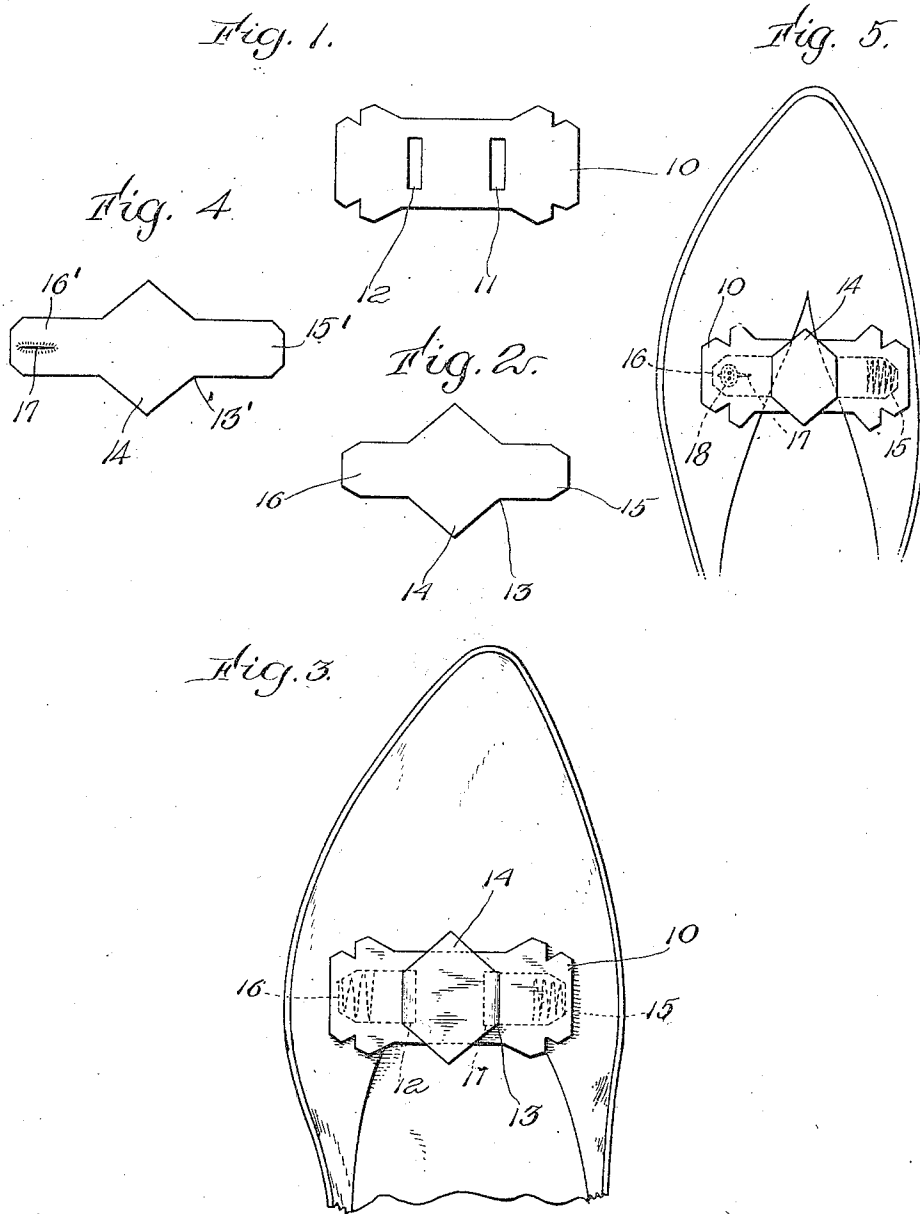


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To all whom it may concern.

Be it known that I, ADAM H. PRENZEL, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Halifax, county of Dauphin, State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Ties or Bows, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

10 This invention relates to made up ties or bows, adapted to be applied to wearing apparel, particularly low shoes and slippers, though this is to be understood as merely an illustrative application of the invention.

15 The invention consists in a bow adapted to be produced from a great variety of kinds of stock, as leather, of any desired thickness, imitation leather, fabric, etc., the bow being very easily produced and assembled from two pieces of stock, and in a manner to dispense with any need for sewing of the pieces together, or for clips, or other fastenings, and with a maximum economy of stock required.

