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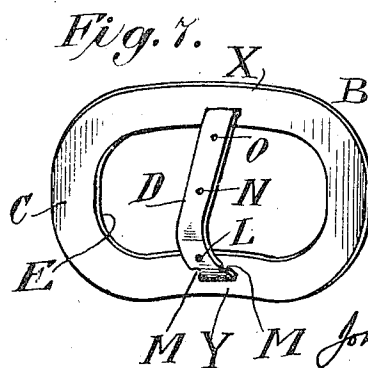
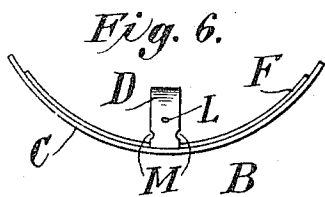
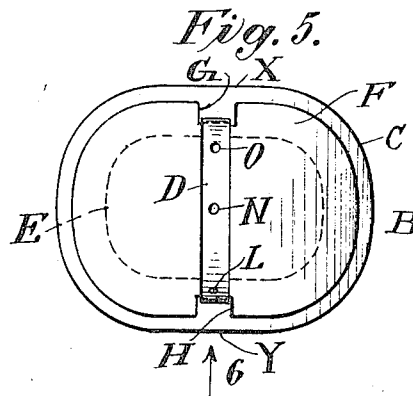
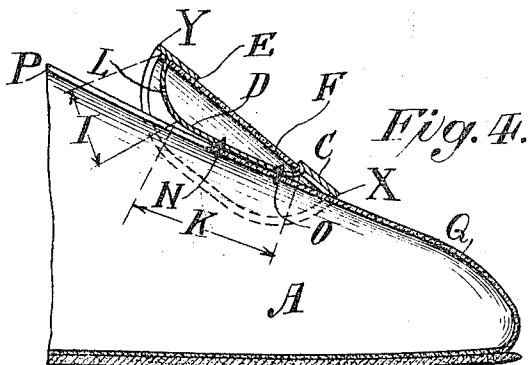
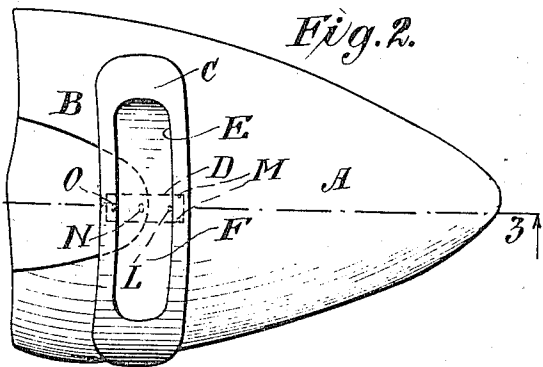
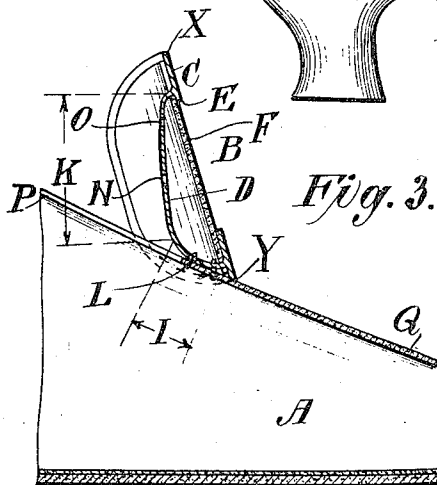
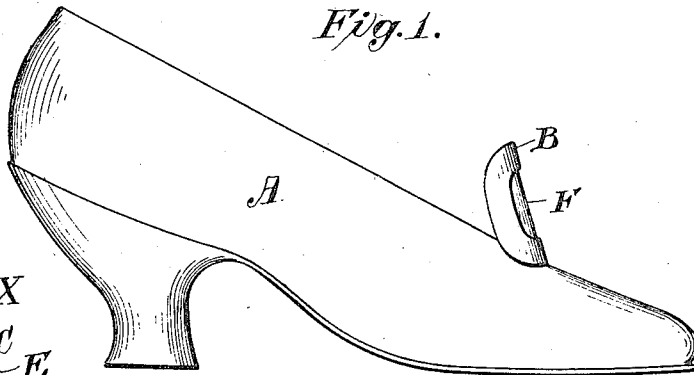
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Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS W. MEREDITH, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of the borough of Manhattan of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buckles, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to buckles and particularly to such as are worn for ornamental purposes on slippers or the like.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide the buckle with a supporting or holding bar that has a portion inclined to the general face of the buckle and constructed so that the buckle can be secured in a substantially upright or vertically extending position on an inclined or substantially horizontally extending portion of a shoe member.

Another object of the invention is to provide the buckle with a bar that is unsymmetrical and shaped so that the buckle can be secured and held by one portion of the bar in a substantially upright position, and so that by the mere reversal of the buckle it can be held by another portion of the bar in a substantially horizontal or more nearly horizontal position than that which it previously occupied.

The invention also relates to the specific construction of the buckle supporting or holding bar.

