

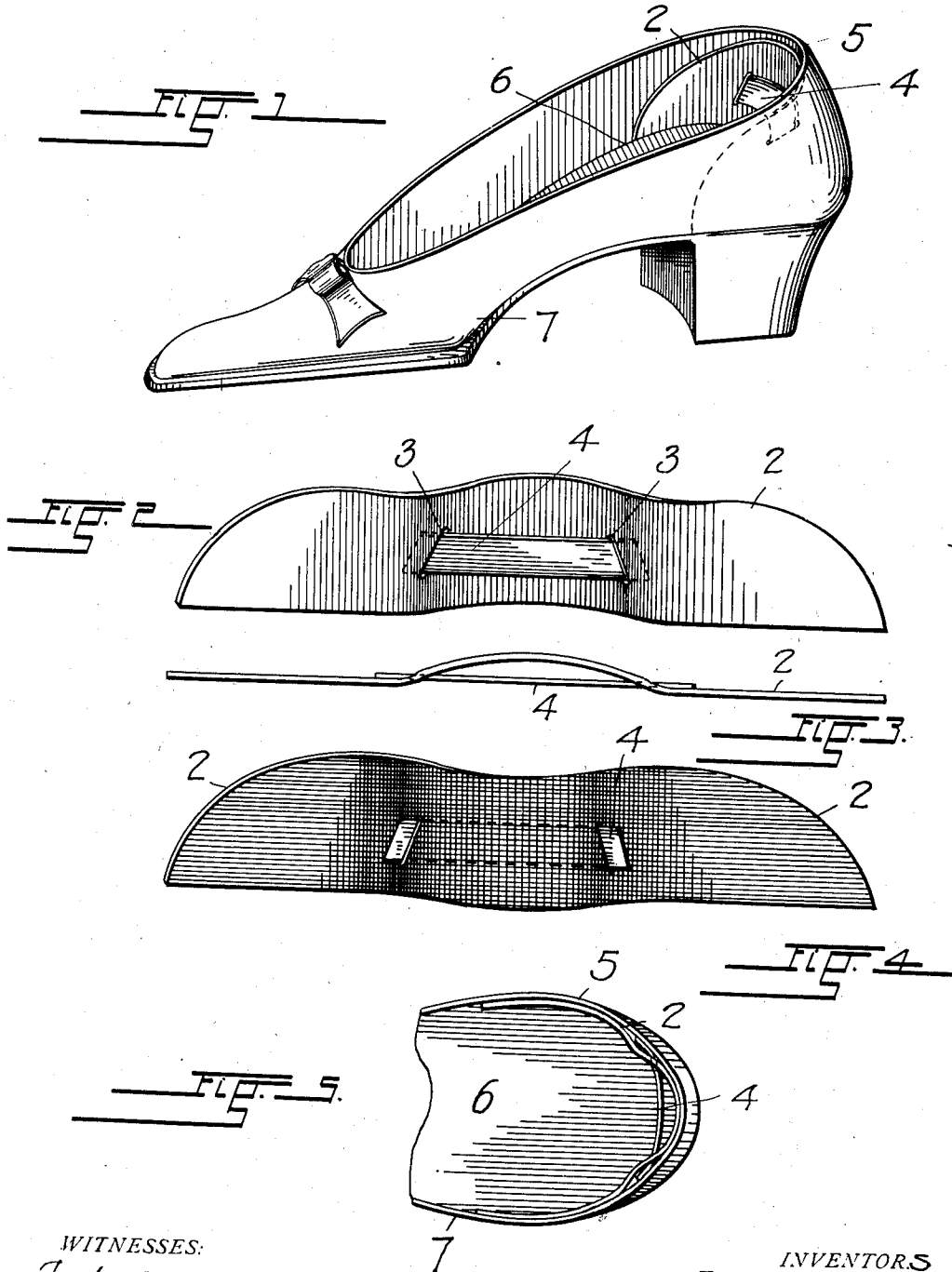
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EDWARD R. CAREY and GERTRUDE G. CONDON, citizens of the United States, residing at Denver, in the county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to attachments for shoes and its object resides in the provision of an article of simple construction which may be readily secured against the inner surface of the counter or heel portion of the shoe and which when thus positioned, will maintain the shoe continuously in its proper position on the foot of the wearer by effectively preventing the up and downward movement of the heel of the foot often experienced in wearing what is generally known as Oxford ties or low shoes. We attain this object by means of the article shown in the accompanying drawings in the various views of which like parts are similarly designated and in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a shoe with our attachment in place, Fig. 2 a perspective face-view of the attachment, Fig. 3, an edge-view of the same, Fig. 4, a perspective view of the reverse side or back of the article, and Fig. 5, a section taken through the counter of a shoe in which the attachment has been placed.

