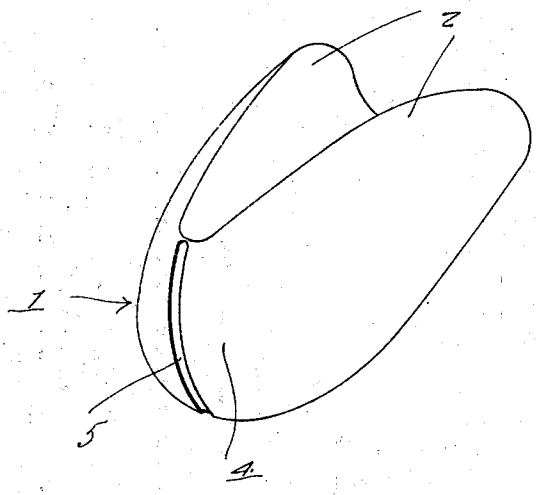
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Fig. 1.



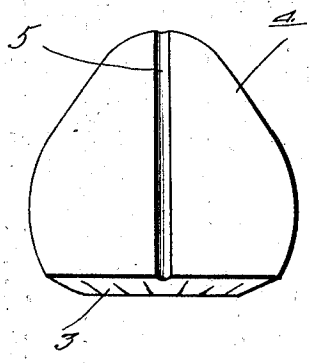
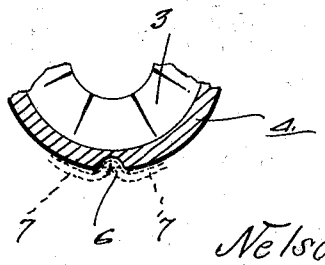


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to shoe counters and has, for one of its objects, to provide a shoe counter having means embodied thereon and at its rear end for receiving the seam by which the quarters of the shoe are connected together at the heel thereof for the purpose of preventing the bulging or shifting of the seam at that point which has heretofore resulted in the discarding of many shoes due to this defect.

Other objects of the invention are to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a shoe counter of the aforementioned character which will be simple in construction, strong, durable, efficient in its use and which may be manufactured at low cost.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe counter constructed in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is a rear elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view in horizontal section of the rear portion of the shoe counter.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the reference character 1 designates generally the counter comprising the forwardly extending opposed side portions 2, the inturned lower portion 3 which extends between the inner and outer sole of the shoe and the rear or heel portion 4.

As seen most clearly in the drawing, the heel portion 4 of the counter is provided with a vertical groove or channel 5 which extends the entire length thereof and is adapted for the reception of the seam 6 by which the adjacent edges of the quarters 7 are secured together at the rear of the shoe, as disclosed in Figure 3.

In a counter constructed in accordance with this invention, the vertical groove which extends the entire length of the rear portion thereof, in addition to providing means for the reception of the quarter seam for preventing shifting or bulging of the latter gives the counter a natural spring toward the last during the manufacture of the shoe.

It is to be understood that the groove may be formed on the inner surface of the counter for receiving the back seam of the quarter lining of the shoe. The groove may be formed in the counter at the time the same is in the mold.

It is believed that the many advantages of a shoe counter constructed in accordance with this invention will be readily understood, and although the preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction may be had which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is:—

1. A shoe counter of the character described comprising a pair of forwardly extending opposed side portions, an inturned lower portion and a rear connecting portion, all of said portions being formed integral with each other and the rear portion being provided with a vertical groove adapted to receive the quarter seam of the shoe.

2. A shoe counter of the character described including a pair of side portions, a rear connecting portion and an integral inwardly turned base portion formed on the lower edge of said side and rear portions, said rear portion being provided with a vertical groove extending from the upper end thereof to the base portion and adapted for the reception of the quarter seam of the shoe.

3. An article of manufacture for incorporation within a shoe comprising a counter having a vertical groove therein to receive the back seam of the shoe and thereby position the shoe upper relative to the counter.

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