As showing a specific embodiment of the invention and the manner in which the same may be utilized, reference is made to the drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a slipper with the buckle secured thereto in a comparatively upright position. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the forward portion of the slipper and buckle shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a sectional view similar to that shown in Fig. 3, but in Fig. 4 the buckle is secured to the slipper in a reversed position so that the face of the buckle occupies a more inclined or more nearly a substantially horizontally extending position. Fig. 5 is a rear view of the buckle provided with a filling piece. Fig. 6 is an edge view of the buckle and filling piece, looking in the direction of the arrow 6 shown in Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a perspective view showing the

body of the buckle and the supporting bar secured to the rear portion thereof.

The slipper is designated by the reference character A and has secured thereto the buckle B. This buckle comprises the body C and the supporting or holding bar D secured to the rear portion of the body. As the body of the buckle is open at E a lining piece, preferably of the same material as the slipper, is inserted between the body and the bar. This lining piece is designated by the reference character F and has notched portions G and H to receive the ends of the bar and to hold the filling piece in place.

It will be observed that the supporting bar, clearly shown in Figs. 2, 4 and 7 is curved and unsymmetrical and that the lower portion I of the bar, as shown in Fig. 3, extends gradually rearwardly and upwardly and that the upper portion K of the bar extends slowly rearwardly and suddenly downwardly from the body, thus causing the main portion of the bar to be curved and to bulge from the body. The portion I is provided with the eyelet L and the notches M—M which are located at opposite sides of the bar between the eyelet and the body of the buckle. The portion K of the bar is provided with the eyelets N and O. Now, when the buckle is secured to the slipper by sewing through the eyelet L and over the bar so that the thread enters the notches M—M, the buckle will be firmly secured in a comparatively upright position as shown in Fig. 3.

If the buckle is secured in a reversed position, that is to say, so that the part X shown in Fig. 3 occupies the position shown in Fig. 4, and the thread is passed through the eyelets O and N, the buckle will be secured in a more nearly horizontal position than that which is shown in Fig. 2. It will thus be observed that the portion I of the bar makes a substantial angle with the face X—Y of the buckle and that therefore, when this portion of the bar is secured to the comparatively horizontally extending portion P—Q of the slipper the face of the buckle will occupy the comparatively upright or vertically extending position. With this construction it becomes unnecessary, when it is desired to secure the buckle in a comparatively upright position, to insert any backing or filling substances to maintain the buckle in the upright position. In order that the

body of the buckle may conform to the curve of the shoe, the body extends inwardly and forwardly from the side edges and the supporting bar is directly secured to the rear side of the body.

The lining piece F can be readily inserted or removed at will by merely bending and sliding the same between the bar and the body of the buckle, as will be obvious from an inspection of the drawings.

It is obvious that various forms and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

What I claim is:

1. A shoe buckle comprising a front or body and a supporting bar at the rear of the body which said supporting bar is unsymmetrically shaped in such manner that the buckle can be secured to a shoe at different angles to the horizontal.

2. A buckle having an upwardly extending body and a bar secured to the rear thereof, the body extending inwardly and forwardly from the side edges, the lower portion of the bar extending from the body rearwardly and upwardly, the upper portion of the bar extending from the body rearwardly and downwardly, the lower portion of the bar making a greater angle with the buckle body than does the upper portion.

3. A buckle having a body and a supporting bar therefor having a plurality of surfaces arranged to be secured in contact with a shoe upper and in such relation that the buckle may be secured thereby to a shoe at various angles to the horizontal.

4. A buckle comprising a body and a bar on the rear side thereof, having a portion which extends upwardly and rearwardly a material distance, whereby the buckle can be secured to the top of a slipper in a comparatively upright position.

5. A buckle comprising a body and a bar on the rear side thereof, having a portion which extends upwardly and rearwardly a material distance, whereby the buckle can

be secured to the top of a slipper in a comparatively upright position, said portion of the bar being provided with an eyelet.

6. A shoe buckle having at a side thereof a notched supporting bar unsymmetrically shaped in such manner that the buckle can be secured to the shoe at different angles to the horizontal.

7. A buckle comprising an upwardly extending body and a bar upon the rear side, said bar having a portion inclined rearwardly and upwardly, said portion being provided with an eyelet, and notches on opposite sides thereof between the eyelet and the body.

8. An ornamental buckle for shoes comprising a body portion and a supporting bar having a lower end portion which extends rearwardly and upwardly from the body portion, and an upper end portion which extends rearwardly and downwardly in such a manner that the buckle can be secured to the shoe at various angles to the horizontal.

9. A buckle supporting bar having a lower portion which extends rearwardly and upwardly and an upper portion which extends downwardly and rearwardly, the lower portion being provided with an eyelet and notches at opposite sides thereof, and the upper portion being provided with a plurality of eyelets, one portion making a greater angle with the buckle than the other portion when said bar is in place on the buckle body.

10. An ornamental buckle having a body and supporting portions, one portion making a greater angle with the buckle body than the other portion and arranged so that the buckle can be secured to the upper portion of the shoe in different positions relative to the horizontal.

This specification signed and witnessed this 22d day of May, A. D. 1912.

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