

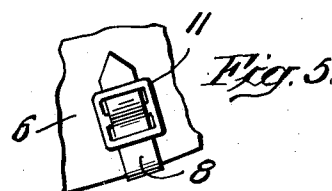
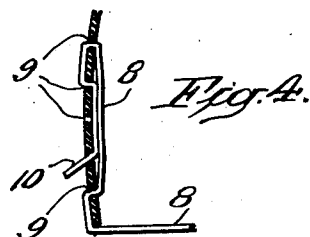
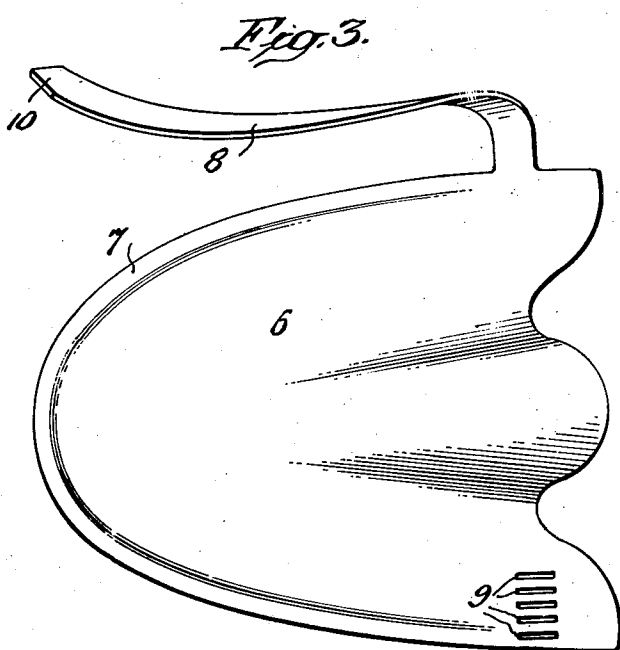
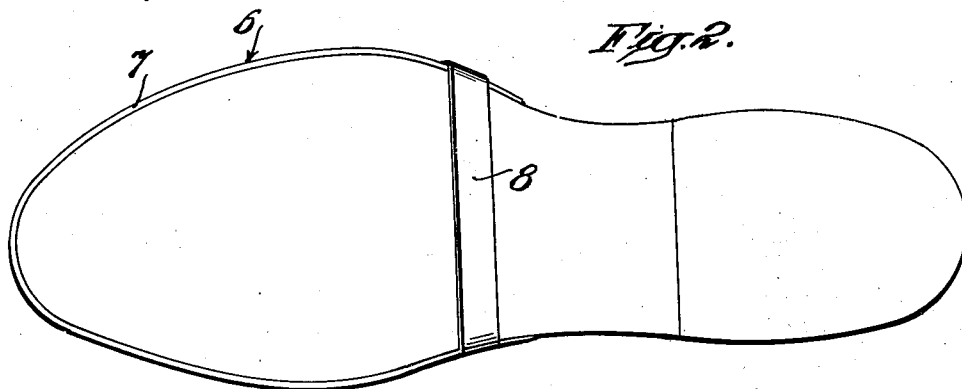
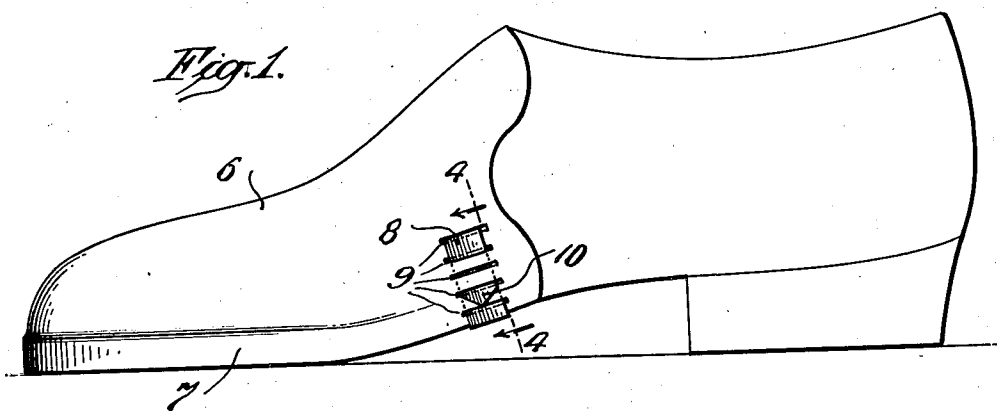
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My invention consists of a new and improved form of shoe protector. Shoe protectors are used by painters, plasterers, mechanics, waiters, bartenders and other people who desire to keep their shoes from becoming soiled during the labor of the day.

