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SHOE FORM.

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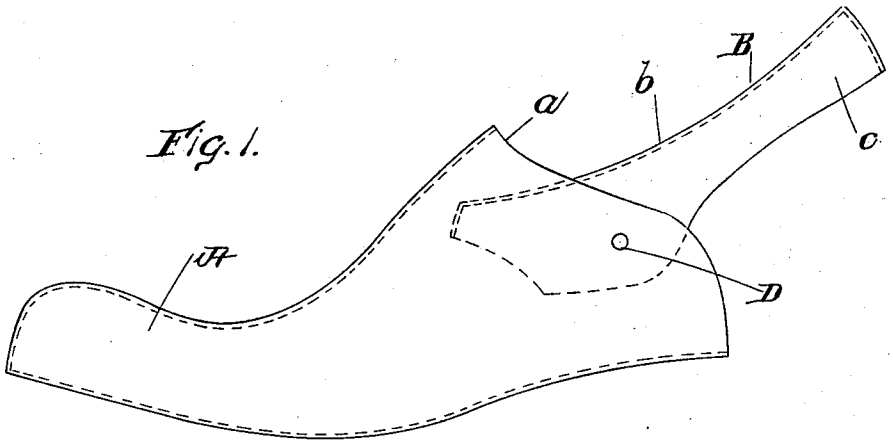
Fig. 1.



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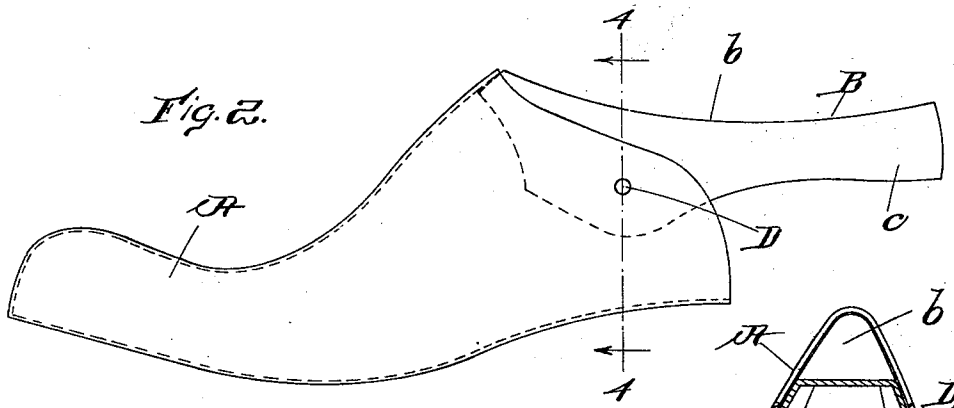

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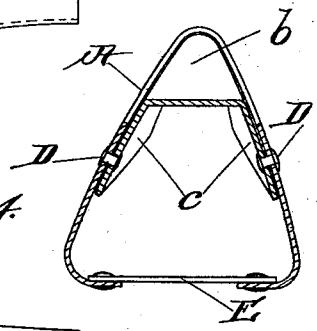

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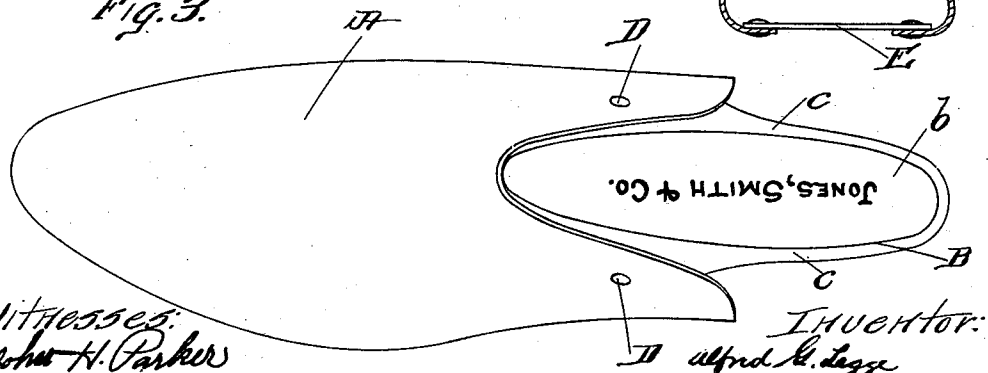

