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OVERSHOE RETAINER.

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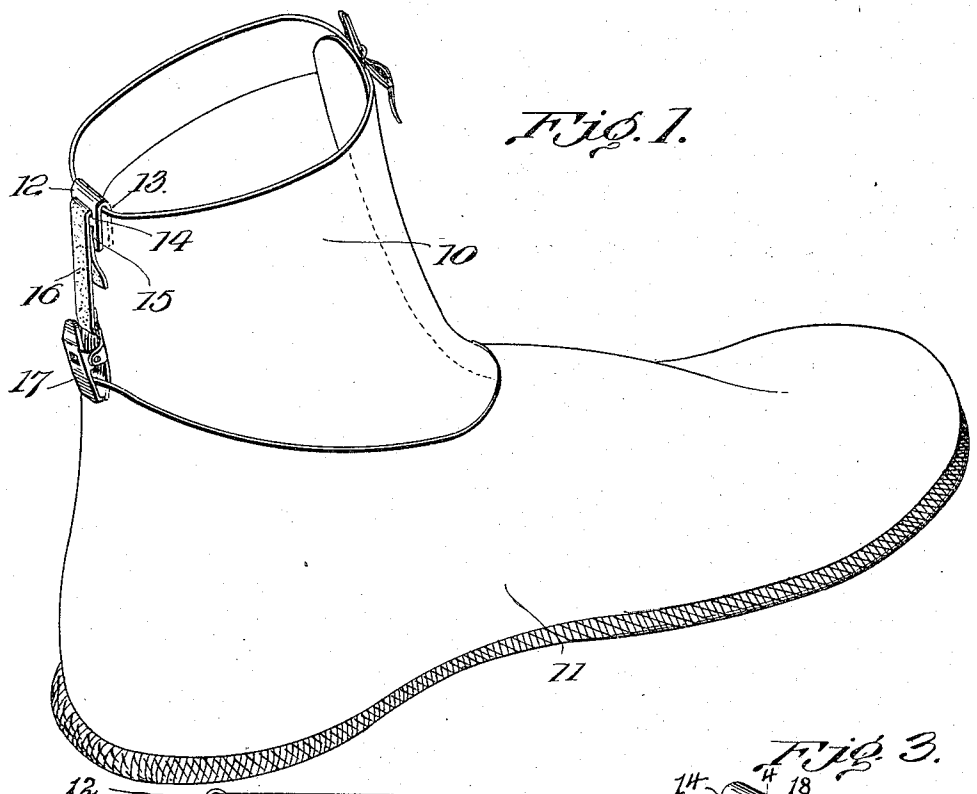

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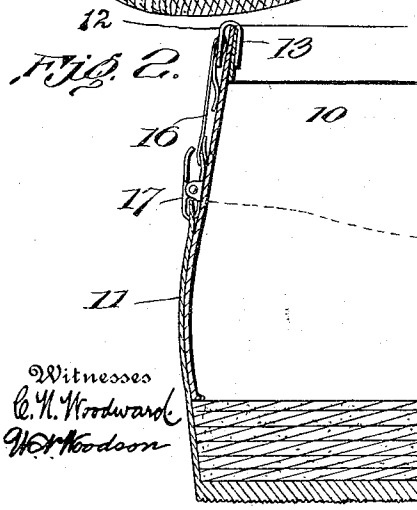

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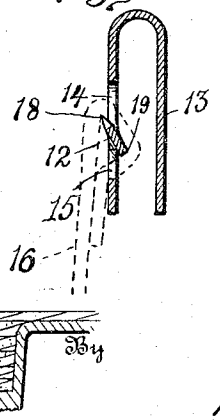

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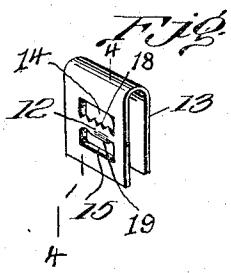

Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK G. CHIDESTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fairfield, in the county of Jefferson and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overshoe-Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for supporting overshoes upon the ordinary shoes, and has for one of its objects to simplify and improve the construction and increase the efficiency and utility of a device of this character.

Another object of the invention is to provide a simply constructed device including a clasp and a flexible member so constructed that the flexible member is readily and quickly adjustable relative to the clasp and firmly gripped and retained in adjusted position.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereinafter shown and described and then specifically pointed out in the claims; and in the drawings illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention Figure 1 is a perspective view from the rear of a shoe and an overshoe with the improvement applied; Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view; Fig. 3 is an enlarged detached perspective view of the holding clasp; Fig. 4 is an enlarged section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The shoe is designated as a whole at 10 and the overshoe at 11. The improved device includes a clasp member formed of a U-shaped body 13 provided with transverse slots 14—15 and a bar 12 between the slots. The body 13 is designed to engage over the upper edge of the shoe 10 at the rear and the slots 14 are designed to receive a relatively large tape 16, the tape being threaded through the openings, as represented in Fig. 2. At its lower end, the tape 16 is provided with a clasp device 17 to engage the upper edge of the overshoe 11.

The separating bar 12 is turned to extend obliquely to the longitudinal axis of the body 13 with the upper edge serrated, as shown at 18 and extending in advance of the outer face of the clasp member and the lower edge 19 extending into the space between the sides of the clasp member.

The flexible member 16 is first threaded through the upper aperture 14 of the body 12 from the outside and folded over the outwardly inclined points 18 of the bar 12 and thence threaded through the lower aperture 15 from the inside and folded over the inwardly directed relatively sharp cornered edge 19 of the bar with the remaining or "billet" portion of the member 16 between the body 12 and the outer portion of the tape or flexible member and also between the body of the member 16 and the shoe 10. The portion of the member 16 which extends between the apertures 14—15 inside the body 12, also bears against the contiguous portion of the shoe.

The "grip" or holding force of the device is thus materially increased without increasing the weight or expense of manufacture. By this means, the member 16 is firmly supported and effectually held from slipping, while at the same time may be readily adjusted to change its length and adapt it to shoes and overshoes of varying sizes.

The member 12—13 will be struck up from a single piece of metal and may be plated or otherwise ornamented, while the tape 16 is formed of relatively heavy material to withstand the strains to which it will be subjected when in use.

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

1. A device of the class described comprising a body in U-shape transversely with the sides spaced apart and adapted to be engaged over a support, one of said sides being provided with elongated apertures spaced apart, the material of the body between the apertures having serrations in one edge and the serrated edge bent outwardly and the other edge reduced longitudinally and bent to project into the space between the sides of the body, whereby when a flexible member is woven through the apertures, one portion will be bent over the serrated edge of the bar and another portion bent beneath the inwardly directed edge of the bar, and the portion of the flexible member which is disposed between the sides compressed against the support.

2. A device of the class described comprising a body U-shaped transversely with the

sides spaced apart and extending substantially in parallel relation, said body adapted to engage over a support, one of said sides being provided with elongated apertures spaced apart and the material of the body between the apertures having serrations in one edge and the serrated edge extended outwardly and upwardly and the other edge bent inwardly and downwardly into the space between the sides.

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

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