25 The invention will be more fully understood from the following detailed description in connection with the accompanying drawings.

30 Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is an elevation showing an illustrative form of one of the pieces used in making the bow. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the other piece co-operative therewith. Fig. 3 is a view showing the tie assembled and fastened to a shoe. 35 Fig. 4 is a view showing a modified form of one of the elements of the bow adapted to be used as a securing strap, and Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3, showing such modified form applied as a securing strap to a shoe.

40 In the illustrative embodiment shown, a piece of stock 10 of any desired material, thickness, and color, is formed with any preferred peripheral contour for ornamental effect and to simulate the ends of a tied bow, as shown, or otherwise. This piece has two spaced apart slits 11, 12, formed transversely therein of a suitable width to receive the tab ends of the other piece. This other 50 piece 13, which may likewise be of any preferred color and character of stock, either the same as that of the piece 10 or different, has a central enlarged portion 14 which is made of a shape to harmonize with the de-

sign of the bow ends as formed on piece 55 10. Tabs 15, 16 extend oppositely from the central part 14 and these are slipped through the slits 11, 12 to assemble the bow, and are then sewed, or otherwise fastened down upon the shoe, or other piece of wearing ap- 60 parel, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. The device so assembled is adapted without material modification to be applied as a strap, and is so shown in Fig. 5, fitted to a shoe. For adaptation to this use the piece 13' has 65 one or both its tab ends 15', 16' lengthened to the extent required for use as a securing strap and one of these ends is formed with a detachable fastening means shown as a button hole 17, to receive a button 18 on the 70 shoe; the other end 15' of the strap may be permanently sewed, or otherwise fastened, to the other side of the shoe. It is to be understood that in practice any desired number of these straps may be placed side by side 75 along the shoe top for the desired ornamental effect, and likewise that this particular embodiment of the invention is well adapted to other articles of wearing apparel, such as belts, pocket-books, neck-ties, and 80 other articles wherein securing straps, with ornamental effects are in demand. It is further to be understood that the particular form of the invention shown, wherein the member 10 carries the major part of the 85 configuration and the member 13 is primarily the means for securing the bow to the shoe or other article, is merely illustrative, and that in the practice of the invention either of the members may be secured to the 90 shoe by its ends or otherwise, and either may carry the major portion of the ornamental design, these changes being mere reversals and variations in design. The bow thus 95 formed is securely held against disarrangement without any special fastening devices whatever between the two parts, the amount of stock required is reduced to an absolute minimum, and owing to the small sizes of the pieces required these can be produced from 100 small odds and ends of otherwise waste stock, involving a low expenditure for material, while these parts can be instantly assembled together and the complete bow fastened to the part desired very rapidly and without 105 requiring any skilled labor. The ornamental effects of the bow can be widely varied, and its configuration modified to any

extent desired in conformity with the general design or requirements of the shoe or other garment to which it is applied.

Having described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An article of the kind described, comprising two pieces of stock, one formed to represent the center of a bow and the other the extremities thereof, one of said pieces having transverse slits spaced apart at each side of its center, and the other piece having an enlarged central portion fitting between said slits with reduced ends passed through said slits for interlocking engagement, the enlarged central portion of said second piece preventing endwise displacement thereof.

2. An article of the kind described, comprising two pieces of stock, one formed to represent the center of a bow and the other the extremities thereof, one of said pieces having transverse slits spaced apart at each side of its center, and the other piece having an enlarged central portion, and reduced end portions passed through said slits for interlocking engagement, the end portions of one of said pieces beyond the interfitted point being formed to represent the extremities of a bow, and the end portions of the other piece adapted to constitute securing tabs and being normally concealed by the

extremities of said first piece, the pieces being thus interlocked so that the tie is held assembled without separate holding means.

3. An article of the kind described, comprising a piece having its ends formed to represent the extremities of a bow, and a second piece having a central portion formed to represent the center of the bow, and with ends adapted to interlock with said first piece to hold the same against displacement, said ends being extended to form a securing strap, and one end thereof having provision to detachably interengage with a fastener.

4. An article of the kind described, comprising a piece having ends extending to represent the extremities of a bow, and a second piece interfitted with said first piece by interlocking slits and tabs the slits being in one member and the tabs on the other, and said tabs extended to constitute a securing strap, one tab being provided with one portion of a detachable fastening device.

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

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