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LACE HOLDER FOR SHOE

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FIG. 1.

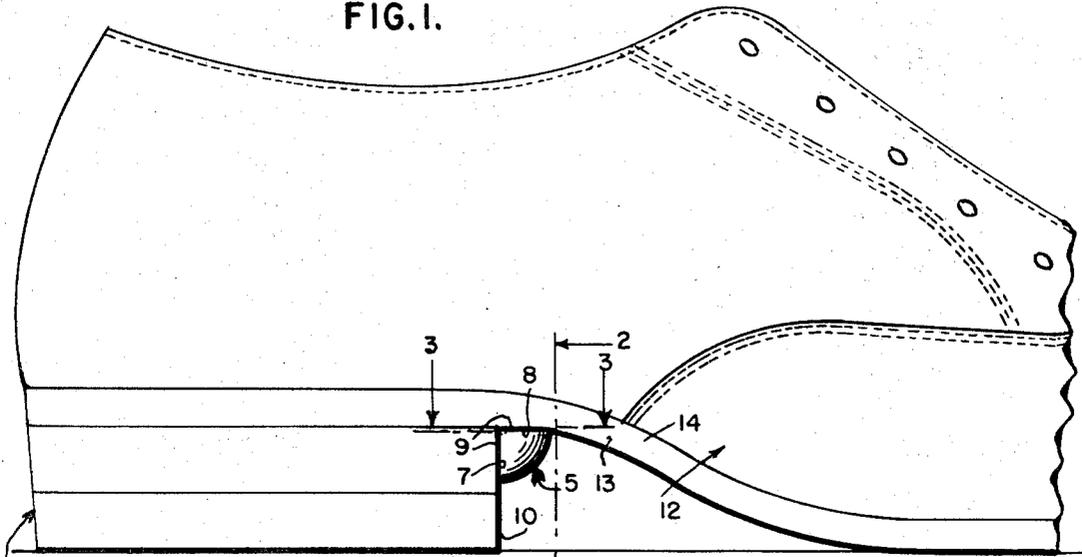


FIG. 2.

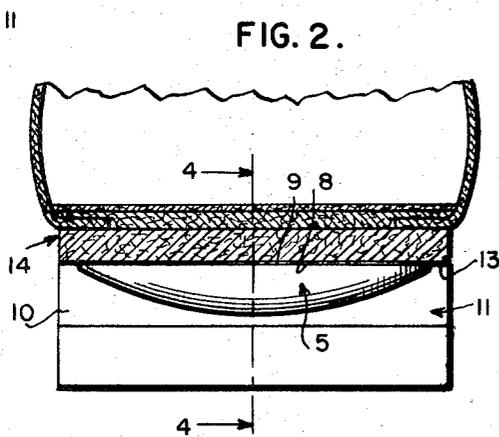


FIG. 4.

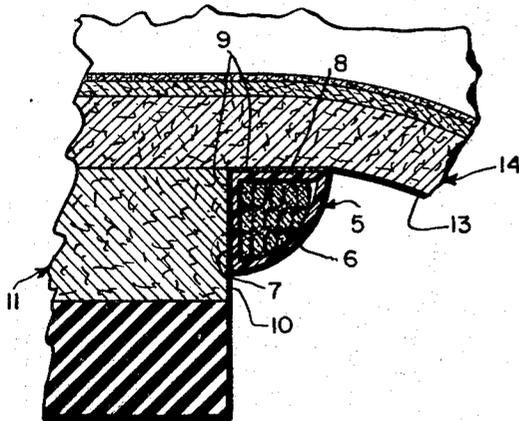
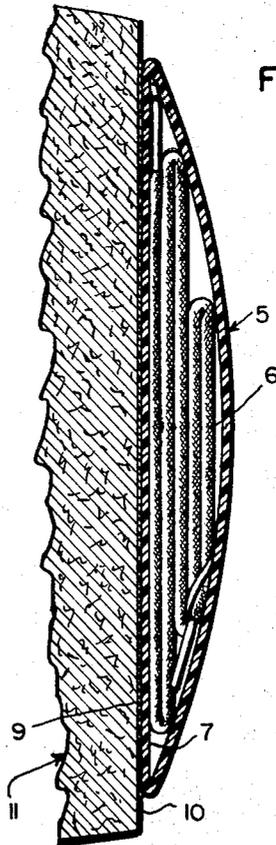


FIG. 3.



