

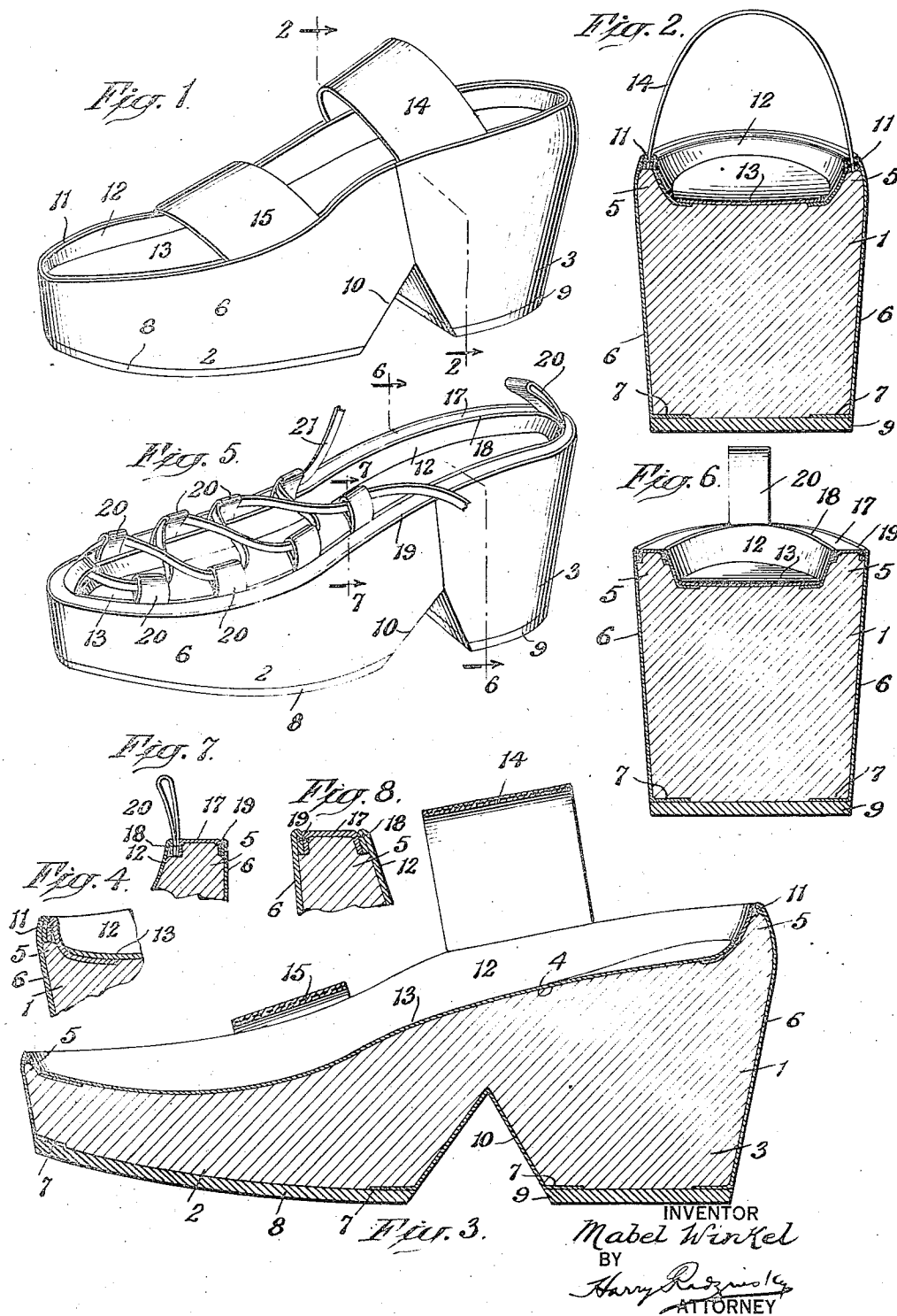
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This invention relates to shoes of the character, construction or style known as "clogs" and has for its object the provision of such a shoe of simple, yet sturdy construction; which may be worn with comfort; which may be speedily donned and removed and which may be successfully embodied in various attractive designs, styles and color schemes to either match or contrast with other elements of the wearer's costume.

More particularly, the invention comprehends the provision of a shoe of the character mentioned, wherein the body portion of the shoe is composed of a relatively thick sole and heel portion having its upper surface hollowed or recessed to conform to the under-surface of the foot and provided with an upstanding inflexible marginal wall portion embracing and substantially surrounding the lower portion of the side of the foot, with fastening elements anchored at the top of said wall portion and extending across the top of the foot to maintain the shoe in position of wear.

