

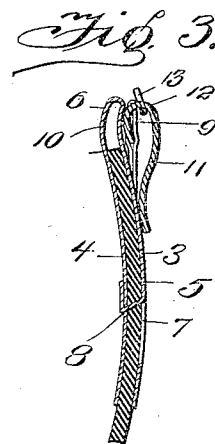
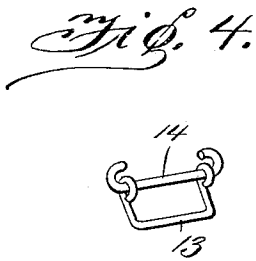
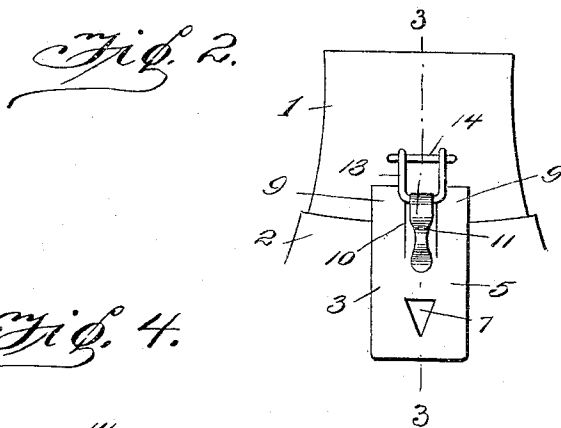
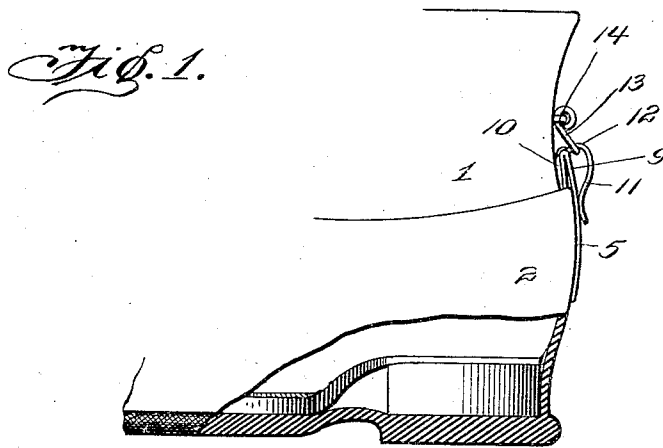
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HERMAN G. F. WESSELS and CHARLES B. INGRAHAM, citizens of the United States, residing at Laurel, in the county of Marshall and State of Iowa, have invented new and useful Improvements in Overshoe-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an overshoe holder or securer embodying parts adapted to be applied to a shoe and overshoe to prevent the latter from slipping off the shoe, as is liable to happen when the overshoe becomes embedded in the mud or in any other sticky substance, or in bending the foot to a maximum extent in walking.

The invention consists of the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a side view, partially in section, of the hind quarters of a shoe and overshoe, showing the application of the invention. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the engaging member on the shoe.

Referring to the drawing, 1 and 2 respectively designate the rear portions of a shoe proper and a rubber or other overshoe.

Applied to the upper rear portion of the hind quarter of the overshoe 2 is a clasp 3 formed of a piece of sheet metal folded to provide jaws or portions 5 and 6 bearing against the inner and outer faces of the hind quarter of the overshoe and extending above the same in the form of a loop 6. One of the jaws, as the outer jaw 5, has struck up therefrom a V-shaped tongue 7 which is passed through the overshoe and a slit 8 in the jaw 4 and fastens the clasp in position. The looped portion 6 and upper portion of the outer jaw 5 are vertically slitted to divide the upper portion of the clasp into a pair of bearing members 9 and a spring tongue 10, the former being bent outwardly and having their folds formed to provide journals for the bearings or trunnions upon a hooked

buckle member 11, which is thus pivotally connected therewith, so that said buckle may be turned downwardly, as shown in Fig. 3, or swung upward to an open position. The bight or curved portion 12 of the buckle is adapted to bear against the portion 10 which exerts a spring action to maintain the same in locking position.

The buckle is adapted to engage a keeper belt or loop 13 pivotally connected to a staple or fastening lever 14 passing through the heel of the shoe and clenched on the inner side thereof. Normally the loop hangs pendent and out of the way and serves the function of the usual pull strap by which the shoe may be readily drawn onto the foot. In use, when the rubber or overshoe 2 is drawn onto the shoe proper, the buckle 11 is opened, passed through the loop 13 and then closed, by which the rear portion of the overshoe will be fastened to the rear portion of the shoe to prevent casual disconnection of the overshoe. In order to release the overshoe for removal, it is simply necessary to swing the buckle 11 upward, whereupon the overshoe may be conveniently detached.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new is:—

An overshoe provided at its rear with a clasp, said clasp comprising a folded piece of sheet metal bent to form jaws engaging the opposite sides of the heel of the overshoe and secured thereto, the upper ends of said jaws extending above the overshoe and being longitudinally slitted to provide outer looped bearing members and an intermediate spring tongue, and a buckle pivoted to said bearing members and in contact with the spring tongue, said buckle being adapted for engagement with a keeper on a shoe.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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