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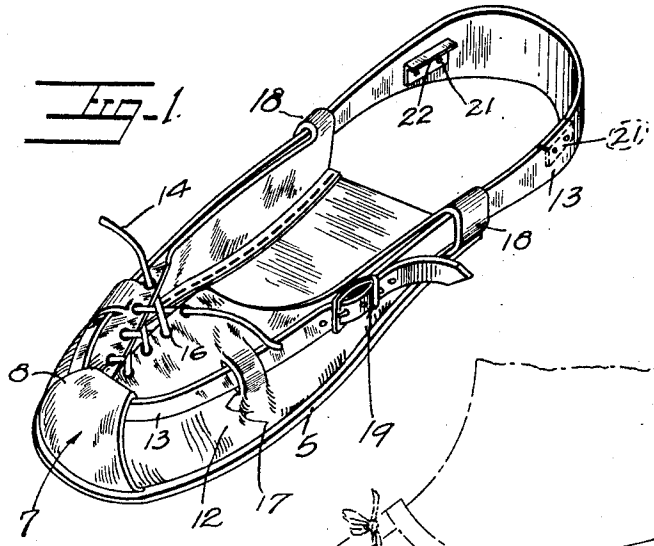


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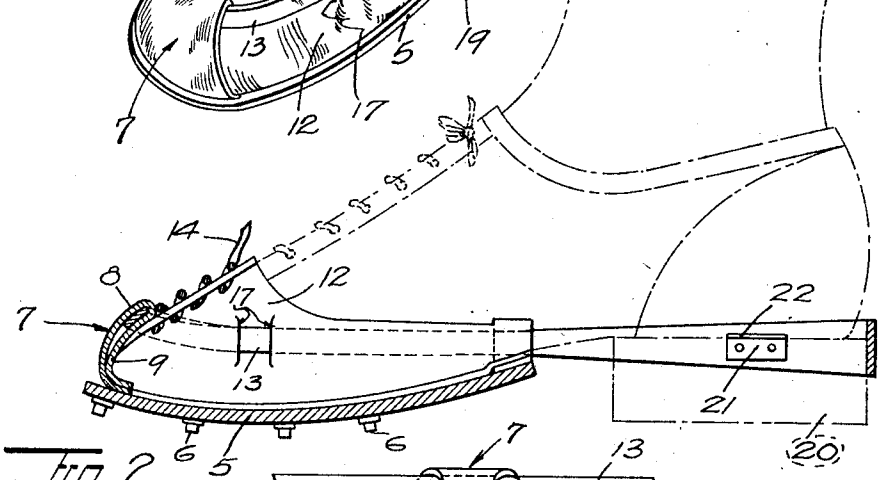
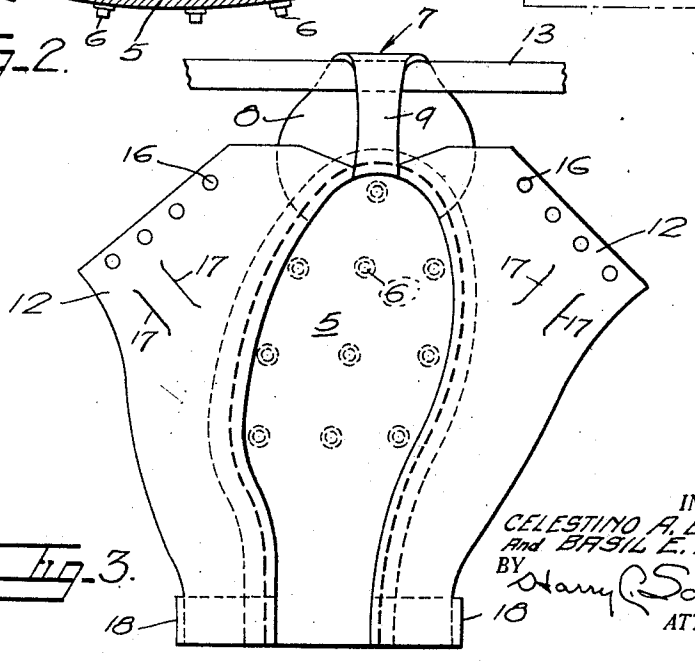


Fig. 3.



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The invention forming the subject matter of this application relates to athletic overshoes.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of an overshoe for sport and athletic wear which may be readily worn over footwear of any kind and which provides the advantages of a sport or athletic shoes without necessitating the removal of the everyday footwear.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an overshoe which is especially adapted for use in sports or athletics, such as golf playing, hiking, and the like, where it is desirable to have a shoe which firmly grips the ground. The athletic overshoes readily stands up under rough usage to which it is subjected when worn in the aforesaid sports, thus fully protecting the everyday footwear over which it is used.

