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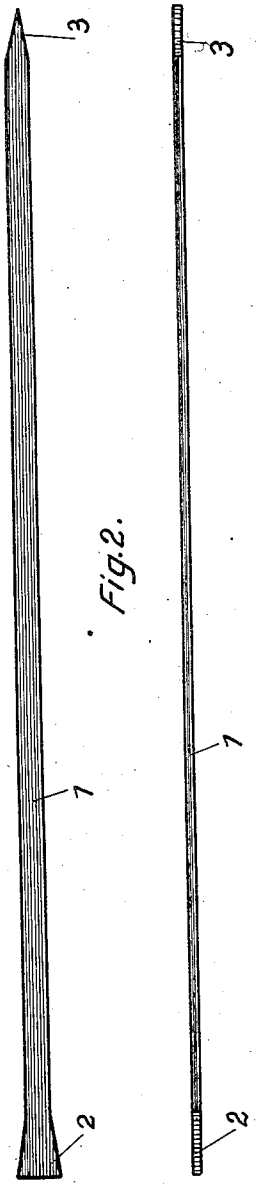


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



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The hitherto known elastic laces, which save the troublesome tightening and loosening of the lacing when putting on the shoes, are open to the objection that they are provided with metallic tags, and that hard fixing discs fitted inside the shoe cause a painful pressure on the foot. This disadvantage is overcome with the lace according to the invention in that it consists of a flat solid rubber lace, which is widened wedge-shaped at one end, whereas the other end has a tapered point. The wedge-shaped end serves as fastening means, whereas the tapered pointed end forms the means for threading.

An embodiment of the invention is illustrated by way of example in the accompanying drawings in which:—

Fig. 1 shows the lace in top plan view.

Fig. 2 is a side view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a part side view of a lace fitted with reinforcing button.

Fig. 4 is a top plan view of Fig. 3.

The lace 1 is made of flat solid rubber, one end 2 of which is widened wedge-shaped, the taper of the pointed other end 3 corresponding to the wedge-shaped end 2.

In order to prevent the end 2 of the lace from slipping through very large shoe-eyelets, a circular or angular reinforcing button 4 is stuck or vulcanized on the end 2 of the lace, which button, if not required, can be torn off.

Owing to the special construction of the lace, all further fastening means, such as discs, sleeves, knots and the like are unnecessary; even the tying is done away with, as the flat solid rubber lace clamps in the circular shoe eyelets by simply being threaded therethrough and thereby effects an absolutely reliable closing of the shoe.

A further advantage consists in that this lace does not lose its closing effect when broken.

I claim:—

1. A lace for footwear, comprising a flat solid rubber lace having one end widened wedge-shaped and the other end tapered to a point.

2. A lace for footwear as specified in claim 1, comprising in combination with the solid rubber lace, a reinforcing button fixed on the wedge-shaped end of said lace.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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