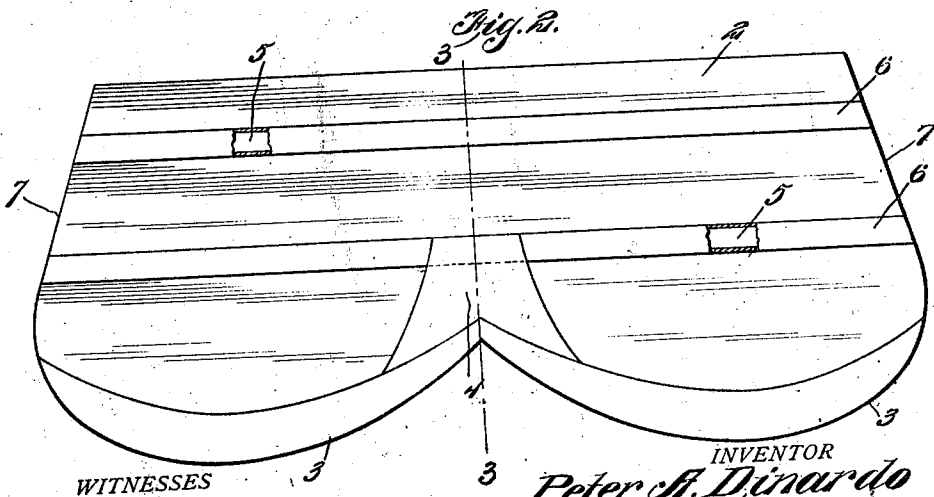
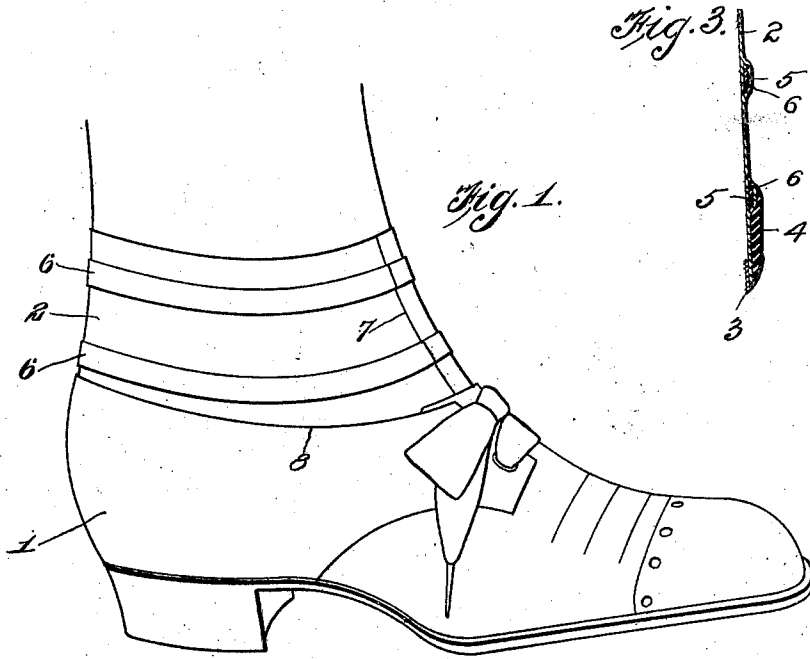


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER A. DINARDO, a citizen of the United States, residing at Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hose-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hose or stocking protectors, and one of the principal objects of the invention is to provide a guard or shield designed to encircle the ankle and cover the stocking above the top of an Oxford tie or other low cut shoe to prevent the blacking or polishing material from soiling the stockings during the process of polishing the shoe.

Another object of the invention is to provide a guard or shield of simple construction which can be quickly placed in position to cover the stocking above the top of the shoe, said guard being held in place by spring clips designed to hold the shield or guard in proper position.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the guard in position for use. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the protector spread out, portions being broken away to show the manner of securing the spring clips in place. Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing the numeral 1 designates a low cut shoe and 2 is the stocking protector adapted to cover the stocking from the top of the shoe a required distance above the same to prevent the blacking or polishing compound from coming in contact with the stocking during the polishing operation.

The protector 2 may be formed of any suitable material but is preferably made of rubber cloth or other impervious fabric, said protector having oppositely curved lower edges 3 adapted to fit inside the shoe and a

cushion or buffer 4 designed to rest against the heel portion or counter of the shoe when the device is in position for use. The cushion or buffer 4 may be formed of rubber or other suitable soft yielding material. The cushion 4 is pliable and conforms to the movement of the ankle during the process of shining the shoe and, moreover, it assists in filling the ankle opening of the shoe, and in preventing the blacking from coming inside the upper edge of the shoe. Flat metal springs 5 forming clips for holding the protector in place around the ankle of the wearer are secured in pockets or reinforcements 6, said springs or clips serving to clasp the protector in place.

In using my invention the protector is passed around the ankle and owing to the normal curvature of the springs 5 the protector is held firmly in position upon the ankle with the edges 7 of the protector disposed in front. The lower edges 3 of the protector are tucked under the upper edge 8 of the shoe and thus when the blacking or polishing material is applied to the shoe around the upper edge thereof the stocking is not soiled during the blacking operation. After the shoe has been polished the protector can be readily removed by opening the front edges and flexing the spring clips 5 in an obvious manner.

My invention is of simple construction, can be quickly placed in position for use and readily removed from the ankle and will prevent the soiling of stockings during the operation of polishing low cut shoes.

I claim:

1. A stocking protector comprising a flexible body portion having curved lower edges, a cushion or buffer at the heel portion of the protector, and spring clips for holding the protector in position with the lower edges tucked under the top of the shoe.

2. A stocking protector for use during the operation of polishing low cut shoes, said protector comprising a body portion of flexi-

ble impervious material having a curved lower edge, spring clips secured to the body of the protector for holding it in position, and a cushion at the heel portion of the protector.

- 5 3. A stocking protector comprising a body portion made of rubber fabric, said protector being provided with a heel cushion or buffer and means for holding the protector

in place upon the ankle of the wearer above the top of the shoe.

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

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