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FIG. 1

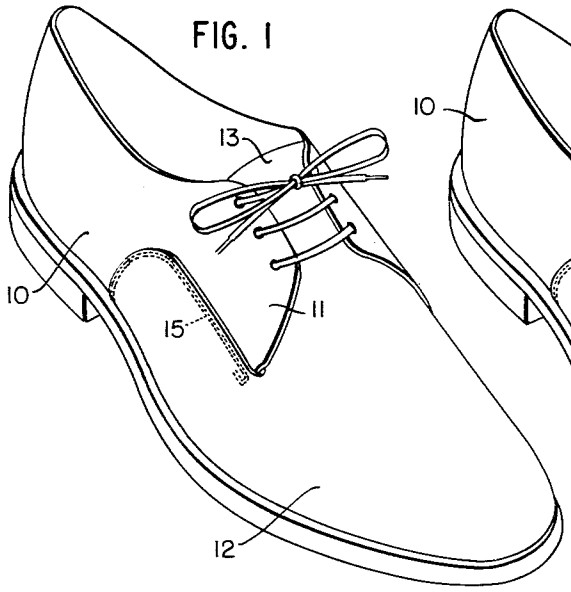



FIG. 2

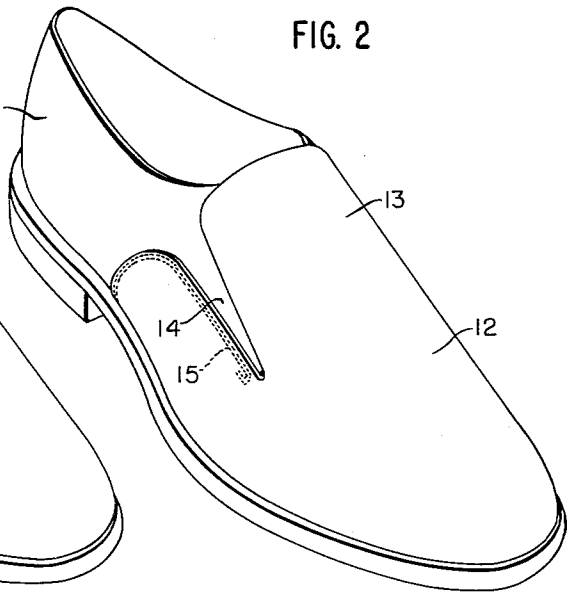
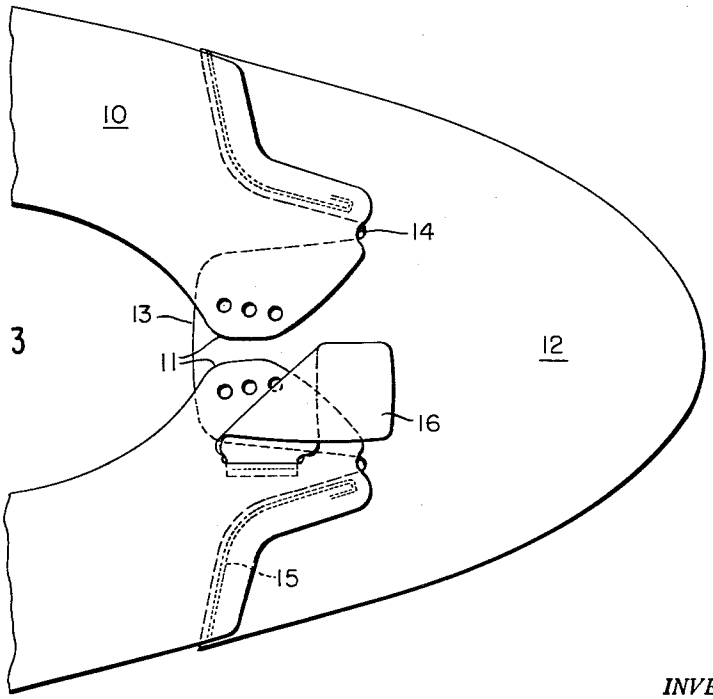



FIG. 3




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This invention relates to shoes which are convertible in type from one style to another and in one aspect comprises improvements in such convertible shoes as those disclosed in my prior Patent No. 2,934,838, dated May 3, 1960.

