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SHOE RETAINER.
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Fig. 1.

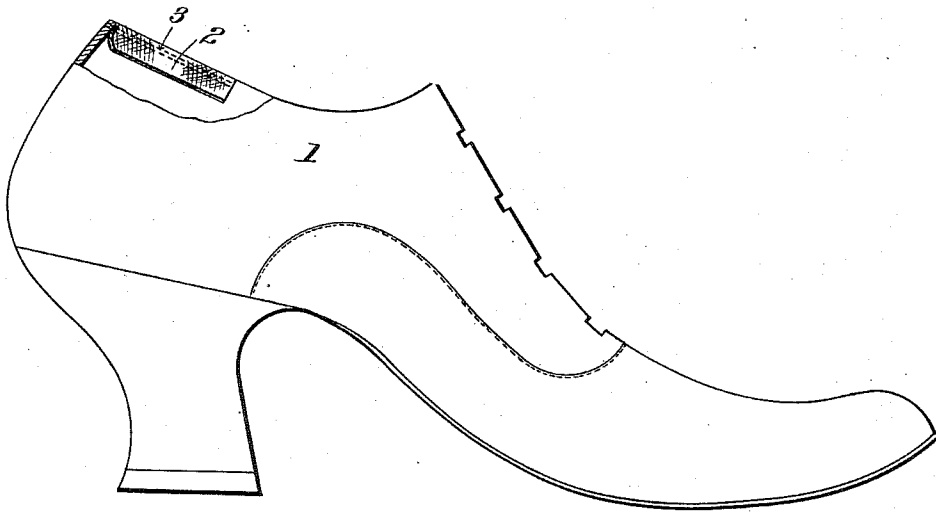
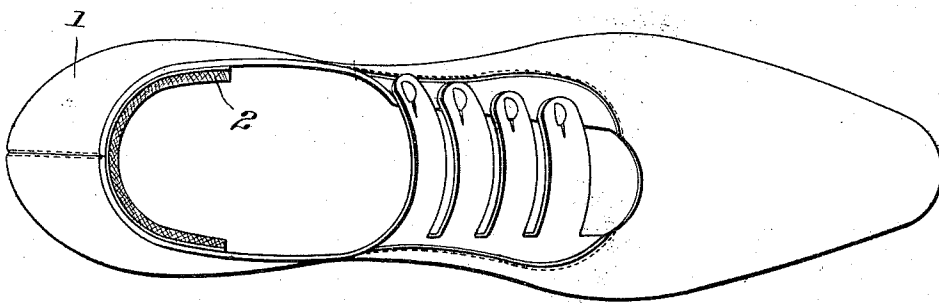


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. DRECHSLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hillsdale, in the county of Hillsdale and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Retainers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to shoe retainers for preventing a low shoe or slipper from slipping off at the heel.

It is my aim to provide a device which is permanently attached to the shoe, when manufactured or subsequently, which will effectually accomplish the purpose for which it is designed, will not cause the heel of the stocking to wear out, and which is simple in construction, inexpensive to make, and durable.

Other objects will become apparent from the following description.

The invention consists in the features of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter described and specified in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is a side view of a slipper provided with one of my retainers, a portion of the heel being shown in section to illustrate the relative position of the attachment, and Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the slipper.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 1 designates a slipper such as is commonly worn by ladies. My retainer consists of a strip of elastic material or tape 2 which is secured, preferably by stitching 3, at its upper edge to the inner face of the upper edge of the heel of the shoe. The lower edge of the tape is free and the elasticity thereof causes it to stand inwardly at an angle to the heel of the shoe, as shown in Fig. 1.

When the shoe is on the foot, any tendency of the heel to rise out of the shoe will cause the free inner edge of the retainer to move farther away from the inner surface of the heel of the shoe and increase the area of the portion of the tape which engages the heel of the foot. On this account, my retainer has been found to be very efficient.

The tape or retainer extends around the end of the heel of the slipper and some distance along each side thereof. The smooth elastic material, of which the retainer is made, insures it from abrading or wearing holes in the heel of the stocking. It will be understood, of course, that my retainer may be applied with equal success to men's low shoes and also to overshoes.

Specific attention is called to the fact that the width of the retaining strip and its location in the heel of the shoe are such that the free lower edge of the strip engages the inward curve at the top of the heel, thereby effectually holding the shoe upon the foot without hurting the heel.

I claim:

The combination, with a shoe of the character described, of a narrow strip of resilient material secured continuously along its upper edge to the inner face of the heel of the shoe near the upper rear edge thereof, the lower free edge of said strip normally standing away from the inner surface of the heel of the shoe whereby said lower edge of the strip is adapted to engage the inward curve at the top of the heel for the purpose specified.

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

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