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Fig. 1.

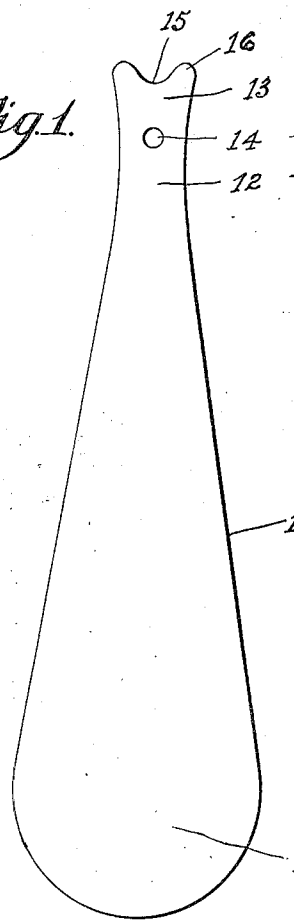


Fig. 2.

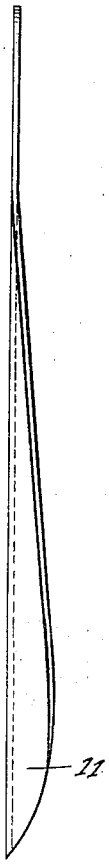


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT J. SMILEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoehorns, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to an article of manufacture and more particularly to a combined device for use in assisting in applying shoes to the feet in several different ways and more particularly in actually placing the shoe on the foot and in placing the laces of the shoe between the upper and the foot of the wearer.

A further and important object of the invention is to produce a device of this character which may be very cheaply and simply produced, which will be pliable so that the portion thereof employed for inserting the laces will not rasp against the ankle as the laces are being inserted and in which the combined structure is such that neither of the implements combined interferes with the use of the other of the implements.

These and other objects I attain by the construction shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of my invention and wherein:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a combined shoe horn and shoe lace inserter:

Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof:

Figure 3 is a plan view thereof.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, the numeral 10 generally designates a sheet of celluloid or other material one end 11 of which is relatively wide and arcuately curved in cross section. From this enlarged end the sheet tapers to the opposite end which is flattened, beginning at what might be termed a neck 12 connecting the portion 11 which forms a shoe horn with a portion 13 forming a shoe lace inserter. At this neck the sheet is preferably provided in the process of formation with an opening 14 by means of which it may be suspended from a hook through which a fastening means may be extended to support the device. The shoe lace inserter is formed by slightly widening the extremity of the sheet and then notching the same centrally, as at 15, to form divergent arms 16, these divergent arms being adapted to receive therebetween the shoe lace which is to be tucked between the upper of the shoe and the foot of the wearer after the manner described in my prior Patent #1,461,834, issued July 17, 1923, for devices for inserting shoe laces under shoe uppers. While I have illustrated in the accompanying drawings a preferred construction of the combined shoe horn and shoe lace inserter, it will be understood that this structure may be modified as to formation of either of these articles to other sizes smaller or larger than shown and may be made of other material whether flexible or nonflexible if so desired.

I claim:—

1. As an article of manufacture, a sheet relatively wide at one end and narrow at the other end, the wide end being formed to provide a shoe horn, the narrow end being provided in its extremity with a notch providing divergent arms.

2. As an article of manufacture, a sheet relatively wide at one end and narrow at the other end, the wide end being formed to provide a shoe horn, the narrow end being provided in its extremity with a notch providing divergent arms, the last named end being flat.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

ALBERT J. SMILEY.