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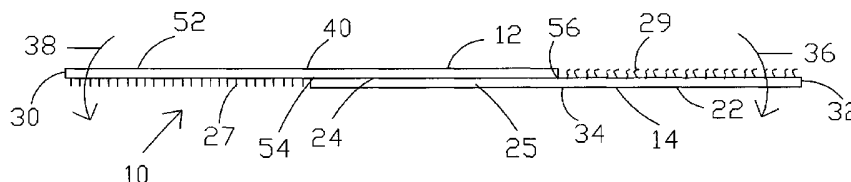
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(57) Abstract: A shoe mounted emergency identification information carrying assembly (10) and method are provided. In a preferred embodiment, one or more members (12, 14) are provided to loop around shoe components such as the shoe tongue, laces, latches, or the like. The one or more members (12,14) are preferably affixed together to form a looping member that can be inserted underneath the shoe components (42, 60) and then over the shoe components. In one embodiment, the one or more members (12, 14) may be affixed together at an overlap region (25) such that the opposite sides (54, 56) of the overlap region are secured and the inner portion thereof can be opened to receive or loop around one or more shoe components, straps, or buckles (42, 60). At least one fastener (29) is also provided to fix the looping member (12, 14) in position around the shoe components by forming a closed loop. An interior surface of the looping member (12,14) is not visible once the closed loop is formed and a detailed emergency identification information label (22) is positioned there. An outer surface (52) of the looping member (12, 14) is visible and supports a label (16) that indicates emergency identification information is carried by the looping member (12, 14).

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