band attached to the strip and adapted to encircle a foot, and a strip of stiff leather attached to the upper side of the pouch, said pouch and stiff leather having holes therethrough to receive a corn.

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