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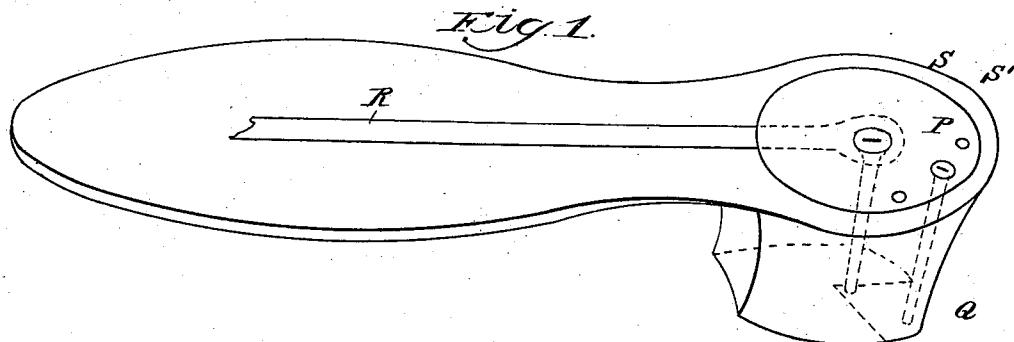


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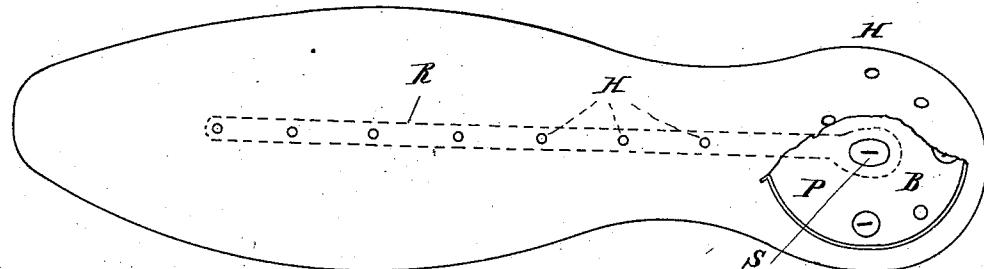


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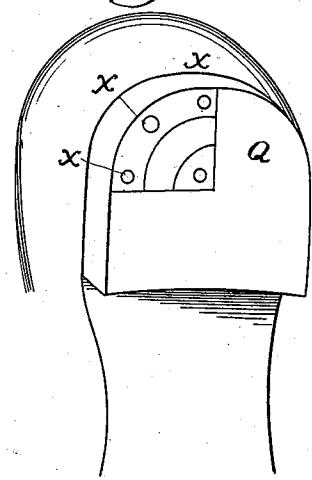


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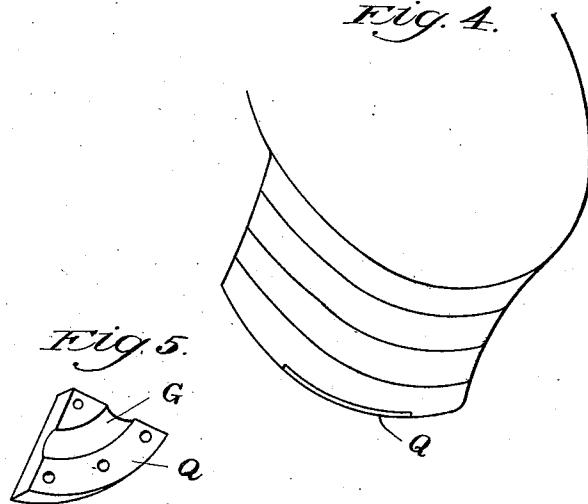
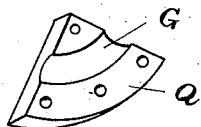


