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FASTENER FOR RUBBER SHOES.

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Fig. 1.

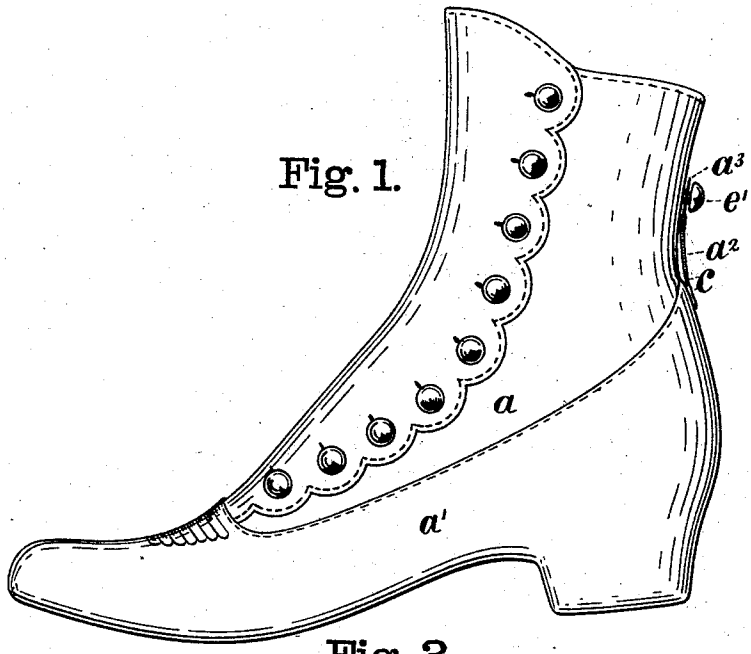
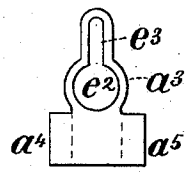
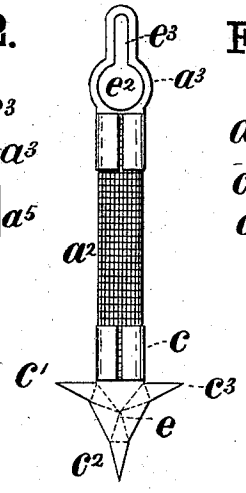


Fig. 3.

Fig. 2.





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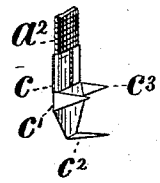

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. KESSEL, a citizen of the United States, residing in Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rubber-Shoe Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to produce a simple and efficient means for preventing a rubber shoe from slipping off, all of which will be fully and clearly hereinafter shown, and described and claimed by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a shoe having a rubber shoe placed on it and my invention connected thereto. Fig. 2 is a face view of a blank before being formed and connected to the elastic band or cord. Fig. 3 is a face view of the elastic and connecting parts complete, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a portion of the elastic and lower clasp.

In said drawings, a represents an ordinary lady's shoe; a', a rubber shoe placed thereon for the purpose of illustrating my invention. a^2 represents a short strip of elastic band or braid, having at one end a metallic loop, a^3. This loop is made of sheet metal cut out with a die in the form shown in Fig. 2, or similar to it. It is connected firmly to the band a^2 by placing it thereon and bending the points a^4 a^5 so as to closely clasp it, as shown in Fig. 3. To the opposite end of the band is connected in the same way a clasp, c, having the sharp-pointed portions c' c^2 c^3.

In using the device the pointed portions c' c^2 c^3 of the clasp c are bent, as shown in Fig. 4. These sharp points are forced through the heel of the rubber shoe, so that the points project through inside of the shoe. They are then bent flat or close to the shoe, as shown by the dotted lines e in Fig. 3, by which means they are securely fastened to the rubber.

In using the invention the ordinary shoes (or boots) are provided with a button, e', and when the rubber is put on the loop a^3 is drawn up and slipped over said button. The opening e^2 permits the loop to pass easily over it, and as the elastic springs down it draws the slotted portion e^3 over the shank of the button, and thereby holds it securely in place until released by drawing the loop upward and taking it off from the button.

As an equivalent to the button on the shoe a, a hook of any well-known form may be used, and a common flexible loop may be used in place of the metallic loop a^3. The elastic a^2 may be either in the form of a flat slip, as shown, or elastic cord may be used, if desired, the metallic portions being adapted to be fastened securely to it.

I claim as my invention—

A rubber-shoe holder consisting of the elastic portion a^2, provided at one end with a clasping portion, c, having the sharp points c' c^2 c^3, adapted to fasten to the heel of a rubber shoe, as specified, and at the opposite end a loop adapted to catch over a button on a shoe or boot, for the purposes described.

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