

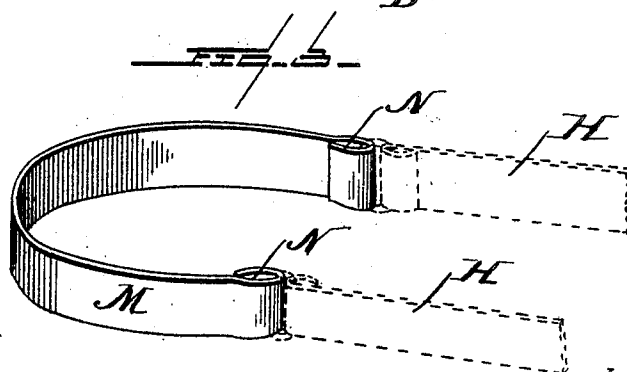
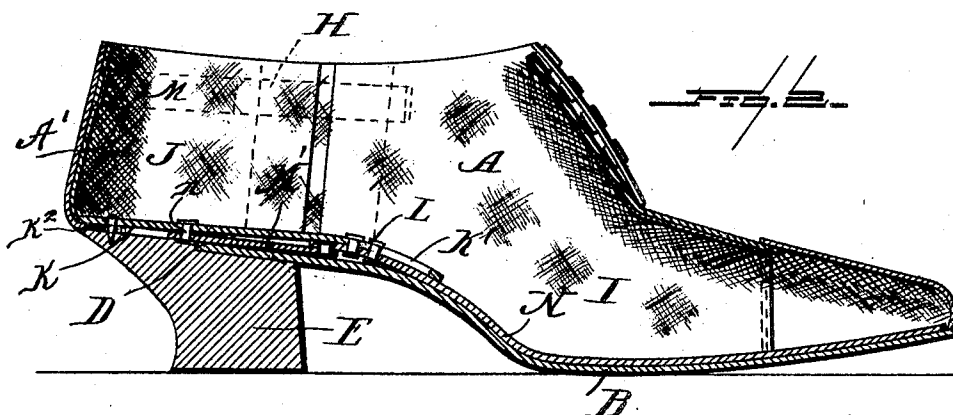
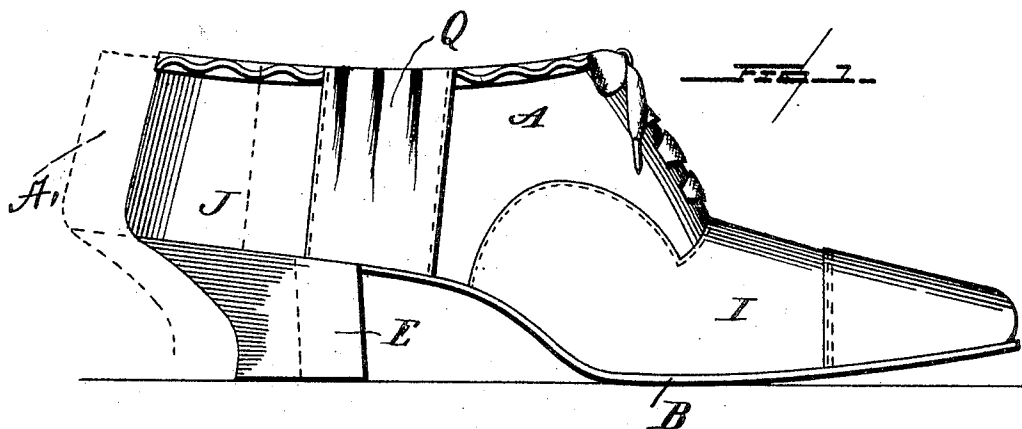
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN B. LANGE and ERTHOLD C. JANKE, citizens of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Shoes; and we do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in shoes; and it has for its object the provision of an extensible shoe adapted as a burial-shoe for use upon corpses, the construction of the shoe being such as to adapt it to be readily fitted to feet of different sizes.

To this end and to such others as the invention may pertain the same consists in the novel construction and in the peculiar arrangement, combination, and adaptation of parts, all as will be more fully hereinafter described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

Our invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a shoe constructed in accordance with our invention, the position of the parts when the shoe is extended being indicated in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a central vertical longitudinal section of the same, and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the spring-piece used at the upper edge of the heel of the shoe.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A and A' designate, respectively, the toe and heel portions of a shoe, and said toe portion has a sole B the rear end of which is extended and is adapted to have a longitudinal play in a recess D, formed in the upper surface of the heel E. N designates an insole the rear end of which has fastened thereto an elastic strap N', which strap is fastened at *n* to a sectional insole K, which latter is fastened, by means of a

nail K², to the heel of the shoe. Said insole N has fastened thereto eyelets L, having elongated shank portions which extend through a slot K' in the heel-insole section K, thereby allowing the heel and toe sections to have a slight play toward or away from each other.

Q designates a webbing, preferably of elastic material, the forward edge being fastened to the rear edge of the toe portion of the shoe, while the rear edge is fastened to the heel portion, there being a webbing of the same kind similarly fastened on the opposite side of the shoe connecting the respective sections, as described.

M is a resilient strip of sheet metal substantially of horseshoe form, said strip being inclosed within the upper rear edge of the heel portion of the shoe and at its forward ends is provided with loops N, which engage the rear ends of the yielding strap or band H, the forward ends of which strap are attached to the upper edges of the body portion of the shoe. Said metallic strip M may be, if desired, concealed between the outer portion and the lining of the shoe, as shown in the drawings.

From the foregoing description the advantages possessed by the shoe will be readily understood. It will be seen that if the shoe is to be fitted to a foot of greater length than that of the shoe in its normal condition the rear end of the shoe may be drawn backward, so as to be fitted over the heel of the corpse, the yielding connections between the body and heel portions of the shoe admitting of such longitudinal adjustment, and the elastic bands connecting the upper edges of the two sections of the shoe will serve to draw the heel portion of the shoe forward, so as to closely embrace the heel.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A burial-shoe comprising a heel-section which is recessed upon its upper face, an upper and sole connected thereto, the rear end of said sole being free and having a sliding movement in said recess, an insole made up of a toe and a heel section, the ends of which overlap, the heel-section of said insole having

an elongated slot, a pin passing through an aperture in the toe-section of the insole and having a play in said slot in the heel-section of the insole, a metallic strip carried by the heel-section, and elastic straps secured to the ends of said strip and fastened to the upper, as set forth.

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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