In that patent are shown several types of shoes having a vamp and quarters joined by butt seams on both sides of the upper terminating at substantially the root of a tongue which projects from the throat of the upper. While that construction is entirely satisfactory in many instances, I have discovered that a shoe of better and smoother appearance is secured and a simplified shoe making process realized by arranging the vamp to overlap the quarters to a considerable extent rearwardly of the root of the tongue and to secure the vamp in overlapping relation to the quarters by stitch lines extending from the region of the ball line and beginning at their forward ends at the root of the tongue.

This novel construction permits the employment of an integral one-piece vamp and tongue in which the tongue is partially separated from the vamp by elongated reentrant recesses on each side of the shoe defined by rearwardly diverging opposed edges. The forward vertex of these recesses coincides in location substantially with the points of connection of the vamp to the underlying noses of the quarters with the result that the tongue may be disposed either inside or outside these noses and readily transferred from one position to the other, always with a smooth continuous effect of the whole upper. In shoes of convertible type heretofore known there has been sometimes encountered a tendency to fight the transfer of the tongue from one position to the other and while there has been no serious effect its elimination is to be desired from the standpoint of the wearer's convenience and comfort, and, as above stated, the shoe making operation is facilitated.

These and other features of the invention will be best understood and appreciated from the following description of a preferred embodiment thereof selected for purposes of illustration and shown in the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a view in perspective of the shoe in its Blucher type appearance,

FIG. 2 is a similar view of the shoe in its casual type appearance, and

FIG. 3 is a plan view of the upper as seen from its inside surface.

The shoe shown in the drawings has a quarter or a counter portion **10** extending forwardly in the form of Blucher noses **11**, the forward part of the counter being cut away on both sides of the upper beneath the noses **11**. The noses are perforated for the usual lacing as shown in FIGS. 1 and 3.



The vamp **12** is formed integrally with the tongue **13** being separated from it on both sides of the shoe by long narrow reentrant recesses **14** having edges that diverge rearwardly. The tongue at the inner edge of this recess is unsecured to any other part of the upper. The rear portions of the vamp overlap the quarter **10** and are secured to it by the stitch line **15** extending along the lower edge of the recess **14**. The stitch line **15** extends longitudinally of the vamp and terminates at its forward end at the tip of the Blucher nose **11**. At its rear end it extends downwardly to the sole at a point in the vicinity of the breast line of the heel. A flap **16** is stitched to the inner surface of one of the Blucher noses as shown in FIG. 3 in position to pass over the instep of the wearer's foot either above or below the Blucher noses according as the shoe is worn with its Blucher noses exposed or concealed.

It will be apparent that since the stitch line **15** terminates at the root of the tongue as well as at the forward end of the Blucher noses the tongue **13** may be disposed beneath the Blucher noses as shown in FIG. 1, giving the shoe the appearance of a conventional Blucher shoe or the tongue may be pulled through between the Blucher noses and disposed over them giving the shoe the appearance of the casual type. As shown in FIG. 1 the lacing passes above and outside the tongue **13** and is thus protected from the wearer's foot both by the tongue and the underlying flap **16**. When converted to the casual style the lacing passes above the flap **16** which thus furnishes adequate protection to the wearer's foot.

Having thus disclosed my invention and described in detail an illustrative embodiment thereof, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A shoe convertible in appearance from Blucher to slip-on type, comprising a quarter terminating in Blucher noses extending forwardly to approximately the ball line of the shoe, a vamp extending rearwardly on both sides of the shoe and overlapping the sides of the quarter, and a tongue connected at its root to the vamp, being partially separated therefrom on both sides by re-entrant recesses, one edge of each being formed by an unsecured edge of the tongue and overlying the noses of the quarters, the vamp being stitched to the outer surface of the quarters on both sides of the shoe by lines of stitching terminating at the root of the tongue and at the forward end of said noses, whereby the tongue may be readily disposed either inside or outside the said noses.

2. A shoe convertible in appearance as defined in claim 1, further characterized in that the vamp merges without seam into the tongue and that the tongue and vamp are partially separated on both sides of the shoe by reentrant recesses having rearwardly divergent opposed edges.

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