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Fig. 1

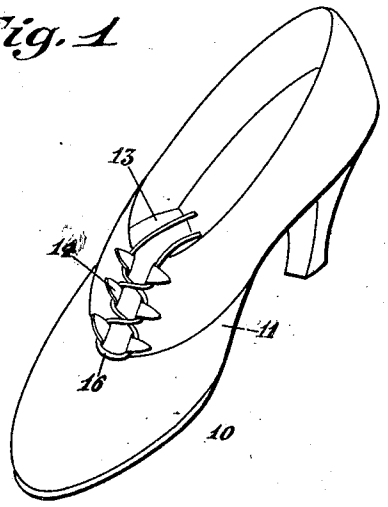
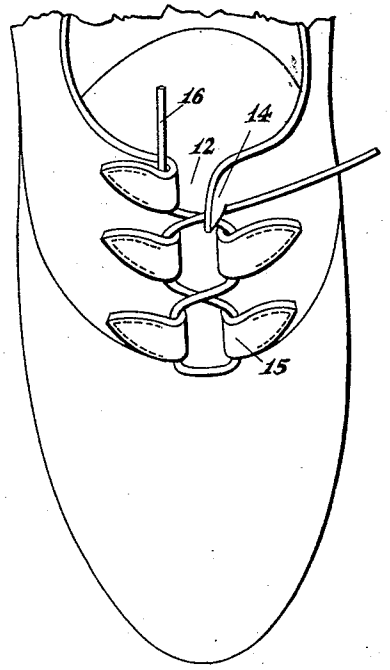


Fig. 2



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The present invention relates to a shoe closure.

It is an object of this invention to provide a lace shoe having leather loops for the laces instead of the eyelets now commonly used.

The manner in which the present invention is carried out will be more fully understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a shoe embodying the present invention; and

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary plan view of the shoe shown in Fig. 1.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the shoe 10 has an upper 11 which is provided with the opening 12 in the front thereof. A tongue 13 protects the wearer's foot at the opening 12. On opposite sides of the opening, formed integrally with the upper, are the tabs or flaps 14 which are reflexed and stitched back upon the upper forming flat loops 15 through which the lace 16 may be drawn. The tabs 14 may be cut into any desired shape or design which will enable the formation of a loop to receive the lace.

It will be understood that the tabs or flaps 14 extending from the upper 11 may be turned over and stitched to the outside of the upper as shown in the drawing, or alternatively the flaps may be turned under and stitched to the underside of the upper. Also, the flaps may be stitched, riveted, or buttoned onto the upper instead of being formed integrally therewith. In certain cases it may be desirable to make the loop detachable. In this event any suitable detachable fastener may be used to fix the loop to the upper. Snap fasteners may be advantageously used to this end. Any other means of attaching the tabs may also be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the present invention.

By virtue of the present invention the laces will not wear out as quickly as in the case where eyelets are used. Also, the shoe is more comfortable to the wearer and presents an enhanced appearance.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

A shoe having an upper with an opening therein, loops integrally formed with said upper on opposite sides of said opening comprising tabs extending from the edges of said upper adjacent said opening, said tabs reflexed and secured to said upper with the inner edges of said tabs and upper on each side of said opening substantially in alignment whereby the upper constitutes one part of all the loops and the tabs constitute the other portion of said loops, and a lace passed through said loops whereby adjustably to close said opening.

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