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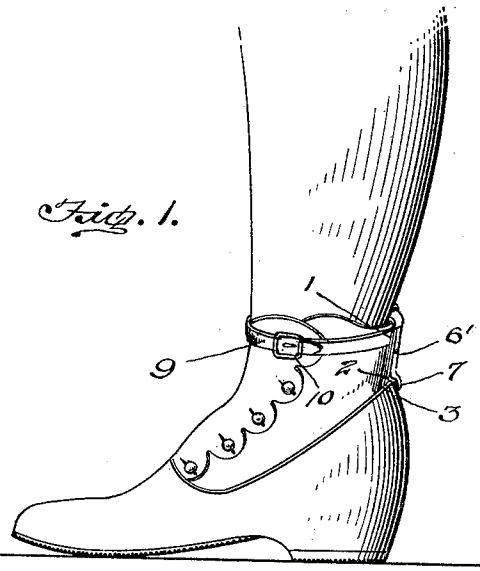
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Fig. 1.



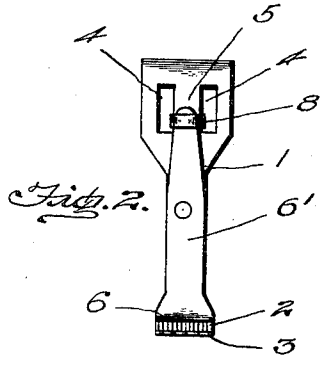


Fig. 2.

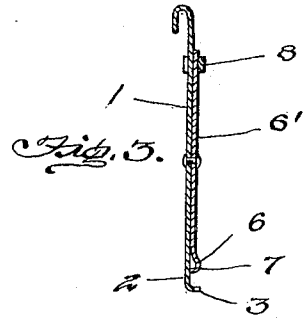


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL W. WILT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Alvada, in the county of Seneca and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overshoe-Fasteners; and I 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.

The invention relates to overshoe-fasteners.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character for the purpose of holding the overshoes in place when in position and preventing them slipping down and off at the heel portion and which shall be simple of construction, durable in use, and comparatively inexpensive of production.

With the above and other objects in view, which will readily appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, said invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe and overshoe in position thereon, illustrating the application of the invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of the device removed. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view through the device.

The device comprises the body portion 1, formed at one end with a jaw 2, having a biting-flange 3 and formed at the other end with a head having two vertical slots 4, divided by a vertical cross-bar 5. The upper end of the head is turned over and down, as shown, to present a smooth surface and prevent the garments of the wearer being damaged and also to steady the body portion and prevent it slipping downwardly. Coacting with the jaw 2 is a jaw 6, having its shank 6′ pivoted intermediate its ends to the jaw 2 and having a biting-flange 7. The upper end of the shank 6′ is locked in alinement and operative position with the body portion of the jaw 2 by a sleeve or slide 8, engaged with the vertical cross-bar 5 and slipped over the extreme upper end of the shank 6′.

9 denotes a strap which is engaged with the head in any suitable manner, preferably by passing it through the apertures in the head and under the cross-bar. This strap is provided with any desired form of buckle 10 and is adapted when in position to be fastened around the ankle of the wearer.

In place it is evident that the overshoe will be prevented from riding up and down on the heel of the boot or shoe and also be prevented from being accidentally pulled off. When it is desired to remove the overshoe, the sleeve or slide is disengaged from the upper end of the shank 6′ and said upper end turned to one side, thus disengaging the lower end of the jaw from the overshoe and permitting it to be drawn off from between the two jaws.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it is thought that the construction, operation, and advantages of my improved overshoe-fastener will be readily apparent without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a device of the character described, the combination with the body portion provided at one end with a head formed with vertical slots and an intervening bar, and formed at its opposite end with a clamping-jaw, of a coacting clamping-jaw provided with a shank which is pivoted intermediate its ends to the body portion and when in operative position, is in line therewith, a slide connected to the vertical bar and adapted to engage the upper end of the shank and hold it in an operative position, and a strap passed through said slots under the cross-bar and designed to hold the device to the ankle of the wearer, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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