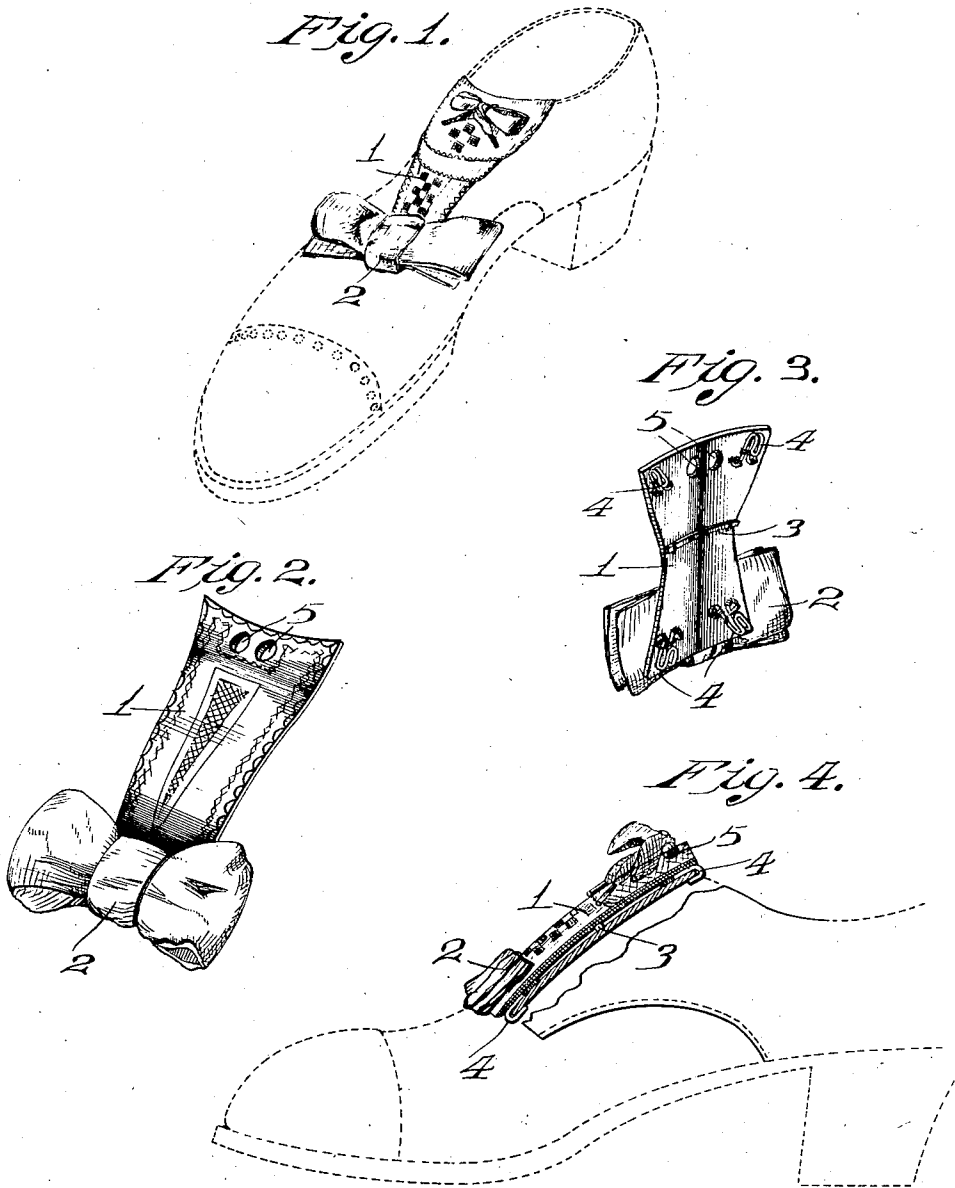


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK M. PETERS, a citizen of the United States, and resident of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Lace Guards and Covers, of which the following is a specification containing a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to a shoe lace guard and cover, my object being to construct a simple, inexpensive device adapted to be detachably applied to shoes utilizing laces as fastening means, and which device is so positioned as to cover and protect the shoe lace, and being of such construction as that when in use it presents a neat and finished appearance.

My invention is particularly adapted for use in connection with low shoes of the blucher type, although it may be easily formed to fit on either a high or low shoe on which a lace is used.

To the above purposes, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in the claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a lace guard of my improved construction, the same being shown in position for use; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the lace guard detached from the shoe; Fig. 3 is a perspective view looking at the rear side of the lace guard; Fig. 4 is a section taken through the center of the lace guard, and showing the same applied to a shoe.

In the construction of the device as shown, 1 designates the body of the guard, which is formed of a section of flexible elastic material, the upper end of which is preferably wider than the lower end, and secured in any suitable manner to the lower end of said body, on the top side thereof, is a bow 2, or similar article of ornamentation.

Fixed to the under side of the body 1, adjacent the center thereof is a transversely arranged stay 3, of thin resilient metal, which normally holds the body 1 in a transversely curved position in order that it will

fit snugly over the instep portion of the shoe; and secured to the under side of the body 1, adjacent the corners thereof, are hooks 4, or analogous fastening devices, the lower pair of which engage beneath the edge of the leather forming the shoe upper at the lower end of the opening in the front of the shoe; and the upper pair of hooks engage over the edge of the upper at the top thereof.

Formed in the upper end of the body 1, at the center thereof, is a pair of apertures 5, through which the laces ends of the laces are drawn, and the projecting ends of said laces are tied in front of the upper end of the body 1.

A device of my improved construction is very simple and inexpensive, can be easily and quickly placed in position upon or removed from a shoe, can be made in various colors to harmonize with different colored shoes, and when properly positioned for use presents a neat and finished appearance, and completely covers the opening in the front of the shoe, and the laces thereof.

In some instances the lower pair of hooks 4 may be engaged through the lower pair of eyelets, or they may engage that portion of the shoe lace which passes through the lowermost pair of eyelets.

I claim:—

1. A shoe lace guard, comprising a flexible body adapted to be positioned on a shoe immediately over the opening in the front thereof, a resilient stay transversely arranged on the under side of the central portion of said body, and hooks secured to the ends of the body, which hooks engage portions of the shoe.

2. A shoe lace guard, comprising a flexible body adapted to be positioned on a shoe immediately over the opening in the front thereof, a resilient stay transversely arranged on the under side of said body at the center thereof, hooks secured to the under side of said body at the ends thereof, and there being apertures formed through said body at the upper end thereof.

3. A shoe lace guard, comprising a flexible body adapted to be positioned on a shoe immediately over the opening in the front thereof, a resilient stay transversely arranged on the under side of said body at

the center thereof, hooks secured to the
under side of said body at the ends thereof,
there being apertures formed through said
body at the end thereof, and an ornamental
5 member arranged on the front side and
lower end of said body.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my

name to this specification, in presence of
two subscribing witnesses.

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