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Fig. 1.

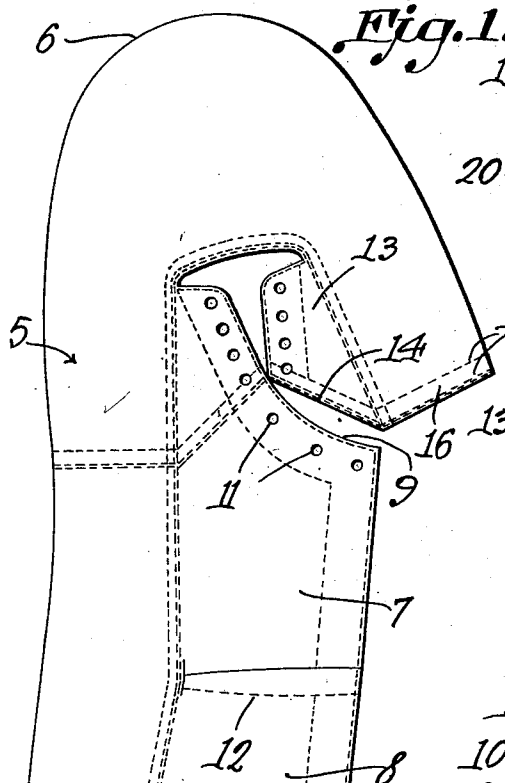


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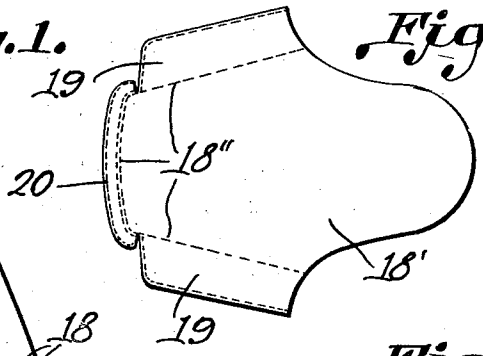


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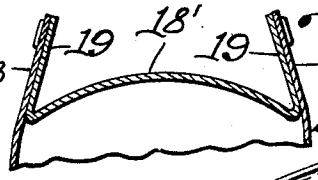
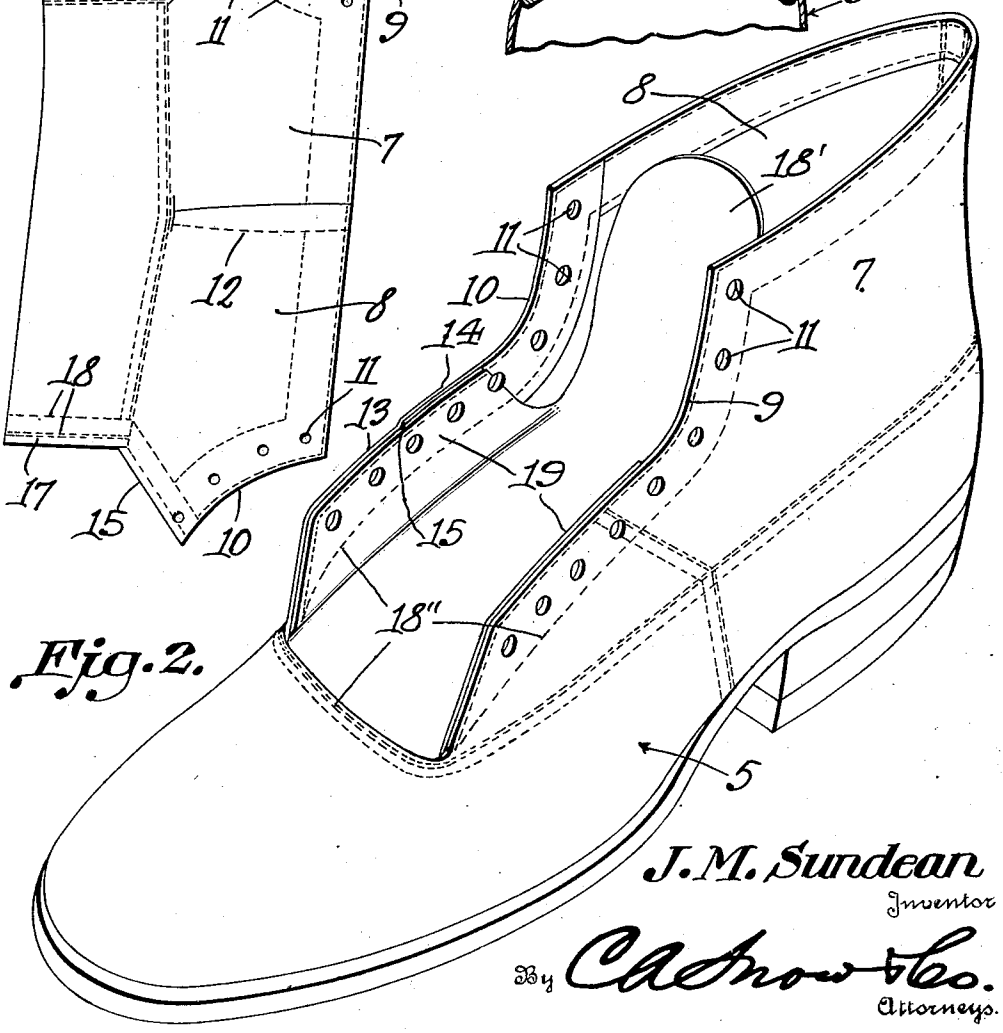


