

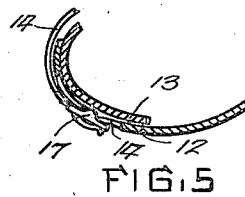
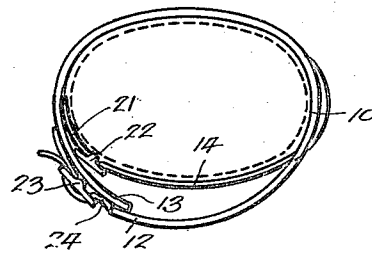
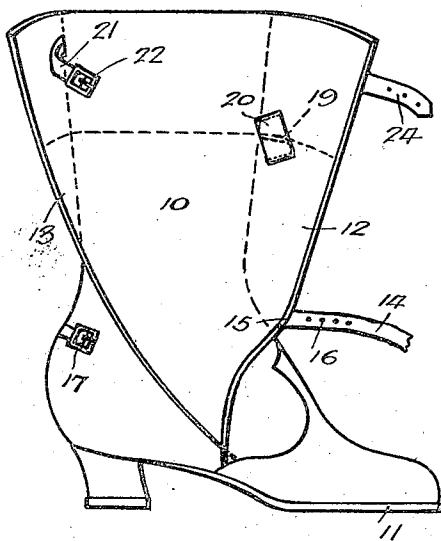
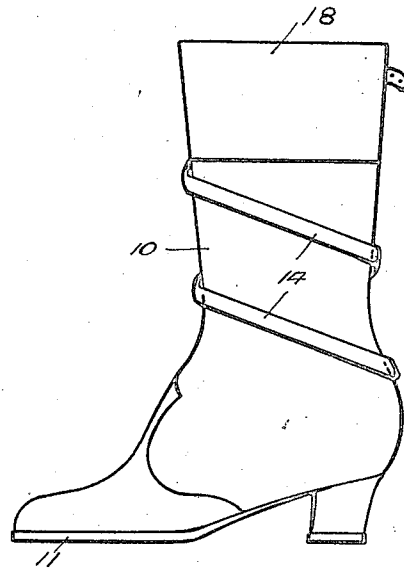
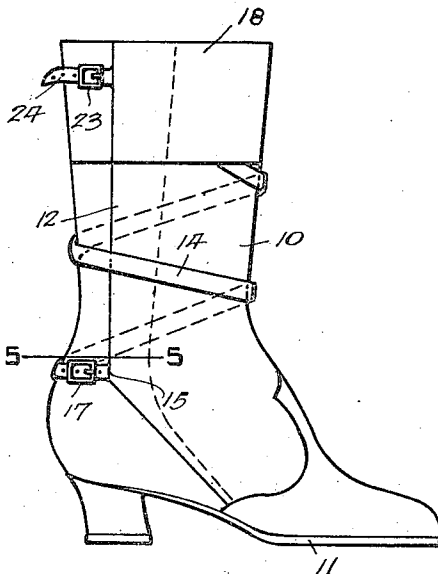
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN FENTON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Boots, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates generally to boots, and more particularly to high shoes or boots for ladies as well as men in connection with which neat appearance along with comfort and permissively different styles are important considerations, my object being the provision of a lady's boot having means whereby it may be worn either open or closed at the top and whereby it will be held snugly, comfortably and neatly without wrinkles around the instep, ankle and lower calf, in either the open or closed style.

It is a well known fact that ladies' boots are at present either snug and tight fitting with a neat fitting, or they are the reverse of this in every respect, and it is a further object of my invention to permit of a desired loose appearance at the top of the boot without detracting from the lower neat and snug fitting of the boot and without loss of comfort, or danger of slipping at the heel.

In the accompanying drawing which illustrates my present invention and forms a part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a side view showing the boot closed as it is when worn and showing the top fastened,

Figure 2 is a side view looking at the opposite side with respect to Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a side view with the boot open,

Figure 4 is a top plan view of Figure 1, and

Figure 5 is a partial transverse section taken on line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Referring now to these figures, my invention proposes a new boot or shoe and has to do in particular with the upper 10 and means of supporting and connecting the same in use, the remaining portions of the shoe including the sole 11 being constructed in any suitable manner with or without ornamentation or other embellishments as may be desired.