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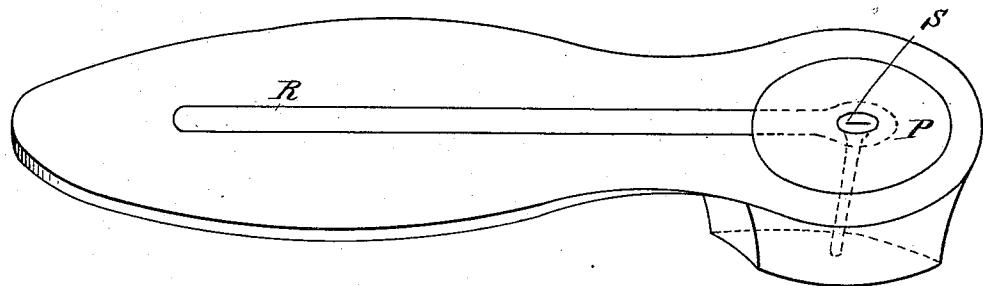


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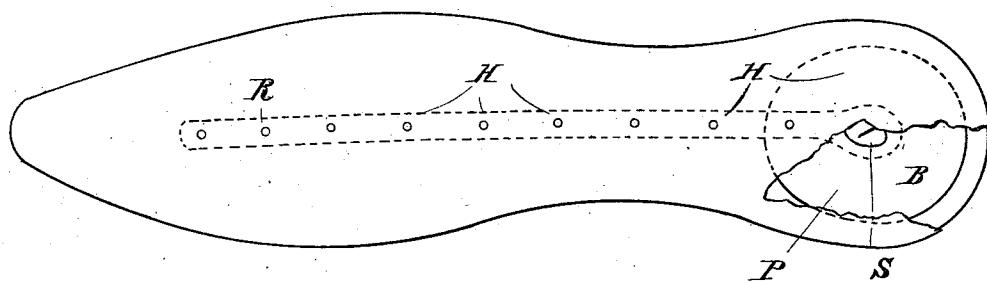
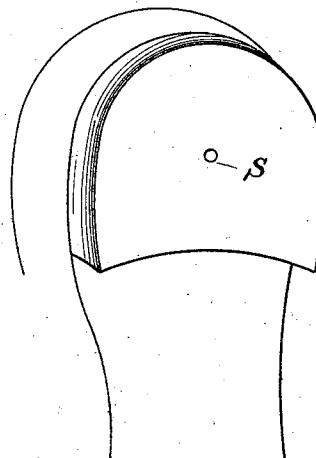


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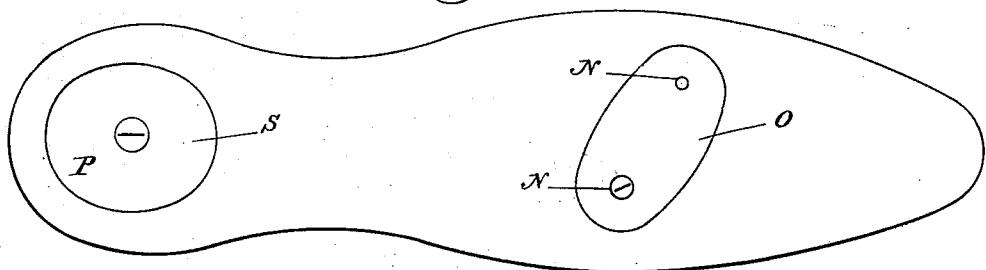


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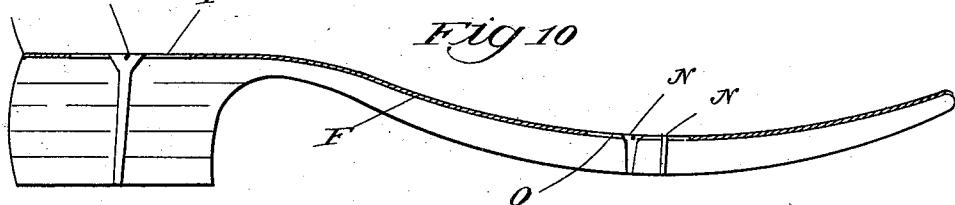


