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Fig. 1.

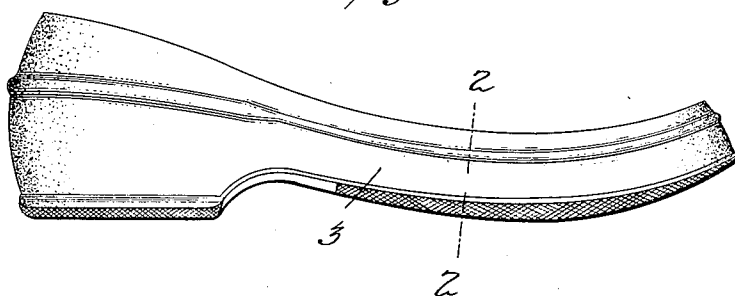
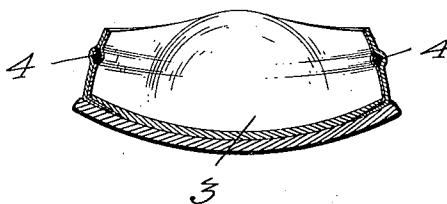


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT C. MASON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Providence, Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rubber Overshoes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in rubber overshoes of that class known as low cut or sole rubbers.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, economical and effective means of retaining the overshoe upon the boot of the wearer, and to embody such means in a neat attractive, and well fitting overshoe.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of an overshoe constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view on line 2--2 of Fig. 1

Referring by reference characters to this drawing the numeral 3 designates the rubber overshoe which, except as hereinafter specified, may be of ordinary or any desired shape within the limits which define a low cut rubber.

In order to cause the overshoe to be securely held upon the boot or shoe of the wearer, I provide it with a longitudinally extensible or elastic reinforcing spring independent of the material of the overshoe itself and located so as to surround in whole or in part, the opening of the overshoe. I prefer to form this longitudinally extensible or elastic band in the shape of an end-

less rubber cord 4, which is embedded in or between the layers of fabric in the making of the shoe. The insertion of the cord produces an inwardly extending bead which is located in such position at the front portion of the overshoe as to grip over the edge of the sole, the cord or bead rising where it extends around the heel. Such a longitudinally elastic cord causes the upper edge of the overshoe to be drawn tightly over the edge of the sole and against the side of the shoe, preventing accidental displacement, and preventing also, in a great measure, the entrance of water or mud between the overshoe and the boot or shoe upon which it is worn.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A low cut sole rubber or overshoe having a flexible upper which is highest at the heel portion and is in front of the shank but little higher than the sole of the shoe to which the overshoe is fitted, said upper having an internal sole engaging bead near its upper edge and a single continuous longitudinally elastic spring of material independent of that of the upper embedded between the layers of which the upper is made and coextensive with said bead, said bead being caused by said spring, substantially as described.

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

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