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to shoe construction, and more particularly to the construction of the upper, the primary object of the invention being to provide a shoe upper embodying the features of a seamless blucher, as well as the bal cut upper, thereby eliminating heavy seams.

Another object of the invention is to provide a shoe upper wherein the seams are located at points where the shoe is subjected to the least wear, providing an upper which is practically rip proof.

A further object of the invention is to provide a one piece upper, the construction being such that the usual seam at the back of the shoe is eliminated, the seam in the present showing being so located that it may be readily repaired.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the 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 herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a view illustrating a blank from which the upper is formed.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a shoe supplied with an upper constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 3 is a sectional view through the upper and tongue.

Figure 4 is a view of the blank of which the tongue is formed.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the upper is indicated generally by the reference character 5, and as shown embodies a length of leather cut to provide a curved edge 6 which constitutes the toe portion of the upper.

Forming an integral part of the upper are the sections 7 and 8 respectively which are formed with curved edges 9 and 10 respectively. These sections 7 and 8 are formed with spaced openings 11 disposed adjacent to the curved edges thereof, which openings provide eyelets through which the usual shoe string, not shown, may be passed to secure the edges of the upper together.

The sections 7 and 8 are formed by cutting through the central portion of the upper, the adjacent edges of the sections overlapping where they are secured by the line of stitching 12 to provide a curved portion conforming to the shape of the back of the foot above the heel.

An extension 13 is formed along the inner edge of the upper and is provided with an angular edge 14 conforming to the angular edge 15 so that when the upper is folded in the formation of a shoe upper, the extension 13 is secured along the edge 15 securing the ends of the upper together. The ends 16 and 17 of the upper are secured together by a line of stitching 18 completing the formation of the shoe upper.

The tongue of the shoe is of one piece construction and is shown more particularly by Figure 4 of the drawings, the tongue comprising a main portion 18, lateral upstanding sections 19, and a forward section 20, the sections 19 and 20 being secured to the upper by the line of stitching 18, thereby providing a water-tight connection between the tongue and shoe upper.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that due to the construction shown and described I have combined the features of a bal cut upper and a blucher cut upper, and at the same time provided an upper made in one piece, the ends of the upper being sewed together at the side to the end that the seam is provided at a point where the shoe is subjected to the least possible wear and at the same time may be conveniently repaired should the seam rip.

It might be further stated that while the upper has the appearance of a bal and blucher cut, it is more comfortable than either a blucher type shoe or a bal type shoe because the material is cut from a single piece of leather, eliminating seams and rough places which cause discomfort when a shoe is constructed of exceptionally heavy leather.

I claim:

In a one piece shoe upper, a body portion

formed of a length of material cut to provide a blucher type upper, a tongue formed of a length of material and constructed to provide a forward section extending across the front edge of the tongue, the forward section being secured to the upper by a line of stitching disposed longitudinally of the forward section and spaced from the front edge of the forward section, lateral extensions formed on the tongue, said lateral extensions extending from the front edge of the tongue and terminating at points intermediate the ends of the tongue, said lateral extensions being secured to the shoe upper, the remaining portion of the tongue being free, and said lateral extensions and upper having openings to receive shoe strings.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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