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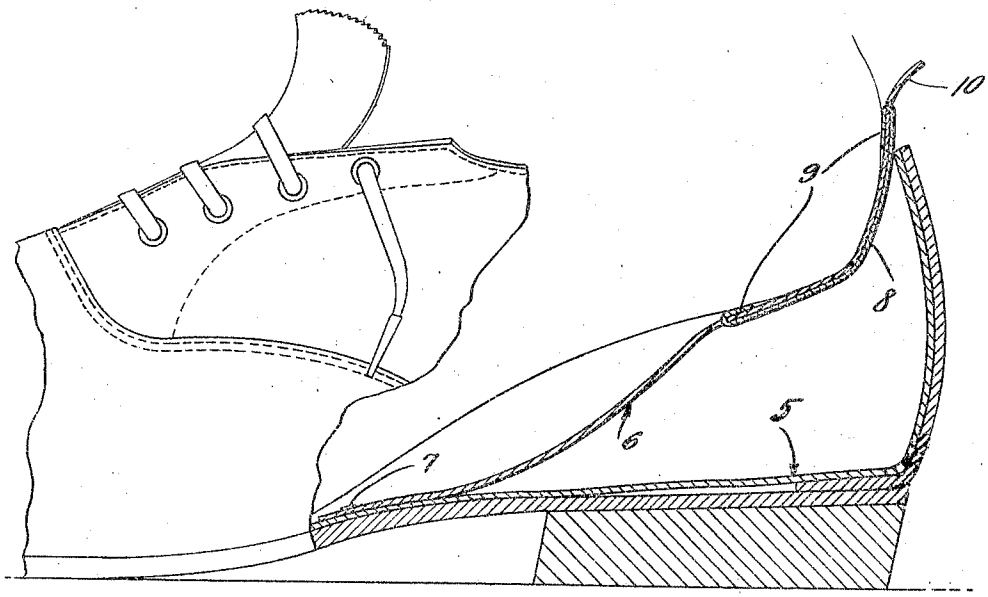


Fig. 1.

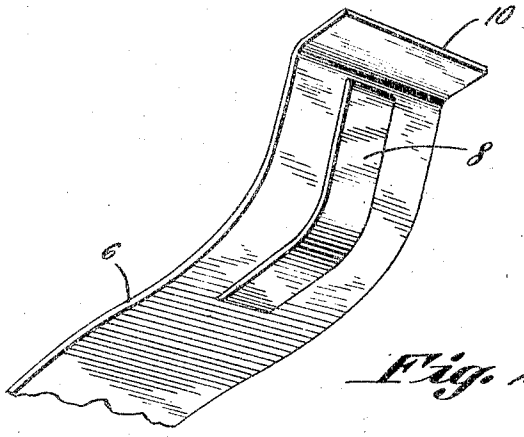


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY T. TRIMBUR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Shoehorn, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to shoe construction, and aims to provide novel means secured within a shoe to facilitate the application of the shoe.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which will conform to the heel of the user, when the device is in its inactive position, thereby insuring against wrinkles or irregularities in the device, to the discomfort of the user.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a device of this character embodying a rigid member and a flexible member, novel means being provided for securing the rigid member to the flexible member.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a shoe the same being partly broken away to illustrate the invention as applied.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the device.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the reference character 5 designates the heel portion of the shoe in which the device forming the subject matter of the present invention, is positioned.

As shown, the device embodies a length of flexible material indicated at 6 which is formed preferably of leather, the same being of a length to permit the forward end thereof to extend to a position within the instep portion of the shoe, as clearly shown by Figure 1 of the drawing, where the same may be secured as by means of the tacks 7.

Forming a part of the device, is a metallic member 8 which is constructed to conform to the curvature of the heel of the user, the ends of the member 8 being extended through suitable openings in the leather strip 6 and bent downwardly on the strip 6 as at 9, whereby the member 8 is secured to the strip 6.

The free end of the strip 6 is of a length to extend rearwardly as at 10 providing a finger grip for the person applying the shoe, whereby the device may be held in its proper position with respect to the heel of the user until the heel is forced into the shoe, thereby insuring against buckling or wrinkling of the member 6.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that due to the construction as shown and described, a shoe horn is carried in the shoe at all times, thereby facilitating the application of the shoe, and at the same time providing a device which will not wrinkle while in its inactive position, and affording a relatively flat smooth surface for the heel of the user.

I claim:—

A shoe horn to be secured within a shoe and including a length of flexible material having spaced openings formed therein, and a curved metallic member having its ends positioned in the openings and bent upon the flexible material to secure the curved metallic member to the length of flexible material, said metallic member being of a curvature to conform to the heel of the foot of the wearer.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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