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A moisture-proof holder for storing a spare shoe lace and which is detachably secured to an exterior portion of a shoe in a normally concealed position, so that the shoe lace is readily available for use in an emergency, when needed.

SUMMARY

It is a primary object of the present invention to provide a holder in a form of moisture-proof container in which a shoe lace is stored and which container is especially designed for attachment to a part of a shoe to be normally disposed in a concealed position, readily available for use, in an emergency, to replace a broken shoe lace, by detachment of the holder from the shoe so that the holder can be opened and the lace removed therefrom.

Another object of the invention is to provide an holder for containing a spare shoe lace which may be applied to the shoe at the factory or which may be sold as a separate item and applied to the shoe by the wearer.

A further object of the invention is to provide an holder containing a spare shoe lace which is extremely small and compact enabling it to be located in substantially a concealed position on a shoe.

Various other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter become more fully apparent from the following description of the drawing, illustrating a presently preferred embodiment thereof, and wherein:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1 is a fragmentary side elevational view of a portion of a shoe showing the shoe lace holder applied thereto;

FIG. 2 is a fragmentary cross sectional view through the shoe taken substantially along a plane as indicated by the line 2—2 of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary horizontal sectional view taken substantially along a plane as indicated by the line 3—3 of FIG. 1, and

FIG. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical sectional view, taken substantially along a plane as indicated by the line 4—4 of FIG. 2.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring more specifically to the drawing, the shoe lace holder in its entirety and comprising the invention is designated generally 5 and comprises a long slender moisture-proof container or envelope which is prefer-

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ably formed of a plastic material and which contains a shoe lace 6, as seen in FIGS. 3 and 4.

The container 5 is preferably of triangular shape in cross section, as seen in FIGS. 1 and 4, including two substantially flat sides 7 and 8 which are disposed approximately at a right angle to one another and each of which is provided on its outer surface with an adhesive coating 9.

One of these sides, for example the side 7, is secured by its adhesive coating 9 to the forward face 10 of the heel 11 of a conventional shoe 12, of the type which utilizes a shoe lace, and the other side 8 is secured by its adhesive coating 9 to the under side 13 of the shoe shank 14.

The holder 5 is preferably of a length somewhat less than the width of the heel 11 and the shank 14 so that it will terminate inwardly of the side edges thereof, as seen in FIG. 2.

The adhesive coatings 9 are of any conventional type which is not water soluble so that the holder 5 will remain applied to the shoe 12 during normal use of the shoe. However, the adhesive is of a type which will enable the holder 5 to be readily pulled from the shoe 12 with the fingers. The material of which the holder 5 is formed is such that it may readily be ruptured with the fingers for extracting the shoe lace 6 therefrom for application to the shoe as a replacement for a broken shoe lace.

I claim as my invention:

1. Means for storing a shoe lace on a shoe for emergency use, said means comprising an elongated moisture-proof envelope containing a shoe lace, and adhesive means attaching the envelope to an exterior part of a shoe for holding the shoe lace available for emergency use.

2. Means as defined by claim 1, said adhesive means comprising an adhesive coating carried by the exterior of the envelope.

3. Means as defined by claim 2, said envelope having a plurality of sides, said adhesive coating being applied to two sides of the envelope for securing one of said sides against the forward face of the shoe heel and the other of said sides to the under side of the shoe shank for positioning the envelope in a normally concealed position on the shoe.

4. Means as defined by claim 3, said envelope being of triangular shape in cross section.

5. Means as defined by claim 3, said envelope being of triangular shape in cross section and tapered toward its ends.

6. Means as defined by claim 3, said envelope being of a length less than the width of the shoe sole and shank.

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