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Fig. 1.

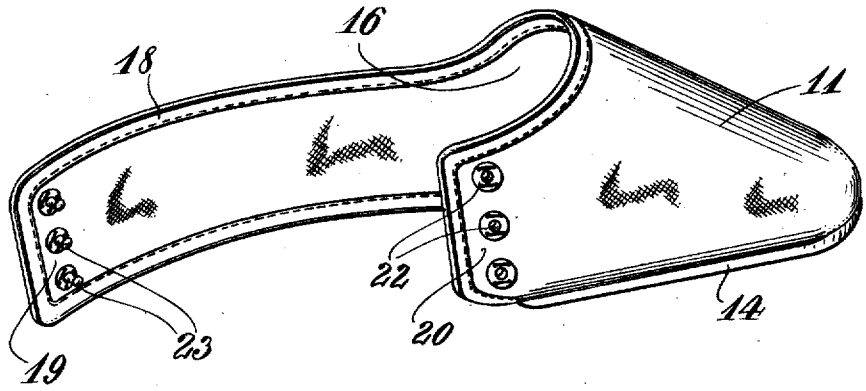


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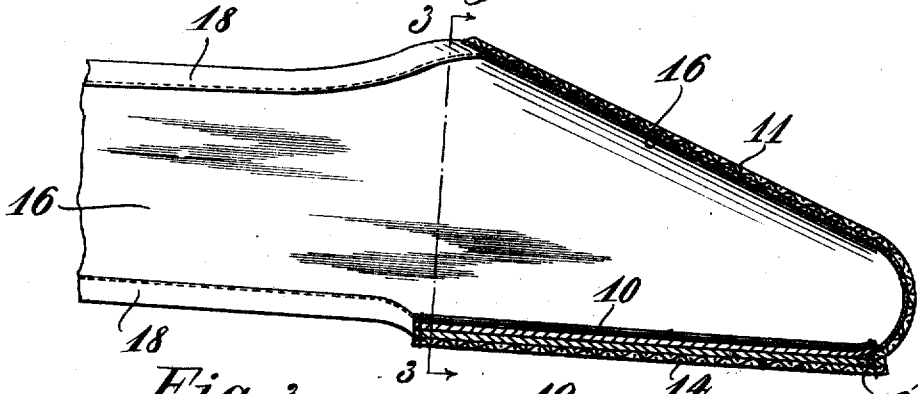
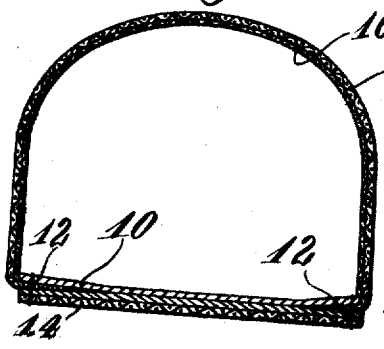


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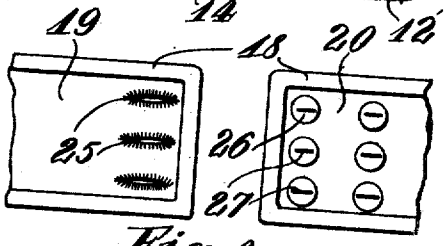


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST WOLFF, a subject of the Emperor of Austria, resident of Corona, county of Queens, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gaiters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in overshoes or gaiters, and particularly to types adapted to be worn upon inclined surfaces or slippery places, and has as its principal object the provision of means whereby a relatively firm foot-hold is secured irrespective of the condition or inclination of the surfaces trodden upon.

A further object is to provide means which protect the ordinary foot-wearing apparel from substances falling from above, and finally, to provide such devices in forms which are easily adjusted to suit various sizes of shoes and which may be worn with entire comfort and ease.

These and other similar objects are attained by the novel design and construction of parts hereafter described and shown in the accompanying drawing, forming a material part of this specification, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the overshoe or gaiter in an open position.

Fig. 2 is a partial longitudinal sectional view taken through the center of the same.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and

Fig. 4 is a view showing modified engaging means to hold the several parts together.

The invention is composed of a relatively stiff sole 10, of leather, to which the upper 11 is attached by stitches 12 around the edges which also hold in position one or more thicknesses 14 of pliable fibrous material, such as felt, the same being adapted to cling and adhere so as to avoid the slipping of the wearer.

The upper 11 is also preferably made of thinner and lighter felt and provided with a lining 16, the lining and strap like extension 19 of the upper being bound around its edges with a binding 18 as best shown in Fig. 1.

On the opposite side of the upper is a short extension 20 in which are set a plurality of snap fastener elements 22, the engaging elements 23 of which are secured to the inner side of the strap 19 near its end.

It will be understood that the material comprising the upper portion of the overshoe, together with the lining, is of a flexible nature so that it may readily conform with and be securely held to the shoe of the user.

In order, however, to render the gaiter available with different sized shoes, the end elements shown in Fig. 4 may be used, the same having in the end 19 a plurality of slits 25 acting in the manner of buttonholes and which may be engaged with buttons 26 secured by stitching 27, the buttons being arranged in rows closely adjacent and engageable within the buttonholes 25, thus allowing a relatively wide range of adjustment of the gaiter.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that a gaiter has been described which is applicable particularly to the feet of carpenters working upon the roof of a building and painters or others exposed to work on inclined surfaces where the danger of slipping and falling is considerable.

The slippers may also be worn upon icy pavements and the like, rendering the user relatively free from falls and similar mishaps, and besides protect the shoes from mud, paint, etc., by which they would be disfigured and serve to keep the feet of the wearer warm and comfortable.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

A gaiter consisting of a stiff sole, an upper consisting of a toe portion secured upon the edges of said sole, one side of said upper formed with an elongated extension and the opposite side thereof having a short tab extension beyond said sole, a reinforcing marginal strip secured upon the upper longitudinal edge of said upper and also upon the transverse end edge of said first and second-named extensions, a transverse series of fastener elements secured upon the tab extension, and a transverse series of coöperating fasteners secured upon said first-named extension and adapted to interlock with the other fasteners, the marginal strips of both extensions adapted to contact when said fasteners are interlocked.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

AUGUST WOLFF.