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Fig. 1.

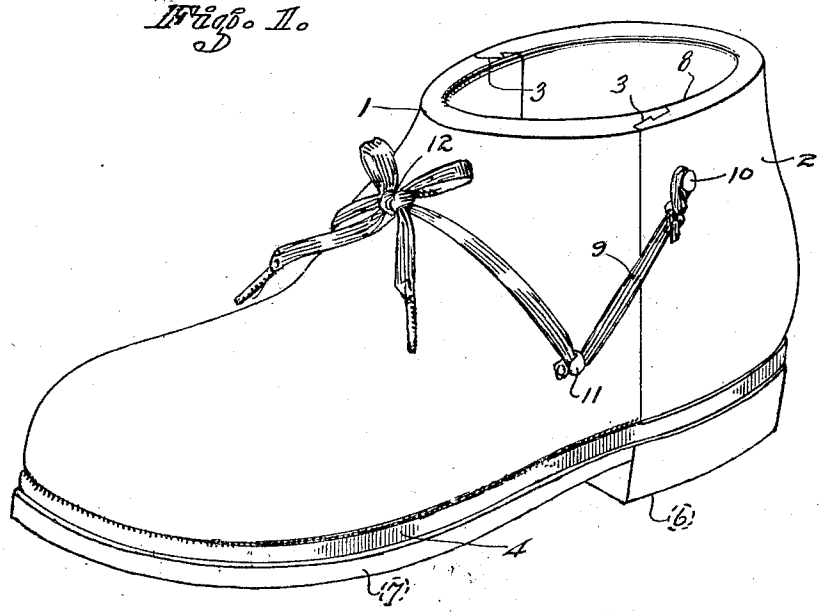
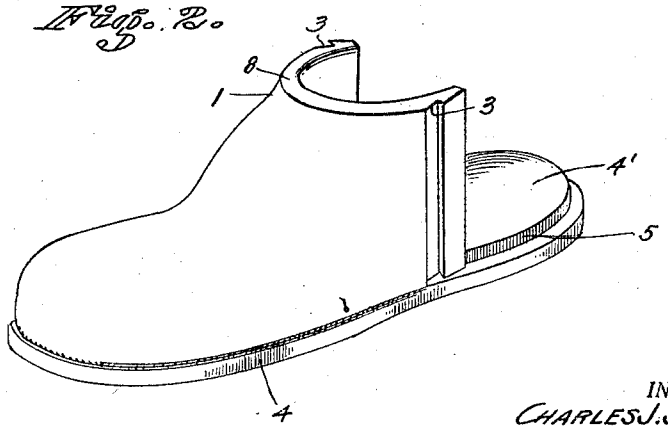


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. SWANSTROM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Coronado Beach, San Diego County, and State of California, have invented a new and useful Wooden Shoe, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to shoes of wood or other material as used principally by bathers to protect their feet from cuts and sand in going to and from the water and also against injury from different forms of sea life such as the sting ray.

In the drawing hereto Figure 1 shows in perspective the complete shoe, and Figure 2 shows the front part only of the shoe, the rear half having been removed therefrom as well as the rubber heel and sole.

The invention comprises a shoe having the general conventional outlines and consisting of a front portion 1, and a rear portion 2 detachable from one another along vertical interlocking sliding joints 3 so formed in the respective portions of the shoe as to permit the rear portion to be lifted vertically along the joint until it is entirely off and free from the front portion.

For purposes of illustration I have shown a sole 4 secured to the front portion and extending rearward at 4′ to support the heel of the foot, and provided with a rabbet 5 around the margin of the rearward extension to receive and align the rear portion 2 of the shoe when the same is slid down into place.

If so desired a rubber heel 6 and a rubber sole 7 may be attached to the sole portion 4, but for ordinary bathing purposes these refinements are not essential.

The height of the sides is such as to make the upper terminate just below the ankle bone of a wearer and the rear portion will thereby be prevented from sliding displacement. The edge is well rounded as indicated at 8 to preventing chafing. Means for tying the rear portion in place is shown in Figure 1 where short laces 9 are secured to buttons 10 upon opposite sides of the rear portion of the shoe. From the buttons 10 the laces pass under buttons 11 on the front portion of the shoe and are tied over the instep at 12.

In the use of the device the wearer inserts his foot into the part 1 and then with the sole 4 bearing upon the ground provides a clearance for the part 2 in its downward movement by bending the leg forwardly upon the ankle joint in order to cause forward movement of the ankle bone.

Having thus described my invention, it will be seen that although I intend to form it from wood, I do not wish to be limited to this material as it is manifest that other materials might also be serviceable.

I claim:

1. A shoe of the character described comprising separate forward and rear portions having sliding and interfitting engagement with one another through means of a substantially vertical joint extending from a point adjacent the forward edge of the heel.

2. A shoe comprising a forward portion embracing the toe and having a wall terminating adjacent the heel in vertically disposed sides, and a rear portion having sides similarly terminating and with the sides slidably engaging the sides of the forward portion.

3. A shoe comprising a forward portion embracing the toe and having a wall terminating adjacent the heel in vertically disposed sides, and a rear portion having sides similarly terminating and with the sides slidably engaging the sides of the forward portion, said forward portion having a sole extending rearwardly under the rear portion.

4. A shoe comprising a forward portion embracing the toe and having a wall terminating adjacent the heel in vertically disposed sides, and a rear portion having sides similarly terminating and with the sides slidably engaging the sides of the forward portion, said forward portion having a sole extending rearwardly under the rear portion and provided with means for aligning said rear portion therewith.

5. A shoe of the character described comprising separate forward and rear portions having sliding and interfitting engagement with one another through means of a substantially vertical joint extending from a point adjacent the forward edge of the heel, and means for locking the portions in assembled sliding engagement.

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