Referring to the drawings by numerical reference characters, our attachment is composed of a strip 2 preferably made of kid or other soft and thin leather and shaped and proportioned to conform with the counter of a shoe when placed against the inner surface thereof. The face of the strip is preferably left undressed to present a rough or shaggy surface for frictional contact with the stocking on the foot of the wearer of the shoe and its reverse side or back is coated with an adhesive which may be readily dissolved by the application of moisture or heat.

The edge of the strip is made straight to extend along the line of juncture of the sole 6 and counter 5 of the shoe 7, and its ends are curved convergently from its straight edge to its opposite edge to avoid the formation of abrupt, vertical edges on the inside of the shoe. The strip is provided at opposite sides and at substantially equal distances from its center, with transverse

slits 3 through which are inserted the ends of a piece of elastic band 4 which are firmly secured upon the back surface of the strip by sewing or other suitable means. By making the length of the band between the slits 3, less than the actual distance between the same as measured along the face of the strip, the portion of the latter between the ends of the band is bulged as is best shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. The result of this arrangement is that when the strip is fastened against the inner surface of the counter of a shoe, as may be readily accomplished by moistening the adhesive coating on the back thereof, the elastic band will extend transversely of the said counter to be tensioned and brought in contact with the face of the strip only after the shoe to which the attachment is applied has been placed on the foot of the wearer.

The slight tension imparted to the elastic band will effectively maintain the shoe in its proper position on the foot and it is in the performance of this function aided to a considerable extent by the frictional engagement of the stocking on the foot with the rough face of the strip 2.

It will be observed that our attachment may be placed by any one in its proper position in a shoe without previous preparation except the moistening of the adhesive and that by making the article in different sizes, it may be readily adapted for instant use in shoes of varying dimensions.

Having thus described our invention what we claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is:

1. An attachment for shoes comprising a flexible strip and an elastic band having its ends secured at points at opposite sides of the center thereof, the distance between said points measured along the face of said strip exceeding the length of the band between the same.

2. An attachment for shoes comprising a flexible strip having a central bulge and an elastic band extending transversely of said bulge.

3. An attachment for shoes comprising a flexible strip having transverse slits, and an elastic band whose ends, inserted through said slits, are secured to the said strip, the distance between said slits measured along the face of the strip exceeding the length of the band between the same.

4. An attachment for shoes comprising a flexible strip having a straight edge from which its ends curve convergently to its opposite edge, and an elastic band having its ends secured at points at opposite sides of the center of the strip, the distance between said points measured along the face of the strip exceeding the length of the band between the same.
- 10 5. An attachment for shoes comprising a flexible strip having an adhesive coating on one of its sides, and an elastic band extending along its opposite side, and attached at its ends to the said strip, at points the distance between which, if measured along the face of the strip, exceeds the length of the band between the same.
6. An attachment for shoes comprising a flexible strip, rough on one side and having an adhesive coating on its opposite side, 20 and an elastic band extending along the rough side of the said strip to which its ends are attached at points the distance between which, if measured along the face of the strip, exceeds the length of the band between the same. 25
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