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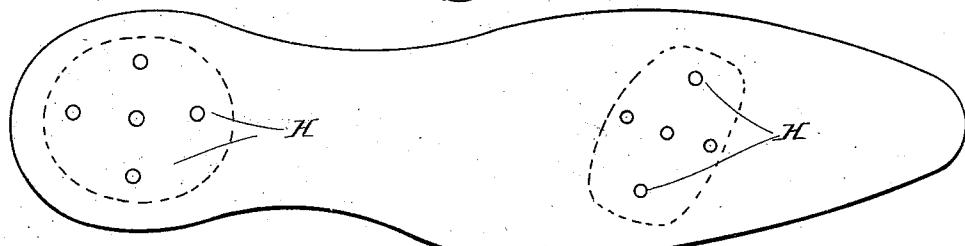


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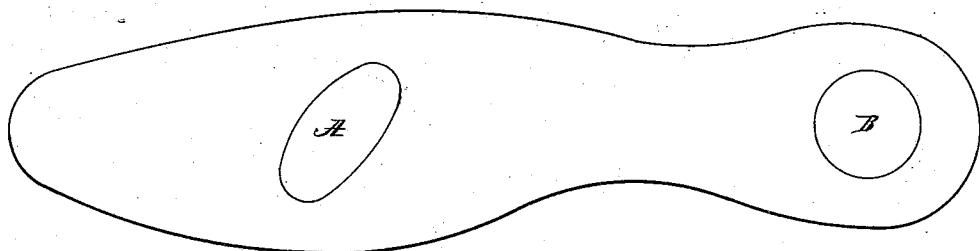


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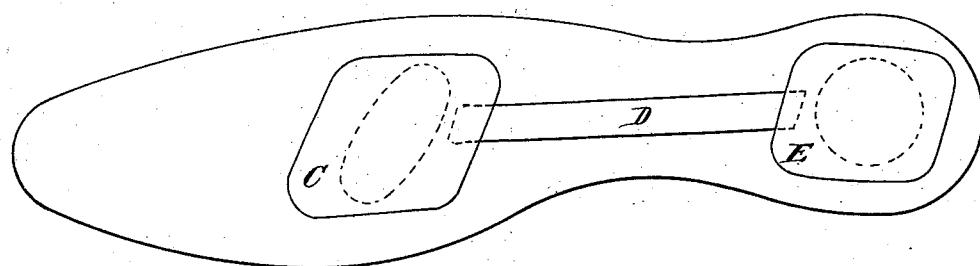


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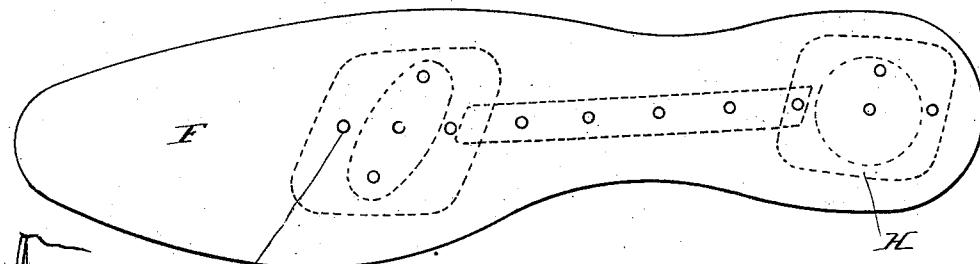


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE QUARRIE, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and 5 State of New York, have made a new and useful Invention in Therapeutical Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is directed particularly to improvements in body-wear as applicable in the 10 art of therapeutics, and its object is to de-electrify the human body. I accomplish this object by the use of the devices hereinafter described, but more particularly pointed out in the claims which follow this specification.

