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Fig. I

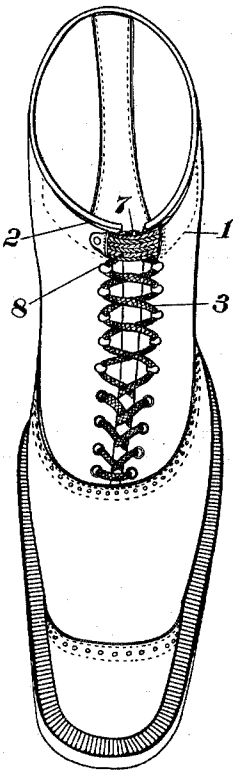


Fig. II

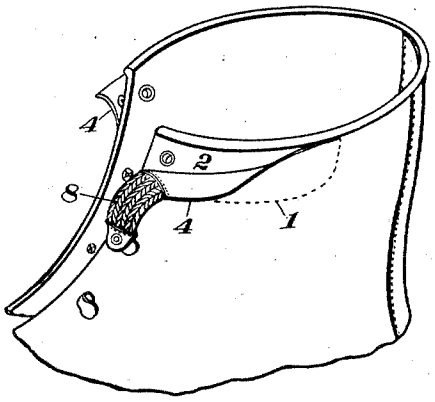
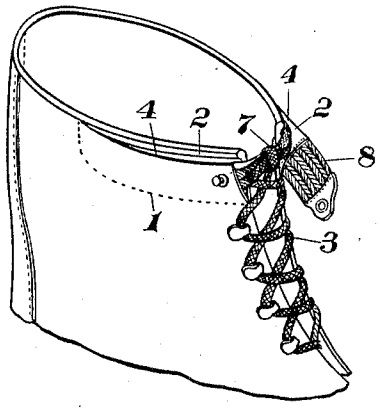


Fig. III



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE T. McGUINNESS, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, county of San Francisco, and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Laced Shoes; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in laced shoes hereinafter described, and illustrated in the drawings that form a part of this specification.

My improvement consists in making the tops of the shoes of double plies separated at each side to form receptacles or pockets in which the ends of the lacing-strings can be placed, respectively, and in an elastic extensible band attached to the outer parts or plies that extends across the front covering and holds the knot in the strings and the ends thereof in compression and secure from derangement.

The object of my invention is to provide a symmetrical construction that will conceal and hold the ends of the shoe laces or strings and adapt itself to the ankle-girth of the shoe required for different wearers. To these ends I construct laced shoes as shown in the drawings herewith.

Figure I is a top view of a laced shoe made according to my invention; Fig. II, an enlarged view in perspective of the top of a similar shoe open or unlaced. Fig. III is a similar perspective view at a different angle, showing the shoe laced.

In the use of laced shoes there is the annoyance of the loose ends of the strings and a liability of the knot being loosened by the ends of the strings catching or from other cause. This is prevented by my invention now to be described.

Referring to Fig. II, the top of the shoe is made double and sewed around at 1 to form at each side pockets or receptacles 2 for the strings 3, the edges 4 being bound and finished. These pockets 2 can be of any required length or depth, owing to the size of the lacing-strings and by preference are extended about one-fourth the girth of the shoe at the top, as shown in the drawings. To cover and protect the knot 7, I provide an extensible band 8, made with a woof of india-rubber or other elastic material that will extend and contract to suit the size of the wearer's ankle-girth. This extensible band 8 can be permanently attached to the outer portion of the shoe, as shown in Fig. II, or may be buttoned or otherwise removably fastened at each side, as preferred.

I am aware that receptacles for the ends of lacing-strings have been formed at one side of laced shoes and that flexible bands not extensible have been employed to cover the knots of the laces. These I do not claim; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a laced shoe, the top made with two separate plies stitched to form receptacles at each side for the ends of the lace or string, and in combination therewith an extensible elastic band to cover the knot, attached to the outer plies which form the receptacle for the shoe-strings at each side, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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