Another object of this invention is the provision of an athletic or sport overshoe, which is highly useful and simple in construction. Convenience of arrangement, lightness, and comparative inexpense of manufacture are further objects which have been borne in mind in the production and development of the invention.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, our invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction, hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention, hereinafter disclosed, may be made within the scope of the appended claim without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the overshoe;

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the overshoe, showing the same in relative position to an everyday footwear, the footwear being shown in dash and dotted lines; and

Figure 3 is a development view of the overshoe.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which similar reference characters designate similar parts thruout, the various figures described above adequately illustrate our invention, and the following detailed description is commensurate with the above mentioned drawings in enabling an artisan to construct and assemble the constituent parts of the same.

In carrying out our invention, we make use of a sole, denoted by the numeral 5, the bottom thereof being provided with suitable cleats 6 made of leather or metal, as it is customary on athletic or golf shoes. The sole 5 extends sufficiently far to cover a part of the shank of the footwear on which it used. A toe cap, designated by the numeral 7, is disposed at the toe end of the sole 5, and is made of a single piece of leather having a wider, outer portion 8 which gradually tapers down into a narrower strap-like inner portion 9, the leather being folded over the former in such a manner that the ends of the portions 8 and 9 are secured upon the sole 5, as shown in Fig. 2.

Vamps 12 are secured in the customary manner to the opposite edges of the sole 5, but said vamps are not sewed to each other or to the toe member, so that they may be flapped into the position shown in Figure 3 when the shoe is dissembled. Each vamp 12 is so shaped as to form the sides of the overshoe when folded and held in position by means of a strap 13 and a lace 14 in a manner to be hereinafter described. Holes 16 of suitable size are disposed on the vamps 12 so that when the same are folded, the holes 16 are opposite to each other, thereby permitting the lacing of the shoes therethru. The strap 13 is disposed in the toe cap 7 between the portions 8 and 9, as it is clearly shown in Figure 3.

In the sides of each vamp 12 are cut slots 17, disposed in pairs, for permitting the insertion of the strap 13 therethru. After the strap 13 is passed thru the slots 17, so that it is alongside the outside face of the vamps 12, the strap is inserted and drawn thru loops 18 at the ends of the vamps 12. The strap 13 is on the outside of the vamps 12 and on the outside of the overshoe, excepting the portions thereof which pass thru the toe cap 7, thru the slots 17, and thru the loops 18. The

strap is provided with a buckle 19 of any suitable design so as to permit the strapping of the overshoe over the everyday footwear. The strap 13 is made of such a length that it encircles the heel 20. Clips 21 are fixedly secured to the strap 13 so that an edge 22 of each clip extends toward the heel 20.

After the toe cap 7 and the vamps 12 are sewed on the sole 5, then they are folded so that the broader portion 8 of the toe cap 7 overlaps the adjacent edges of the vamps 12, and now by passing the strap 13 thru the toe cap 7, slots 17, and loops 18, the toe cap and the vamps are held in the form of the overshoe. The toe of the everyday footwear is now inserted in the overshoe in the customary manner, and the strap 13 is arranged so that the clips 21 are disposed on the opposite sides of the heel 20, and the clip edges 22 protrude between the bottom of the backstay of the footwear and the top of the heel 20. Now, by inserting the lace 14 and tightening the same, and also tightening the strap 13, the overshoe is firmly held on the footwear, thereby protecting the sole and the toe of the footwear from excessive wear.

It will be recognized that the overshoe is adjustable to a certain extent so as to fit over different styles of shoes of a certain size and that the overshoe can be readily secured upon any type of shoe of everyday wear by merely inserting the toe of the shoe into the overshoe, and then by tightening the lace 14 and the strap 13. A very simple overshoe is provided which combines light weight and all the advantages of a sport or athletic shoe with the facilities of packing and attaching the same over an everyday footwear.

We claim:

An overshoe comprising a sole, a toe cap formed from a single sheet of material folded upon itself to form outside wide strips and inside narrow strips, the edges of said strips being secured to the toe edge of said sole; a vamp disposed at each side edge of the sole and being secured thereto, each vamp having a series of holes and a pair of parallel slots therein, and being so formed as to extend below said strips when folded; a loop at the heel end of each vamp; a strap extending thru said toe cap between said strips, thru said slots, and thru said loops, and being disposed on the outside of said vamps, said strap being sufficiently long to extend to and around a heel of a shoe; means on said strap for engaging said heel; means for securing the ends of said strap together; and a lace disposed in said holes in said vamps.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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