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Fig. 1.

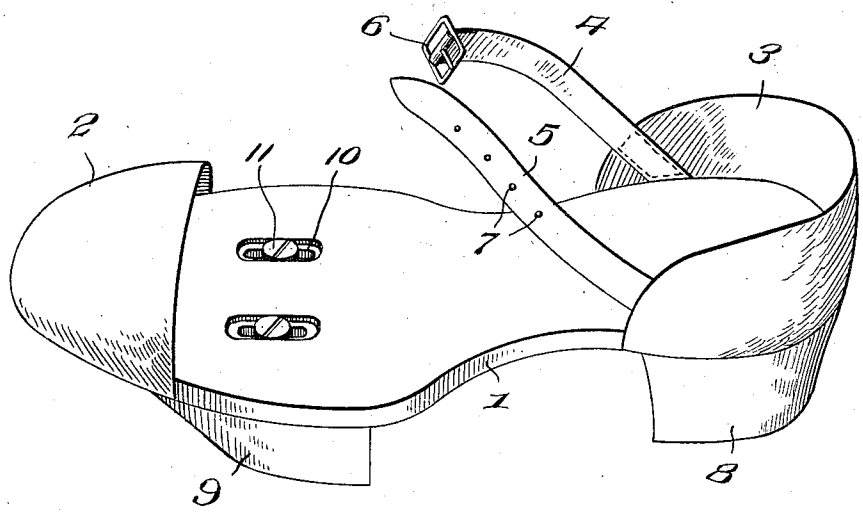
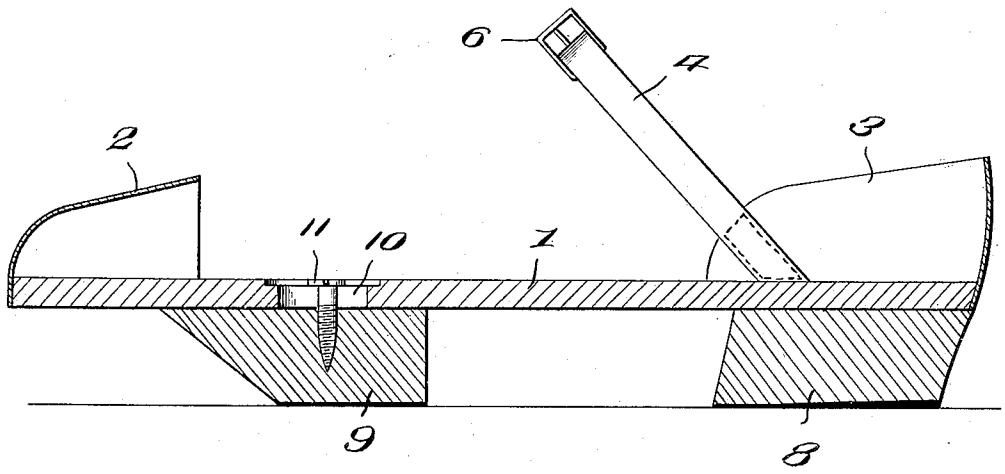


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALFRED P. BECK and FRANK H. TELTSCHIK, citizens of the United States, residing at Oakland and Weimar, in the county of Colorado and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Protectors; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

Our invention relates to new and useful improvements in shoe protectors and our object is to provide a device of this class, to be worn on the soles of the shoes, to prevent the shoes from coming in contact with snow, mud, or the like.

A further object is to provide means for making the parts of the protector adjustable, whereby the parts of the protector engaging the earth's surface may be kept under the ball of the foot and a still further object is to provide means for securing the protector to the shoe.

Other objects and advantages will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings which are made a part of this application, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved protector ready to be applied to use, and, Fig. 2 is a longitudinal, sectional view therethrough.

Referring to the drawings in which similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, 1 indicates the sole of our improved protector, which is preferably shaped similar to the sole of a shoe, the forward end of said sole having a cap 2 secured thereto, which is adapted to extend over the toe of the shoe, while to the opposite end of the sole is secured a counter or guard 3, which is adapted to extend around and engage the heel of the shoe. In order to hold the sole in position on the shoe, a pair of straps 4 and 5 are provided, which are secured in any preferred manner to the forward edges of the counter or guard 3, one of said straps being provided with a buckle 6, while the opposite strap is provided with a plurality of openings 7, which are adapted to be engaged by the tongue of the buckle, said straps being adapted to pass over the shoe and be secured above the instep of the wearer.

The rear end of the sole 1 is provided with a heel 8, which is constructed similarly to a heel of a shoe, while to the forward portion of the sole is secured a block 9, which is adapted to engage the sole at a point immediately below the ball of the foot. In order to adjust said block to bring the same below the ball of feet of different lengths, the sole is provided with longitudinally disposed slots 10, through which extend adjusting screws 11, the lower ends of said screws being threaded into the block 9. By this construction it will be seen that when the block is not in proper position to receive the weight of the wearer, the screws may be loosened and the block shifted until it is in proper adjustment below the ball of the foot, when the screws may again be tightened or turned into the block and the block held in its adjusted position.

The object of this device is to prevent the shoes from coming into direct contact with mud, or the like, and it will be seen that the heel and block will normally support the sole above the earth's surface, so that the shoe proper will not come in contact with mud, or slush.

It will further be seen that the protector may be quickly applied to or removed from the shoe and that the block may be readily adjusted on the sole to properly receive the weight of the wearer.

What we claim is:

A device of the character described, comprising a sandal-like member having a heel guard or counter, means for the application and retention of the device upon the foot of the wearer, said device also embracing a bearing block or calk having an upwardly and forwardly inclined forward edge and means for the adjustment of said bearing block or calk, including a longitudinal slot formed in said sandal-like member and an adjusting screw carrying said bearing block or calk and passing through said slot, said sandal-like member also having a heel-member.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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