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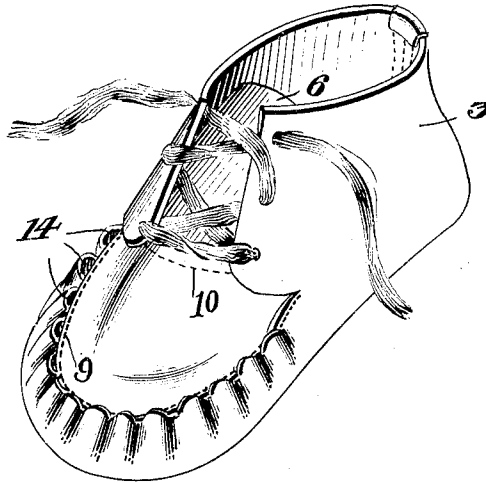


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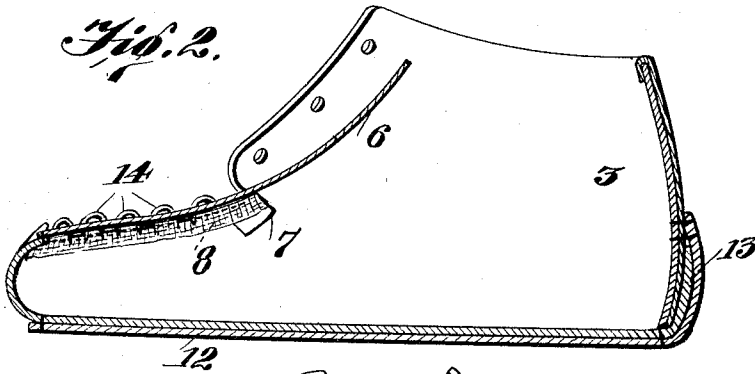
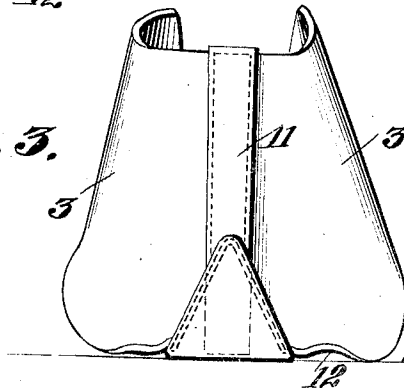


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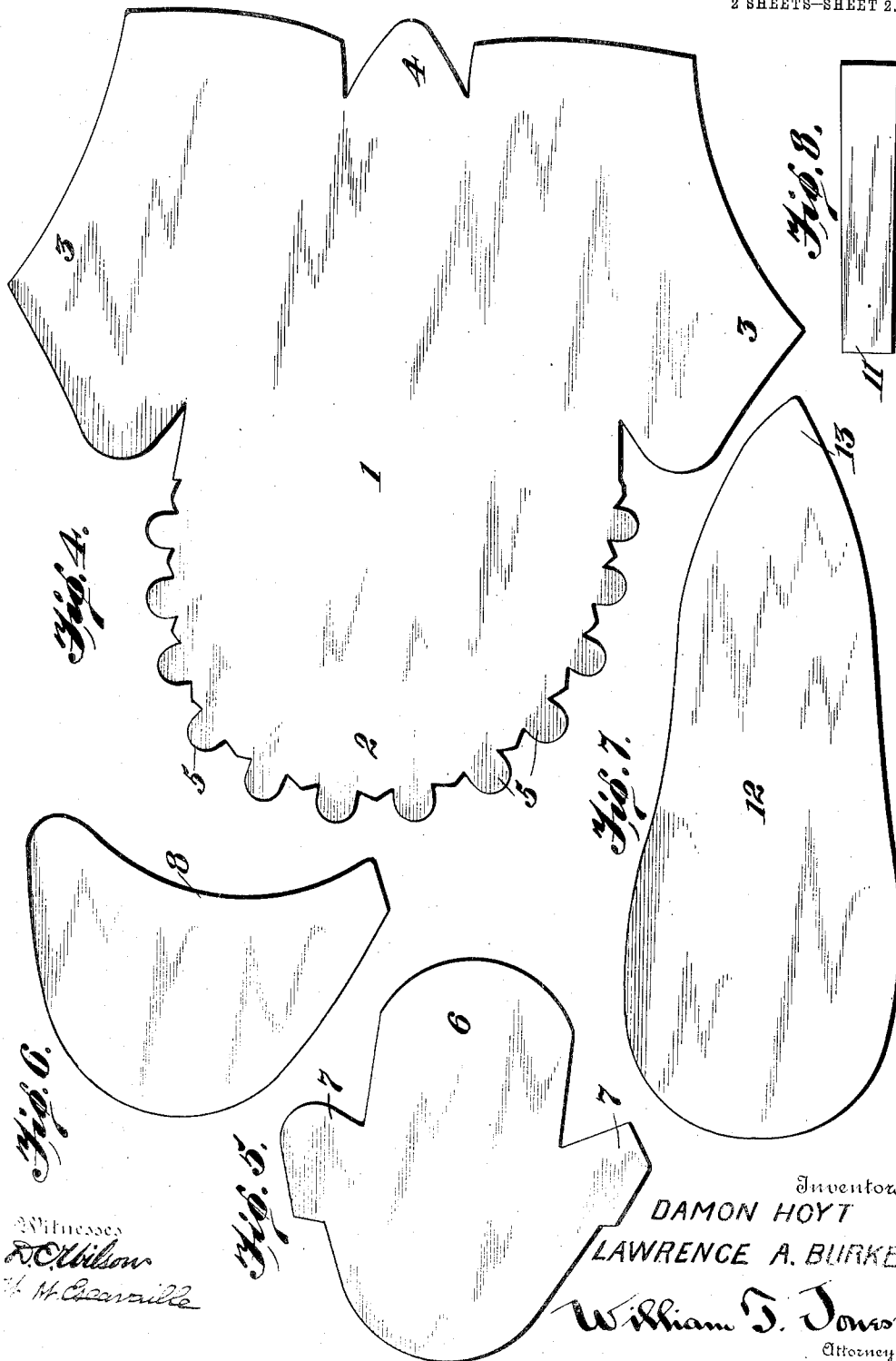
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, DAMON HOYT and LAWRENCE A. BURKE, citizens of the United States, residing at Brockton, in the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Moccasins, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to an improvement in foot coverings, and more particularly, to the novel construction of moccasins, or slippers.