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED G. LEGGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brockton, county of Plymouth, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shoe-Forms, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention has for its object a shoe form of the kind intended to be used to display shoes in windows or for use with drummers' samples. In such forms it is desirable to be able to display the name of the manufacturer of the shoes on some conspicuous portion thereof. Heretofore so far as known to me, it has not been possible to do this on any shoe form of the hollow leather-board type, but only upon wooden shoe forms such as are usually covered with silk. These wooden shoe forms are expensive and on account of their rigidity are so difficult to insert into the shoe that injury is frequently done to the shoe.

My invention provides a shoe form which can be made from leather board and which when inserted in the shoe has the appearance of the ordinary wooden shoe form. It can be constructed much more cheaply than the ordinary wooden shoe form and as it weighs much less can be used satisfactorily for drummers' samples. The portion of the shoe form which is visible through the opening in the upper of the shoe provides a place for the name of the manufacturer of the shoe. My improved shoe form is also so constructed that it may be inserted in the shoe quickly and easily and without doing injury to the shoe.

The invention will be fully understood by reference to the following specification taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the novel features thereof are pointed out and clearly defined in the claim at the close of this specification.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a shoe form embodying my present invention, the ankle portion of the shoe form being in the position which it occupies when the shoe form is being inserted in the shoe. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the shoe form shown in Fig. 1 with the ankle portion in the position which it occupies when the shoe form is in the shoe. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the shoe form embodying my invention, the parts being in the position shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, at A is indicated the forepart of the shoe form. This is of leatherboard or other similar material. It is shaped to conform to the shape of the shoe with which it is to be used and has its rear end, that is the portion of the form indicated by the line *a* in Fig. 1, trimmed so that when inserted in the shoe it will conform substantially to the front portion of the top edge of the upper. At B is shown an ankle piece likewise made from leatherboard. This ankle piece has a substantially oval top surface *b* which is curved somewhat from front to back as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and affords a suitable surface for the display of the maker's name. The top surface *b* of the ankle piece B is surrounded by depending walls *c*, see particularly Fig. 4, which flare outwardly somewhat toward the lower edge of the ankle piece so as to fit closely the lining of the upper of the shoe. The toe piece A and ankle piece B are hinged together at D, preferably by means of suitable rivets; and the two sides of the toe part A are held apart at the bottom by means of a suitable brace E of well known construction.

The form is inserted into the shoe in the ordinary manner, the toe part being forced as far forward into the toe of the shoe as possible. At this time the ankle piece is in the elevated position shown in Fig. 1. The lower end of the ankle member is then depressed until the parts are in the position shown in Fig. 2 with the fore part of the ankle member engaging the inside of the toe part near its highest point. The insertion of the ankle member B is readily accomplished and without injury to the shoe by the use of a shoe horn which serves to guide the ankle piece into the upper. When in place in the shoe my improved shoe form fills the ankle opening of the shoe solidly so that nothing is visible to the observer except the oval portion *b* of the ankle member, on which is printed the name of the maker. The shoe form may be readily removed by pressing upon the front end of the ankle

piece which causes the rear end to tilt up after which the toe part of the shoe form may be withdrawn in the ordinary manner.

What I claim is:—

The improved shoe form comprising a hollow toe part of sheet material, an ankle member of similar material having an upper surface filling the opening in the upper of the shoe, and having depending sides lying against the rear ends of the toe part and adapted to lie adjacent the lining of the shoe, said ankle member being pivoted to the sides of said toe part by two opposite pivots, each extending through the said contacting portions of said toe and heel parts.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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