

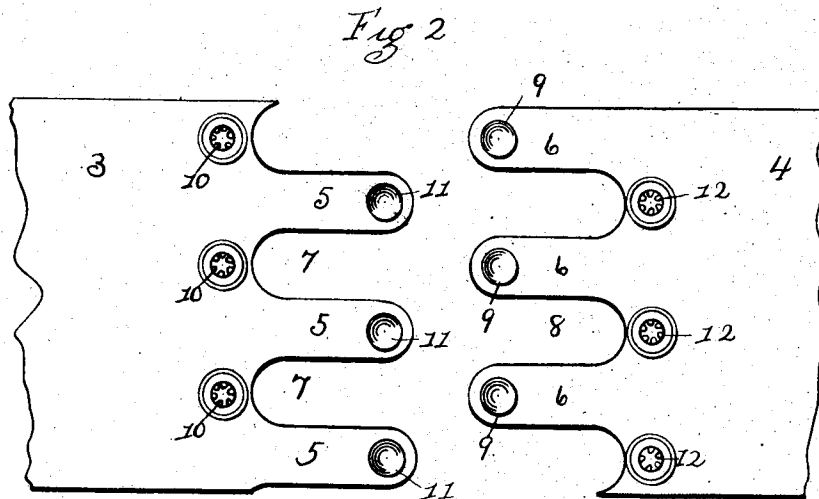
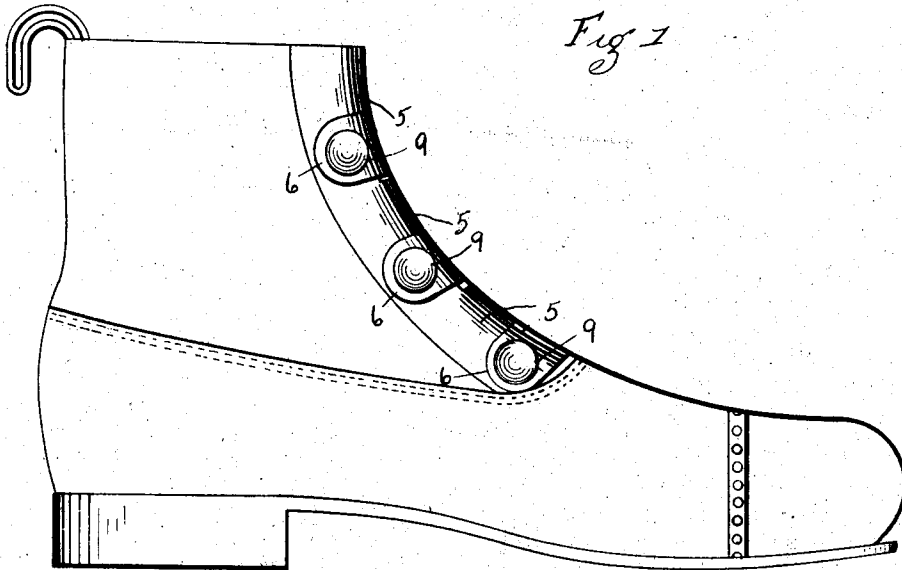
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SHOE-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD PHILLIPS, a citizen of the United States, residing at 719 North Seventh street, East St. Louis, St. Clair county, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Fasteners, 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 shoe-fasteners; and it consists of the features herein shown, described, and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a shoe embodying the principles of my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan showing how the fastening-straps interlace and showing the fasteners.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the flaps 3 and 4 have interlacing tongues 5 and 6, there being spaces 7 between the tongues 5 to receive the tongues 6 and there being spaces 8 between the tongues 6 to receive the tongues 5, so that when the shoe is put on and the flaps 3 and 4 brought together the tongues 5 and 6 interlace over the instep. The fastener members 9 upon the outer ends of the tongues 6 engage the fastener members 10, fastened to the flaps 3 in line with the spaces 7, and

similar fastener members 11 upon the inner ends of the tongues 5 engage the fastener members 12 in line with the spaces 8.

By the application of my invention to a shoe the flaps 3 and 4 may be drawn as closely together as desired by moving the fastener members 10 and 12, and when the flaps have been fastened the tongues 5 and 6 completely cover the instep, thus keeping out cold and dirt, and at the same time the instep is flexible and will not injure the foot of the wearer.

I claim—

A shoe-fastener, comprising the combination with the shoe-flaps 3 and 4, of the interlacing tongues 5 and 6, there being spaces 7 between the tongues 5 to receive the tongues 6, and there being spaces 8 between the tongues 6 to receive the tongues 5, the fastener members 9 upon the inner ends of the tongues 6, the fastener members 10 upon the flap 3 to be engaged by the fastener members 9, the fastener members 11 upon the inner ends of the tongues 5, and the fastener members 12 upon the flap 4 to be engaged by the members 11, substantially as described.

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