15 My invention will be fully understood by referring to the accompanying drawings, which represent various appliances for accomplishing the object named.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the unfinished 20 sole of a shoe with a transparent elevational view of the heel of same, showing the application of one form of my improvement. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the inside finished sole of a shoe having the same improvement. Fig. 25 3 is a plan view of the ground surface of the heel of Figs. 1 and 2, and Fig. 4 is an elevational view of same heel. Fig. 5 is a view of the heel tip or plate used in Figs. 1, 3, and 4. Fig. 6 is a plan view of the unfinished sole of 30 a shoe with a transparency of the heel, showing another application of my improvement. Fig. 7 is a plan view of Fig. 6 when the sole is finished. Fig. 8 is a plan view of the outside or ground surface of the heel of Figs. 6 35 and 7. Fig. 9 is a plan view of an unfinished shoe-sole having another application of my improvement. Fig. 10 is a longitudinal sectional view of Fig. 9. Fig. 11 is a plan view of Fig. 9 in the finished state. Fig. 12 is a 40 plan view of the outside surface or reverse of the sole shown in Figs. 9 and 11. Fig. 13 is a plan view of one half of an insole for a shoe. Fig. 14 is the same as Fig. 13 with metallic 45 conductors added. Fig. 15 is the same half-insole with the other half or upper finishing-leather added. Fig. 16 represents a sectional elevation of a shoe and an overshoe thereon, both provided with conductors for de-electrifying the human body.

50 I make electrical connection between the

body and the earth by providing the sole or heel of the boot with metallic or conducting material having actual contact with the earth and the foot of the wearer.

In Fig. 1 I have disclosed a shoe having 55 built into it in its manufacture an inner heel-plate, P, and a strip of conducting material R, running from the heel-plate forward along the middle of the sole, near its finished surface, toward the toe, both being fastened 60 down in place by a metallic screw S, other screws being used if necessary, such as S', these screws going through the upper metallic heel-plate and down through the heel of the shoe and the outer heel plate or tip, Q. This 65 tip Q may occupy a part, as shown, of the ground surface of the heel or the whole surface, and it may be made of metal or any other suitable conducting substance, its use being twofold, viz: by acting as an easily-re- 70 movable protection of the heel from wear, and in affording in its fastening screw or screws, rivets, or nails good electrical contact between the inside conductors P and R and the ground. It may be necessary to have 75 only one fastener, such as S, going through from the inner plate, P, to the outer plate or tip, Q, the remaining fastenings being small screws or nails driven from the outside, as at 80 x x, Fig. 3.

The heel-piece Q, Fig. 5, is preferably of equal thickness throughout at its edges, but may be grooved, as at G, Fig. 5, or otherwise lightened and made less liable to slip by corrugations, indentations, or kindred devices. 85 This heel-piece Q is put in place in manufacture of the shoe, and has its space definitely cut in the heel of the shoe, into which space it fits, as shown at Q, Fig. 3, and Q, Fig. 4, one object being to enable wearers to replace the worn plate or tip with facility by a new one by having it removable mainly by withdrawing a screw or screws which fasten it from the inside of the shoe to the inner heel-plate.

In Fig. 2 I show the shoe-sole having the conducting heel-plate P and strip R fastened down by the screw S, with or without other fastenings from within, as described and shown in Fig. 1, and now having its finished 90 95 100

surface F covering said conductors preferably with perforations through it, as shown at H H, Fig. 2, through which the foot-sole of the wearer will bulge so as to make contact 5 with the conductors R and P, Fig. 2, or the heel-plate P may be left bare, as at B, Fig. 2, so as to more perfectly contact with the foot.

In Figs. 6, 7 and 8 I disclose another plan 10 of constructing a shoe with electrical earth connection, but without the outer heel plate or tip. (Shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.) Fig. 6 shows the shoe-sole having the heel-plate P and conducting-strip R fastened by the screw S, which passes down through the heel to its 15 ground surface, as shown at S, Fig. 8. Fig. 7 shows the same sole, now finished with its leather covering F, which either leaves P bare, as at B, or has perforations, as at H H, through which the foot-sole contacts with the 20 conducting-strips R and P, as shown in same figure.

In Fig. 9 I disclose another device for having electrical earth connection made at two or more points in both heel and sole of the 25 shoe. P is the heel-plate, and S its fastening-screw, and O is a small conducting sole-plate, preferably of oblong shape, placed under the middle of the sole of the foot, with screws, nails, or rivets N N fastening the plate in place 30 and coming through to the ground surface of the sole, as shown at N N, Fig. 12.

