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Fig. 1.

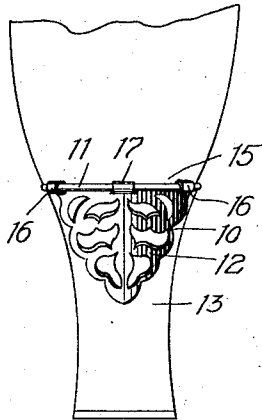


Fig. 2.

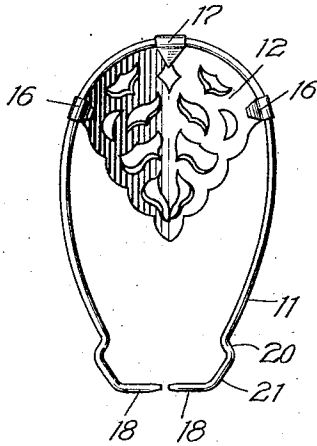
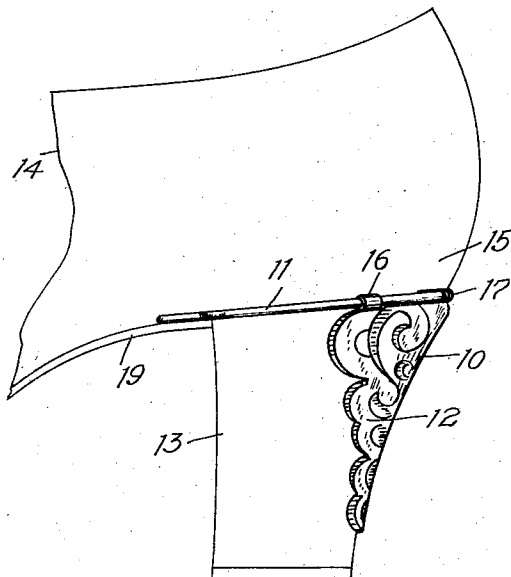


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to improvements in shoe heel ornaments, and more particularly to an ornamental device adapted to be securely but removably attached to a shoe heel, and is an improvement upon my co-pending application Serial No. 395,559, filed September 17th, 1930.

Among the principal objects which the present invention has in view are:— To provide a shoe heel ornament of improved and more desirable construction; to securely attach the ornament to the rear of a shoe; to obtain an attachment of the device between the heel portion and the shoe last; to provide a device which may be clamped to the shoe readily and in minimum time; to provide positive securing means for the device; to secure simplicity of construction and operation; and to obtain other advantages and results as may be brought out in the following description.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved shoe heel ornament applied to a shoe heel;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the ornament; and

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the ornament applied to a shoe.

In the description:

In the specific embodiment of the invention illustrated in said drawing, the reference numeral 10 indicates the shoe heel ornament in general, comprising an attaching means 11 and a pendant 12 carried by said attaching means. The pendant 12, while illustrated as of a specific open work character preferably made of metal, may assume any desired configuration and have any suitable surface decoration thereon so as to serve its purpose of decorating the shoe to which it is applied. The general shape of the said pendant 12 is preferably such as to fit around the rear portion of the heel 13 of a shoe 14 and depend from substantially the juncture of the heel with the last 15 of the shoe to a suitable distance above the tread of a heel as will be understood by those versed in the art.

Mounting of the pendant 12 to the shoe

14 is accomplished by means of an attaching means 11 which preferably extends around the rear portion of the shoe and positioned in a substantially parallel plane to the tread of the heel. By preference, the attaching means consists of a wire-like resilient member which is flattened somewhat at its top and bottom so that the wire-like member is of less height than width and by virtue of the comparative thinness of the member the same will enter between the upper end of the heel and the last thereby minimizing the amount of the attaching means which will be visible in use. However, by flattening the member forming the attaching means, the same will have a resiliency sufficient to normally clamp the device in place upon the shoe and a resistance to prevent the device from spreading open inadvertently. I accordingly accomplish a double purpose by thus flattening the material.

In order to mount the pendant 12 upon the attaching means 11, I have shown the same provided with tabs 16 preferably formed integral with the pendant at its upper edge curled around the said attaching means. As many tabs as desired may be provided, and in the present showing I have illustrated a tab at either side of the attaching means adjacent the side edge of the pendant. These two tabs preferably are bent inwardly and downward so as to lie flatwise against the inside surface of the pendant. I have shown another tab 17 at the middle back of the attaching means and middle upper edge of the pendant, curling over the attaching means, but projecting forwardly in the plane of said attaching means instead of curling down again like the other tabs. This projecting end of tab 17 is preferably pointed and can be forced into the crevice between the heel and last of the shoe. By this means the attaching means and pendant are both prevented from sliding down the heel and will always retain their proper relationship to the heel as long as they remain upon the shoe.

The forward ends of the attaching means 11 are preferably bent inwardly providing

opposed prongs 18 which also are preferably sharpened at their ends enabling these parts also to be inserted in the crevice immediately below the last 15. In the present instance, I have shown the prongs inserted between the last 15 and the sole 19 somewhat forward of the front edge of the heel, this part usually being referred to as the arch of the shoe. Positioning the prongs at this part of the shoe has the advantage of hiding the exposed portions of the attaching means next the prongs since the last has a considerable overhang at this part of the shoe.

Adjacent the prongs 18, I provide by preference, means by which the prongs may be extracted when desired from the shoe so as to enable the device to be removed from the shoe and attached to another. As here shown this means may conveniently be provided by offsetting the wire-like member outwardly from the normal alignment with the adjacent portion of the said member. The specific disclosure herein provides a short outward bend 20 near the prongs with the member again returned to the same general direction of the adjacent portion of the member before the bend, thereby providing an offset 21. The other end of this offset 21 bends inwardly and forms prong 18 as heretofore described. By virtue of the offset 21 a suitable instrument such as a nail file, hair-pin and so forth may be inserted between the offset and the shoe and thereby enable a suitable grip or leverage to be applied for withdrawing the prong. It will be observed that the prongs 18 cooperate with the tab 17 to obtain a three-point suspension of the attaching means, and the prongs prevent the tab 17 from detachment from the shoe until said prongs are first withdrawn. In addition to the frictional engagement of the prongs with the shoe, the same are held in attaching position by the normal resiliency of the attaching means which urges said prongs inward.

I claim:

1. A shoe heel ornament as characterized, comprising an attaching means for a pendant, said attaching means comprising wire-like material flattened so as to have a less height than width thereby obtaining rigidity in the direction of greatest width and enabling the attaching means to rest entirely between the last of a shoe and an attached part by virtue of the flattening of said material.
2. A shoe heel ornament as characterized comprising in combination with a U-shaped flattened resilient wire, said wire to entirely fit within the crevice of the upper end of a heel and shoe last, an ornamental pendant suspended from said wire, tabs integral with and projecting inwardly from said wire into the shoe, and offset portions adjacent the free ends of the wire whereby the shoe heel ornament is extracted from the shoe.