The upper 10 may be formed of a single piece of material if so desired and in any event is essentially finished with overlapping

side flaps of which the front flap 12 laps rearwardly over the rear flap 13 and is provided at its lower portion about on a plane with the instep with an encircling or embracing strap 14 of a length adapting it to spirally encircle the upper for approximately two full turns. Adjacent to its lower end and adjacent to its point of connection 15 with the lower portion of the front flap 12, this upper embracing or encircling strap 14 has a series of apertures 16 adapting it to cooperate with a buckle 17 secured to the lower rear portion of the upper 10 approximately in a horizontal plane with the point of connection 15, and through which buckle the strap continues after connection to snugly draw the lower overlapping portions around the ankle as will be clearly seen by a comparison of Figures 1 and 5.

The top portion of the upper 10 may have an encircling band 18 for ornamental purposes and is provided adjacent to its front with a slit 19 at a point spaced from the top edge and preferably at the lower edge of the ornamental band 18 if the latter is utilized, this slit being covered upon the inside of the boot by a flap or covering 20 seen in Figure 3 and providing for the introduction of the free end of the encircling or embracing strap 14 within the top portion of the upper after it has been given approximately one and one-half turns around the boot, as will be seen by a comparison of Figures 1 and 4. To cooperate with the upper end of the encircling strap 14 thus extended through the slit 19 and into the boot upper, the latter has adjacent to its top edge and at its rear portion a buckle strap 21 and buckle 22, with the latter of which the upper free end of strap 14 cooperates in the manner particularly seen in Figure 4, being thus around the limb of the wearer without binding the upper portions of the flaps 12 and 13.

The upper portions of the flaps 12 and 13 adjacent to the top of the boot upper may or may not be connected as desired and for their connection are provided with coacting fasteners of a detachable nature including a buckle 23 and buckle strap 24.

It is thus obvious that by means of the embracing or encircling strap, the major portion of the boot upper is held in snugly embracing close fitting relation presenting a neat appearance without wrinkles, and still the user is permitted of her own choice

to either tighten and connect the upper portions of the flaps or leave the same loose as she may desire.

It is also obvious that with but a single lower buckle 17 and through the cooperation of this buckle and the encircling strap 14, the latter passing through the buckle after connection therewith, the lower portion of the upper around the instep may be tightened independently of the pressure of the encircling strap in its later spirals around the upper, and it is obvious from this that the invention accomplishes the desired purposes in a simple effective manner singularly free of complications and unnecessary parts.

I claim:

1. A shoe or boot having its upper provided with flaps at one side adapted to overlap rearwardly and having a buckle secured to its rear lower portion and provided at its front with an aperture spaced below its top edge, an encircling strap secured at its lower end to the lower portion of the rearwardly overlapping side flap opposite said buckle, said strap being adapted to pass through the buckle for spiral disposition around the upper and for introduction at its free end inwardly through the said aperture and having means adjustably engageable by the buckle to selectively tighten and hold the lower portions of the flaps, a buckle within the upper at its rear portion and connected to its inner surface for cooperation with the free end of the encircling strap within the top portion of the upper, and detachable means for connecting the upper

portions of said flaps in adjustably overlapping relation independent of the encircling strap.

2. A shoe or boot having its upper provided with overlapping flaps, the latter having detachable fastening means adjacent to the top of the boot, and a spirally encircling strap, the lower portion of which embraces and binds the lower portions of the overlapping flaps in place and extends from the lower portion of the outer flap, and the upper portion of which encircling strap extends through and into the top portion of the upper and is adjustably attachable to the inner surface of the latter at a point remote from the flaps, and means on the lower portion of the inner flap with which the strap is adjustably connectible adjacent to its lower end independent of its said upper connection.

3. A shoe or boot having its upper provided with overlapping flaps at one side including an outer rearwardly extending flap, and a spirally encircling strap for binding the lower portions of the overlapping flaps snugly in place, connected at its lower end to the lower portion of the said outer flap and adjustably engageable at its upper end with the said upper, the lower portion of the inner flap of the upper having a buckle through which the strap passes and with which the lower portion of the said strap is adjustably connectible whereby to adjustably hold the lower portions of the flaps independent of the upper portions thereof.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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