Fig. 10 shows the same shoe-sole in section 35 with the plates P and O let into the finished insole F, as shown, or they may be covered by the insole F, having perforations II II, as shown in Fig. 11, the finished shoe-sole.

Fig. 13 represents the lower half of a loose 40 inner sole for a shoe made of any good conducting material, with holes A and B cut into it. Fig. 14 is the same half-insole having upon it three pieces of conducting material, as metal—that is to say, a piece C, Fig. 14, placed upon the hole A, Fig. 13, and a piece E, Fig. 14, on the hole B, Fig. 13, and another 45 piece D connecting C and E together; but these pieces may be substituted by one solid piece of approximately this shape cut out of any metal, such as copper, brass, zinc, or wire gauze, or any other suitable good conducting 50 material.

Fig. 15 shows the canvas sole, Fig. 13, with the conductors C, D, and E, Fig. 14, laid on it, as shown, and a piece of fine leather F as the other half of the insole pasted and sewed over 55 the canvas half, inclosing the conductors C D E between the two, and having the leather or upper finishing-piece perforated, as at H H H, for contact of the foot-sole with C D E; and any desirable stiffening, such as thin wood, 60 may be used between the two halves to level up the parts surrounding the conductors. These loose insoles are for use in ordinary 65 shoes, in combination with the ground-connection heel-plate P and screw S, Fig. 6, or other equivalent earth connection; or there may be two or more ground connections—

viz., at the heel contacting with E, Fig. 14, as well as others by screws, rivets, nails, or sewed wire through the sole of the shoe so as to contact with C in the same figure. 70

I am aware of United States Patent No. 304,050, granted to Charles S. Upton on the 22d of August, 1884, for improvement in rubber boots or shoes, and I make no claim hereinafter broad enough to include the application of the principle of conveying heat from the feet of the wearer of a rubber boot or shoe by a heat-conducting agent. My invention is directed to a radically-different application or use of metallic or equivalent conductors, 80 in that I use such conductors for de-electrifying the body of the wearer and in any and all kinds of foot-wearing material.

In Fig. 16 is illustrated the application of my improvement in connection with a shoe 85 and an overshoe, said figure being a longitudinal sectional view taken through a shoe and an overshoe, in which R represents a conducting insole or strip of the shoe similar to the like part in other figures of the drawings, 90 and S a conductor connected thereto and extending through the heel of the shoe, N and N being corresponding conductors connected to the conducting part R and extending through the sole of the shoe, while N' N' 95 are conductors, preferably in the nature of copper rivets, secured in the heel and sole of the overshoe and adapted to contact directly with the conductors S and N N when the overshoe is in position on the shoe, as clearly illustrated, the arrangement being such that when the shoe is upon the foot of the wearer and the overshoe in position the body of the wearer will be in electrical contact with the earth whenever he walks thereon. 100

I do not limit myself to any specific form of conductor when used in connection with a boot or shoe and which shall connect the foot of the wearer directly with the surface of the earth or the surface upon which he walks, as 110 I believe I am the first to provide footwear with metallic or other electrical conductors when used in the manner described, and my claims are generic in this particular. I make no claim broadly to the art of de-electrifying 115 the human body and my claims are limited to the extent of the application of conductors to the feet when embedded in or attached to the shoes or boots of the wearer.

Having thus described my invention, what 120 I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A boot or shoe provided with one or more electrical conductors extending through the sole thereof, in combination with a plate or 125 insole of conducting material having electrical contact therewith.

2. A boot or shoe provided with an extended conducting-surface in the nature of a metallic strip or insole having electrical connection 130 through the sole of the shoe with the surface of the earth.

3. A boot or shoe having electrical conductors extending through the heel and sole thereof and electrically connected with an insole or surface of comparatively large conductivity.

4. The described improvement in therapeutical devices consisting of an overshoe, or "rubber" having conducting material incorporated with or embedded in the rubber or substance of which the shoe is made, and adapted to make electrical contact with corresponding conductors embedded in the shoe of the wearer.

5. The described improvement in therapeutical devices consisting of an overshoe and a shoe having contacting conductors extending through the soles of each, in combination with a conducting-insole.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 8th day of December, 1893.

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