The object of the present invention is to provide an exceedingly simple moccasin with a practical embodiment of means for thoroughly ventilating the pedal extremities.

To the accomplishment of the recited object, and others coördinate therewith, the preferred embodiment of our invention resides in that construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and embraced within the scope of the appended claims.

In said drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the moccasin. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a rear end elevation of the improved article. Fig. 4 is a view of the vamp. Fig. 5 is a view of the tongue. Fig. 6 is a view of the tongue lining. Fig. 7 is a view of the outer sole, and Fig. 8 is a view of the back-stay.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Referring more particularly to the drawings for a detail description of our invention the numeral 1 designates the vamp which comprises a substantially semi-circular shaped toe portion 2, a pair of diametrically disposed upper portions 3, and a medially arranged, rearwardly projecting tongue 4. The outer edge of the toe portion 2 is formed to present a plurality of integral teeth 5.

In assembling the parts of the moccasin, the teeth 5 of the toe portion are brought to bear on the underneath portion of the marginal edge of the tongue 6, and the ears or projections 7 of the latter are inserted under the vamp at the junction of the toe portion

2 and the upper 3, a lining 8 being provided, and the whole being stitched as at 9. A line of stitching 10 is also made to secure the upper edge of the lining. The rear ends of the upper portions 3 are then secured together by the back-stay 11 and the tongue 4. If found desirable, an outer sole 12, the rear extremity 13 of which serves as an additional heel reinforcement, may be incorporated as a component part of the moccasin. By virtue of the curvilinear junction of the vamp and tongue, the portions of the vamp intermediate the teeth 5 are subjected to a gathering, whereby ventilating openings 14 are formed, which, while promoting hygiene to a marked degree, do not in the least detract from the ornamentality and design of the moccasin, or in any way augment the expense of manufacture of foot coverings of this character.

Other salient features of our invention are the employment of a seamless tongue, and the outer sole with heel reinforcement.

It should be understood that in its broader aspects our invention comprehends not only the employment of the various means described, but of equivalent means for performing the recited functions. While the arrangement shown is thought, at the present time, to be preferable, it is desired to reserve the right to effect such modifications and variations thereof as may come fairly within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed, is:—

1. A foot covering comprising a sole, quarters, uppers, a toe portion, and a tongue, said toe portion having projections which are secured to the tongue so as to form openings therebetween.

2. A foot covering comprising a sole, quarters, uppers, a toe portion, and a tongue, said toe portion having peripheral projections which are secured to the tongue so as to form openings therebetween.

3. A foot covering comprising a sole, quarters, uppers, a toe portion, and a tongue, said toe portion having projections which are secured to the underneath marginal edge of the tongue, the portions of said toe intermediate the projections forming openings.

4. A foot covering comprising a sole, quarters, uppers, a toe portion, and a tongue, said toe portion having projections which are secured to the underneath marginal edge
5 of the tongue, the portion of said toe intermediate the projections being gathered to form a series of openings.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto

set our hands in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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