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SHOE LACE RETAINER.
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FIG. 1.

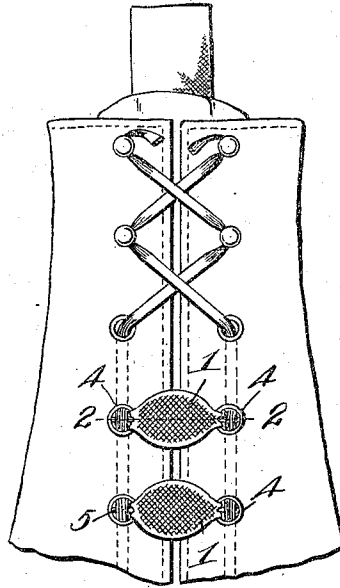


FIG. 2.

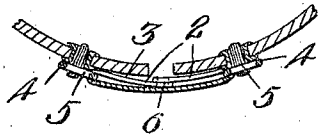


FIG. 3.

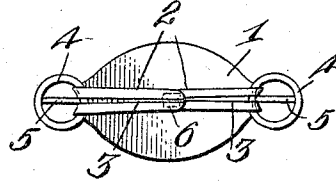
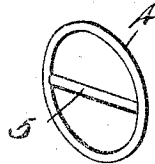


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY CLAY TEUTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Adamsville, in the county of McNairy and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Lace Retainers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to new and useful improvements in shoe lace retainers and more particularly to a device of this character which serves not only to hold the faces in place but serves as an ornamental closure for a shoe or slipper.

The invention has for its object to provide an ornamental shoe lace retainer to be used on shoes and slippers and also to provide a retainer which will possess advantages in points of efficiency, durability, is inexpensive of manufacture and at the same time is simple in construction and operation.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a shoe showing my invention applied thereto; Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a rear view of one of the retainers; and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the end rings.

35 The retainer is stamped from a blank piece of leather or other flexible material to form a substantial oval-shaped body portion 1, which is provided with the elongated extensions 2 at each end thereof, said extensions being slit as shown at 3. Rings 4 are provided having a bar 5 formed integral therewith and extending across the center of the ring. These rings are secured to the retainer by having the extensions 2 passed up through the rings 4, the bars 5 passing through the slits 3, and the ends of the extensions are to be secured together at the back as shown at 6 by sewing or any other suitable means. The face of the oval-shaped body portion 1 can be made plain or it can be decorated with any design as shown in Fig. 1.

In applying the retainer to a shoe or

slipper it is placed across the closure so that the rings 4 will register with the eyelets in the shoe, the end of the lace being then passed up through the eyelet and ring on one side of the bar 5, from there it is passed down through the ring and eyelet on the opposite side of the bar, and the lace is then passed upwardly toward the top of the shoe on the same side of the closure to the next eyelet, the same operation applying to both ends of the retainer.

It will be seen from a view of Fig. 1 that with my device the lace can be run up through the eyelets on each side of the closure instead of crossing and recrossing the closure, which is the present method, the retainer serving to connect the eyelets on each side of the closure by means of the lace passing through the rings 4 and over the bar 5.

While I have shown and described the preferred construction of my invention it will be obvious that various changes in the details of construction and in the proportions may be resorted to for successfully carrying the invention into practice without sacrificing any of the novel features or departing from the scope thereof.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:—

A shoe lace retainer comprising a substantial oval shaped body portion, an elongated extension formed on each end of said body, said extensions having slits formed therein, a ring secured to each of said extensions, a bar formed integral with each of said rings and extending across the center thereof, said extensions being joined, when passed through said rings and brought together at the back of the body portion, having one half of each extension disposed upon each side of the bar, and a lacing cord adapted to be disposed at each end of the body portion and passing under each side of the ring and over the bars in the center thereof.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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