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SHOE LACE FASTENER.

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Fig. 1.

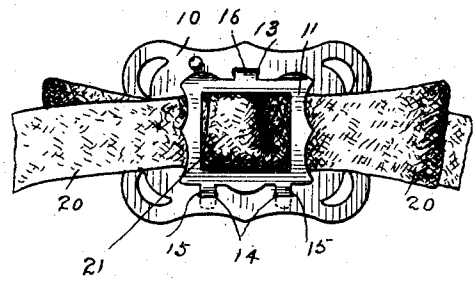


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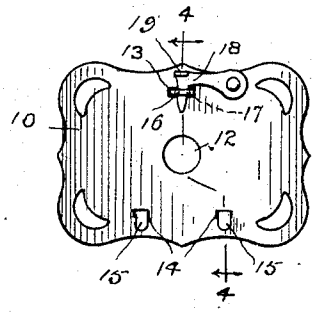


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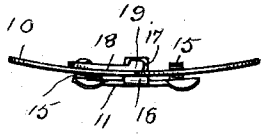
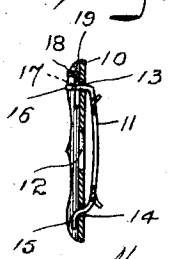


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY BROOKS LOLLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, county of New York, State of New York, have invented a new and useful Shoe-Lace Fastener, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a fastener which may be easily and quickly operated to secure or release the bow of a shoe lace, which shall have the appearance of a buckle and be adapted to be made highly ornamental and the parts of which shall be simple and inexpensive to manufacture.

With this end in view I have devised the simple and novel fastener which I will now describe, referring to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, and using reference characters to indicate the several parts:

Figure 1 is a plan view illustrating my novel fastener as in use securing the bow of a shoe lace; Fig. 2 an inverted plan view of the fastener; Fig. 3 a top edge view corresponding with Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 in Fig. 2 looking in the direction of the arrows.

My novel fastener comprises essentially a base plate indicated by 10 and a securing plate indicated by 11. The base plate is slightly curved longitudinally to adapt it to correspond with the curvature of the shoe upon which it is worn. The fastener is adapted for use upon either high or low shoes, but is especially adapted for use upon low shoes and in connection with wide silk shoe laces. Both the base plate and the securing plate may be made of any desired ornamental configuration or design. The base plate is provided with a central opening 12 through which the ends of the lace, indicated by 20, are passed before tying, near its upper edge with a slot 13 and near its lower edge with slots 14. The securing plate is provided with outwardly curved lugs 15, shown as formed from the metal thereof, which are adapted to engage slots 14 in the base plate and when the securing plate is turned parallel or substantially so with the base plate to retain it in place. Upon the upper edge of the securing plate is a lug 16, shown as formed from the metal thereof, which is adapted to pass through slot 13 and is itself provided with an opening 17.

18 denotes a latch pivoted on the underside of the base plate at the top and adapted to engage opening 17 in lug 16 to lock the securing plate to the base plate. The latch is provided with an upwardly turned lug 19 for convenience in operation.

The operation will be readily understood from the drawing: The ends of the lace before tying are passed through opening 12 in the base plate and the base plate is laid down closely upon the top of the shoe (not shown), and a bow knot is then tied in the lace. Lugs 15 on the securing plate are then passed through slots 14 in the base plate, the securing plate is pressed down over the center of the knot, lug 16 is passed through slot 15 in the base plate and then the latch is passed through opening 17 in lug 16 to secure the plates together and to fasten the knot. When the plates are secured together in this manner, the knot is securely fastened against danger of untying. To untie the knot the latch is disengaged from lug 16 in the securing plate which permits the securing plate to be removed from the base plate, leaving the knot unfastened.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A fastener for shoe laces comprising a base plate having a central opening through which the ends of the lace are passed and slots 13 and 14, a securing plate having lugs adapted to engage slots 14, and a lug adapted to engage slot 13 and a pivoted latch on the base plate adapted to engage the lug in slot 13 to secure the plates together.

2. A fastener for shoe laces comprising a base plate having an opening through which the ends of the lace are passed and slots 13 and 14, a securing plate having outwardly turned lugs adapted to engage slots 14 and a lug adapted to engage slot 13 and provided with an opening 17, and a latch pivoted to the base plate and adapted to engage opening 17.

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

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