It is an object of the present invention to form a protector which will fit over the front and side of the shoe without touching the ground and so constructed that it can be readily removed.

A further object of the invention is to provide a shoe protector which may be stamped, cut or moulded from a single piece of material, including the holding band and securing means for holding the band in position.

A further object of the present invention is to form the protector of a material which is not only impervious to the action of liquids, but so formed that if it is thrown back upwards by striking the foot, it will automatically return to its required position.

A further object of the invention is to have easily adjustable securing means for holding the protector on the shoe.

A further object is to have the protector formed of a rubber or similar materials and reinforced around the edges and toe thereof so as to attain a firm grip on the shoe.

Further advantages and the operation of the device will appear further in the specification and are shown in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a side view of a shoe showing the protector placed thereon;

Fig. 2 is an inverted view of a shoe, with a protector.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a piece of material from which the entire protector, including fastening means, can be cut or stamped.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the holding member in position.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view of a portion of the protector showing the holding strap secured by a conventional buckle.

The protector consists of a piece of material, 6, preferably formed of rubber with a cloth lining of some fabric cemented or vulcanized thereto, such as is used in the ordinary rubber overshoe. The member 6 has a reinforcement 7 extending around the sides and front thereof. This reinforcing portion is of very much heavier material and holds the member 6 tightly against the edge of the sole and the toe. It will be seen from Fig. 2 that the protector does not extend over the bottom of the sole and there-

fore does not heat the foot or cause perspiration. It may be that the wearer may sometimes stub his or her foot against an object and the protector will be bent backwards over the shoe. If it is made of ordinary cloth or canvas it will remain in the thrown back position and the object of the protector will be defeated. By having the protector formed of rubber or resilient material, with a heavy reinforcing member on the lower part thereof, when the protector is accidentally thrown back by striking the foot or for any other reason, it automatically returns to its proper position.

The protector is held on the foot by a strap 8 which is preferably formed from the same material as the protector itself, as shown in Fig. 3. On the side opposite from which the strap 8 extends is a series of openings 9. The strap 8 may be inserted through one of these openings 9 on the outside of the protector and carried on the inside of the protector and through the uppermost slit 9, then down again through the adjoining slit and carried down the inside of the protector and then pushed out again through either one of the lower slits as shown in Fig. 4. The point of the strap 8 may be vulcanized or hardened as at 10, or a thin piece of stiffening material such as metal, clamped thereon so as to permit easy insertion of the end of the member 8 through the slits 9.

It will be seen from the construction shown in Fig. 4 that the holding strap 8 can be adjusted to any required position according to the size of the foot of the wearer and be held firmly in place. Instead of the holding means shown in Fig. 4 a conventional strap buckle 11 may be used, as shown in Fig. 5 for holding the strap in position. The strap 8, of course, may be made of a separate piece of material or fabric, but it is preferably made of elastic material so that when the strap is once adjusted to the right size and position, the protector can be slid on and off the shoe without adjusting it each time.

Although a particular embodiment of the invention has been shown for purposes of illustration, it is to be understood that various changes and modifications may be made therein as will readily appear to a person skilled in the art. The invention is to be limited only in accordance with the following claims and interpreted in view of the prior art.

What is claimed is:

1. A shoe protector cut from a single piece of material, said material being reinforced at the bottom thereof, a holding strap formed integral

with the protector, slits in one side of the protector to form adjusting and holding means for the strap.

2. A shoe protector for covering the front and sides of a shoe, formed from a single piece of fabric lined rubber, the lower front and side edges of said protector reinforced by making said edges integral with and of heavier material than the main portion of the protector to enable it to fit tightly around the edge of the

sole of the shoe to keep the protector in place without extending under the sole of the shoe, a strap situated at the rear on one side of the protector formed of the same material and integral with the protector, said strap passing under the instep of the shoe and means for adjustably securing the strap to the other side of the protector.

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