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FIG. 1.

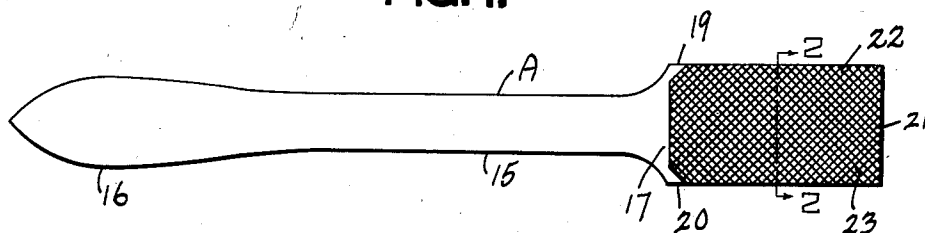


FIG. 2.

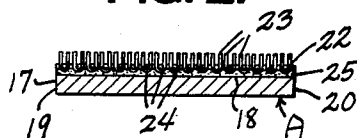


FIG. 3.

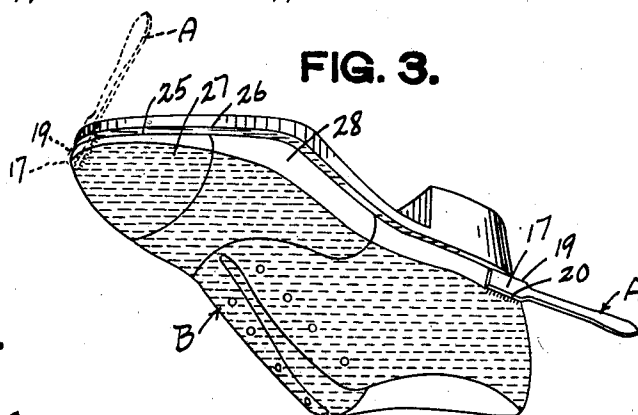
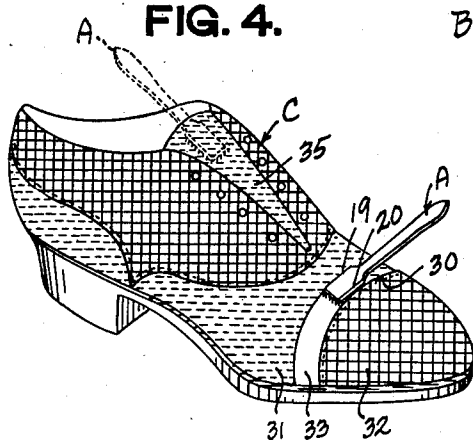


FIG. 4.



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The invention relates to improvements in shoe dressing applicators and the primary object of the invention is to provide an applicator for depositing dressing on white or two-toned shoes.

Another object of the invention is to provide an applicator for depositing dressing on portions of shoes, such as the tongues thereof, which are normally hard to reach.

A further object of the invention is the provision of an applicator for depositing a marginal stripe of dressing on a shoe adjacent a contrastingly colored portion of the shoe.

A still further object is to provide an applicator which may be used without tending to soil the hands or smear dressing on the outer edge of the sole or heel of a shoe.

Yet another object resides in providing an applicator which will more uniformly distribute dressing over shoe surfaces.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent during the course of the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, and in which drawing,

Figure 1 is a plan view of the applicator.

Figure 2 is a cross sectional view thereof, substantially on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figures 3 and 4 are perspective views respectively showing the use of the applicator in depositing stripes of dressing on white and two-toned shoes.

In the drawing, which for the purpose of illustration shows only a preferred embodiment of the invention, and wherein similar reference characters denote corresponding parts thruout the several views, A designates the applicator, B a white shoe, and C a two-toned shoe.

The applicator A comprises a thin flat wooden strip 15, one end portion of which forms a handle 16, the opposite end portion constituting a head 17, including a base surface 18, parallel side edges 19, 20, and an end edge 21. The applicator A further comprises a fabric patch 22, tufted with mohair yarn to provide a pile 23 at the obverse side of the fabric, the tufts including loops 24 at the reverse side of the fabric. Adhesively securing the reverse side of the fabric, including the loops 24, to the base surface 18, is a layer 25 of waterproof cement. Preferably, the length of the handle strip 15 is from four and one-half to five inches, and its width between the parallel side edges 19, 20 is approximately five-eighths of an inch, the patch 22 being likewise approximately five-eighths of an inch wide, and substantially one inch long. It will be noted that

the sides and one end edge of the patch align with the sides and one end edge of the head 17. In height, the mohair pile 23 should be no more than three-sixteenths of an inch, and preferably about one-eighth of an inch. The thickness of the strip 15 may be from one thirty-second to one-sixteenth of an inch. Made in accordance with the foregoing dimensions, the applicator A may be readily inserted between the tongue and upper of a shoe to apply dressing to the lower end of the tongue near its juncture with the main body portion of the shoe. By employing the pile fabric of limited thickness, the parallel side edges 19, 20 may be disposed in closely spaced relation to the shoe for guidance by some particular characteristic of the shoe, in the application of a stripe of dressing to a portion of the shoe.

In treating the white shoe B, the head 17 of the applicator A is so placed adjacent the toe of the shoe as to dispose the fabric patch thereagainst, with one side edge 19 in the groove 25 formed by the juncture of the welt 26 with the upper 27, as shown by broken lines in Figure 3. Following the groove 25 to the heel of the shoe will produce a stripe 28 of dressing along the outside of the shoe adjacent the welt. This stripe 28 will vary in width from one-fourth to a half inch depending on the contour of the shoe. The opposite side of the shoe is treated in a similar manner, the other side edge 20 of the head serving as a guide. Those portions of the shoe within the stripes may then be dressed without tending to smear the sole or heel.

For the two-toned shoe C, the applicator A is so placed as to dispose the fabric patch toward the shoe, with one of the side edges 19, 20 against a given seam 30 between contrastingly colored areas 31, 32 of the shoe, to produce a stripe 33 along the margin of the area 31 to be dressed.

In dressing the tongue 35 of the shoe C, the applicator A may be inserted longitudinally between the tongue and shoe upper, as shown by broken lines in Figure 4.

Various changes may be made in the form of invention herein shown and described, without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the following claims.

We claim:

1. A shoe dressing applicator comprising a thin flat strip reduced in width at one end portion to form a handle, the opposite end portion being of uniform width and substantially rectangular to provide a flat base surface and guiding edges at opposite margins of the base surface, and a substantially rectangular mohair fabric patch ce-

mented on the base surface and extending between said guiding edges, the pile of said fabric being approximately one-eighth of an inch high whereby any one of said guiding edges may be disposed in sliding engagement with a shoe along a welt or seam thereof, to facilitate the application of dressing along a portion of the shoe adjacent the welt or seam.

2. A shoe dressing applicator comprising a thin flat strip of rigid material, including an elongated head having parallel longitudinally extending side edges and a handle integral with and of reduced width adjacent its juncture with one end portion of said head, whereby either side edge of the head may be disposed in sliding engagement with the welt of a shoe to facilitate guiding of the

applicator along the shoe portion with the handle free of engagement with the shoe, and an elongated mohair fabric patch secured to one of the flat faces of said applicator head with its longitudinal axis parallel to the longitudinal axis of the head and with the mohair pile extending outwardly from said face, the patch extending from side edge to side edge of the head and the mohair pile of the fabric being approximately one-eighth of an inch in length whereby it will bend slightly in a direction opposite to that in which the applicator is moved in contact with the shoe for application of the shoe dressing, without spreading laterally of the side edges of the head.

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