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FIG. I

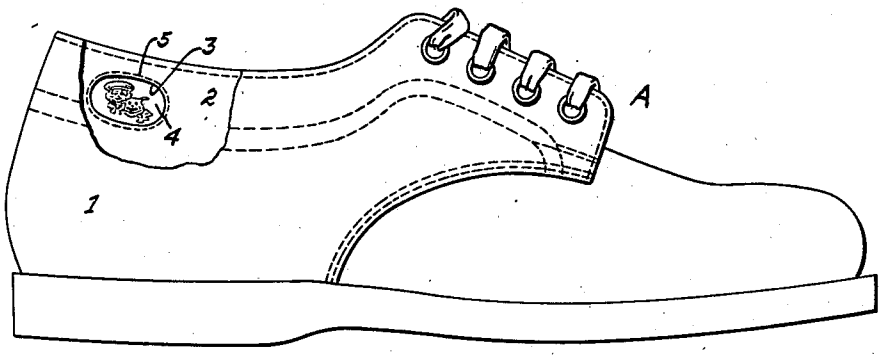


FIG. II

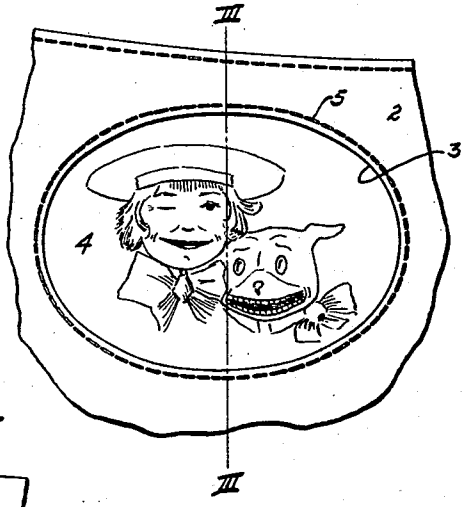
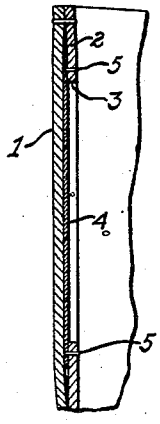


FIG. III



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MEANS FOR IDENTIFYING SHOES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. BUSH, a citizen of the United States of America, a resident of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Means for Identifying Shoes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

This invention relates generally to means for identifying manufactured articles, and has for its object the production of means whereby the manufacturers or vendors of articles, such as shoes, may incorporate in each of said articles an identifying mark by means of which the identity of the manufacturer or vendor of the article so marked will be disclosed.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention comprises the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein is shown the preferred embodiment of the invention. However, it is to be understood that the invention comprehends changes, variations and modifications which come within the scope of the claim hereunto appended.

Fig. I is a side elevation of a shoe provided with my improved identifying means, said shoe being broken away to show said identifying means.

Fig. II is an enlarged face view of the identifying means shown in Fig. I.

Fig. III is a vertical section on line III—III of Fig. II.

In the drawing, A designates an apparel shoe. The shoe illustrated in Fig. I is of a type which has been sold on the market for many years, and as there is nothing peculiar about said shoe it will not be necessary to describe same in detail. The shoe A, like all shoes of its type, is provided with an outer member 1 of leather or similar material, and an inner lining member 2 of any suitable material. The outer and inner members 1 and 2 are, of course, stitched together in the usual manner.

Formed through the inner lining member 2, at any convenient place in the shoe, is a sight opening or window 3, the sight opening 3 shown in the drawing being elliptical in shape, but it is, of course, apparent that this opening may be of any desired shape. Interposed between the outer member 1 of the shoe and the inner lining member 2 thereof is a sheet 4 of any suitable material, which sheet bears the name of the manufacturer or the vendor of the shoe, or any trade-mark or other device by which that particular manufacturer's or vendor's goods are known to the public. The sheet 4, as shown clearly in Fig. III, is secured to the inner member 2 only, said securing means being preferably the stitches 5. By securing the sheet 4 to the inner lining member only it is apparent that there will be an entire absence of stitches on the outside face of the outer member 1 where said stitches, if they were present, would tend to detract from the appearance of the shoe.

The identifying means disclosed herein is extremely simple and inexpensive to produce, and it provides means for incorporating an identifying mark in a shoe which will not be obliterated by the use of said shoe.

I claim:

A shoe having an outer member, a lining provided with a sight opening, an identification member interposed between said lining and outer member and having its identifying elements exposed at said opening, the marginal portion of said identification member being stitched to said lining but not to said outer member.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto affix my signature.

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