In the accompanying drawing, wherein several embodiments of the invention are shown, Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a shoe constructed in accordance with the invention; Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrows; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view through the shoe; Fig. 4 is a sectional view at the front of the shoe, showing the seam construction for the covering material; Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a modified structure; Fig. 6 is a sectional view on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5, looking in the direction of the arrows; Fig. 7 is a sectional view on the line 7—7 of Fig. 5, looking in the direction of the arrows; and Fig. 8 is a sectional view through the upstanding wall portion of the shoe of Fig. 5 showing the manner in which the covering material and lining are seamed together.

With reference to the structure shown in Figs. 1 to 4 inclusive, 1 indicates the body portion or foundation of the shoe. The same is preferably shaped from a solid block or section of suitable material, such as cork, wood, felt, rubber or the like, the primary requisites of the material employed being lightness and the ability to maintain its shape. Instead of being a solid block, the body portion may be hollow or otherwise constructed. The body portion so produced has its lower face formed with an inverted V-notch 10, thus producing a sole portion 2 and heel portion 3. The upper face of the body portion is shaped to accurately conform to the under surface of the foot, as indicated at 4 (Fig. 3), and surround-

ing the foot recess so formed, is an upstanding, marginal, foot-confining, rigid or inflexible wall 5, said wall extending completely around the top of the body portion and acting to confine the foot within the recess which it defines, and comfortably disposed upon the foot-conforming surface 4.

The sides of the body portion 1 are covered by a suitable flexible covering of sheet material 6, such as leather, fabric, rubber or the like, the material so employed being intimately secured to the sides of the body portion by adhesive or the like, and provided with flap portions 7 which are tucked under the bottom of the body portion and confined between the same and the applied sole layer 8 and heel lift 9, as clearly seen in Figs. 1, 2 and 3.

The upper end of the covering 6 is stitched as at 11, to the upper edge of a lining material 12 composed of leather, fabric or the like, the seam defined by said line of stitching being located along the top of the upstanding wall portion 5 and extending co-extensively therewith. The lining material, which extends over the inner face of the wall portion 5, is extended and secured beneath the insole 13 which is adhesively secured on the shaped upper face 4 of the body portion.

For holding the shoe in position on the foot, various types of fastening elements may be employed, an example of one type consisting of the bands or strap members 14 and 15. These elements form loops and are preferably composed of a flexible and elastic material and extend across the top of the foot to hold the shoe securely, yet comfortably thereon. The ends of each of these loops are directed between the meeting ends of the lining 12 and covering 6 and are held therebetween by means of the line of stitching 11.

In the embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 5 to 8 inclusive, the structure of the body portion 1 is generally similar to that shown in Fig. 1, except that the upstanding wall or rim 5 thereof is flattened slightly at the top, and an inset section or strip 17 of covering material has its edges seamed by the parallel lines of stitching 18 and 19 to the upper edges of the lining 12 and outer covering material 6. If, for example, the strip 17 so employed be of a color or shade contrasting with that of the lining 12 and outer covering material 6, a novel contrasting effect is attained which will greatly enhance the design of the shoe. The loop members 14 and 15 may be employed in connection with a shoe of the construction shown in Fig. 5, but it will be under-

stood that other means for holding the shoe on the foot can also be advantageously used. For example, in Fig. 5 a plurality of spaced loop members 20 are employed, the same being secured at their bases in the seam 18. These loops are preferably of expansible material and are spaced along the top edge of the wall 5 and project upwardly therefrom. A lace 21 drawn through the several loops co-operates therewith in providing means by which the shoe may be securely and comfortably held upon the foot.

While I have shown several embodiments of the invention, it will be obvious that the same is not to be restricted thereto since various modifications may be made in design, material, structure and general make-up of the shoe without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What I claim is:

1. A shoe of the "clog" type having a body portion or base formed with an upper face shaped to fit the foot, said block having an integral, upstanding wall extending completely around and enclosing the shaped upper face to confine the

foot on said face, a covering fitted over the body portion and terminating at the upper end of said wall, a lining fitted within the wall and terminating at the upper end of the same, stitching for uniting the meeting ends of the covering and lining, said stitching forming a seam extending along the upper end of the wall, and fastening members secured along the upper end of said wall, said fastening members being anchored thereat by the stitching uniting the lining and covering.

2. A shoe of the "clog" type consisting of a solid block and formed with a foot-shaped recess in its upper end, said recess being defined by an upstanding rigid enclosing wall formed as an integral portion of the block, inner and outer covering material extending over the block and seamed together along the top edge of the wall, and loop members extending across the recess from one side of the wall to the other, the ends of said loop members being secured in the seam.

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