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Fig. 1.

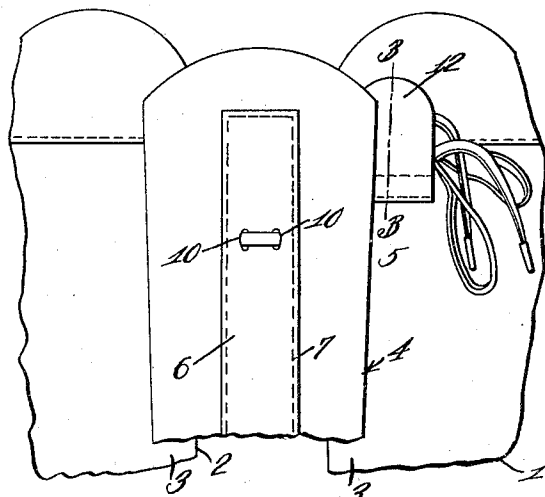
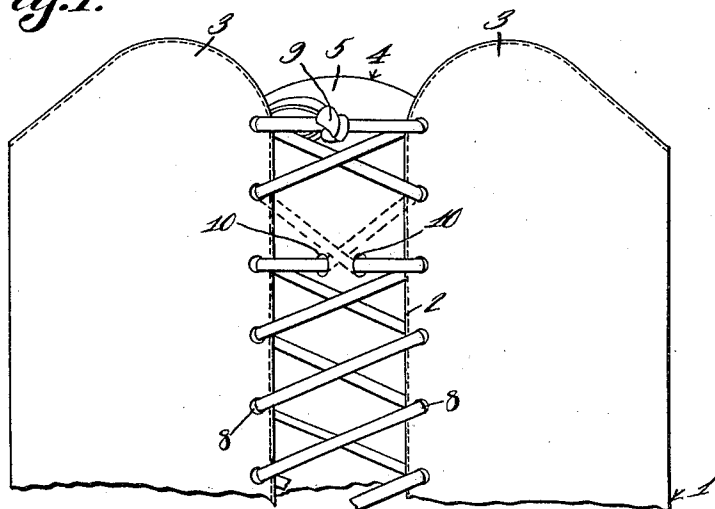


Fig. 2.

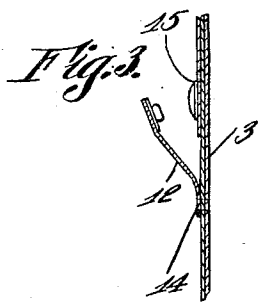


Fig. 3.

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COMBINATION SHOE-TONGUE HOLDER AND SHOELACE CLAMP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADDIE D. MITCHELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Muskogee, in the county of Muskogee and State of Oklahoma, have invented a new and useful Combination Shoe-Tongue Holder and Shoelace Clamp, of which the following is a specification.

This invention aims to provide a simple means for holding up the tongue of a shoe and for housing and holding the ends of the shoe lace.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 shows in front elevation, a portion of a shoe equipped with the device forming the subject matter of this application; Figure 2 is a rear elevation showing the inside of a portion of a shoe equipped with the device forming the subject matter of this application; and Figure 3 is a section taken approximately on the line 3—3 of Figure 2, the lace being omitted.

The numeral 1 marks the upper of a shoe or other article of foot wear, the upper being divided as shown at 2 to form wings 3, the space between the wings being bridged by the usual flexible tongue 4, the tongue, however, including a body 5 and a reinforcing strip 6 secured at 7 to the body. Any suitable means may be provided for connecting the lacing cord 9 to the wings 3 of the upper. If desired, the wings may be supplied with openings 8, through which the cord passes, although this detail is not insisted upon. Horizontally spaced openings 10 are fashioned in the body 5 and the reinforcing strips 6 of the tongue 4, and since the strip 6 is provided, the body 5 of the tongue is reinforced for the formation of the openings 10. The lacing cord 9 is passed through the openings 10 of the tongue 4, and, thus, the tongue is upheld. Above the openings 10 the lacing cord 9 is passed through the uppermost openings 8 in

the wings 3, the ends of the lacing cord being tied as indicated at 9. A retainer in the form of a flexible strip 12 is provided. The strip 12 is located behind one of the wings 3 and is completely housed thereby, so that the retainer does not show from the outside of the shoe. The lower end of the retainer 12 is secured at 14 to the said wing, permanently, the upper end of the retainer 12 being attached to the said wing by a separable fastener 15, which may be in the form of a snap connection, or otherwise. The ends of the lacing cord 9, beyond the knot, are tucked down behind one of the wings 3 and are received between the said wing 3 and the retainer 12, as shown in Figure 2, the fastening elements 15 being connected, to uphold the retainer 12 and to retain the ends of the lacing cord.

The device forming the subject matter of this application not only serves to hold up the tongue 4, but, as well, retains the ends of the lacing cord in a concealed and out-of-the-way position.

What is claimed is:—

An article of foot wear comprising an upper having wings; having means for engaging a lacing cord, a retainer housed behind one wing and independent of said means; means for connecting one end of the retainer to said wing; means for connecting the other end of the retainer releasably to said wing; a lacing cord engaged between said wing and the retainer independently of the first specified means the lacing cord being assembled with the first specified means.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witness.

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