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Fig. 1.

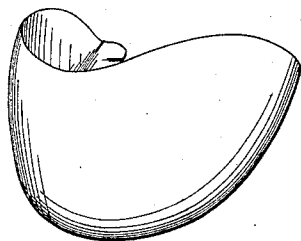
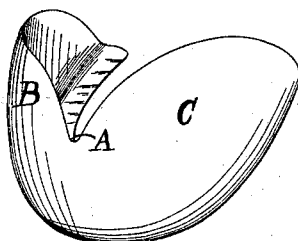


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER T. MARTIN, of Dover, New Hampshire, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Counters for Boots or Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

My improvement relates to counters made of sole-leather, leather-board, or similar material. Such counters are necessarily very stiff, and as heretofore made frequently cause the shoe to break in wear at a point just above the top of the counter at its rear edge. As is well understood, this is the point where there is the greatest movement of the material of the shoe in walking, and the constant play of the leather back and forth against the top of the counter tends to break the shoe at this point. Moreover, the sides of these counters are stiff, unyielding, and inflexible, so that on this account, if in the first instance they do not happen to be of just the right shape for the heel of the wearer, they do not readily adapt themselves to that shape, thus hurting the heel and causing annoyance to the wearer. By my improvement I am enabled to dispense with these disadvantageous features of the old form of counter, and at the same to retain the desirable features thereof, as hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows the old form of counter referred to. Fig. 2 shows a counter embodying my improvement.

I make my improved counter, as shown, with a depression A at the middle of the top of the back, so that the back of the counter is considerably lower than its sides B and C. I thus remove from the counter that portion which caused the breaking of the shoe above mentioned, as I have found by trial that the remaining portions—the body of the counter and the sides—afford all the needed features of the old counter. Moreover, by thus removing the upper rear portion, the rounded upper edges of the sides of the counter now become elastic, yielding, and flexible enough to afford sufficient accommodation to the heel of the wearer, and thus to obviate the further disadvantage mentioned.

I claim—

A counter formed of sole-leather, leather-board, or similar material made integral, provided with inwardly-projecting sides and a sharply-pointed recess at the rear, whereby the sides may adjust themselves to the foot of the wearer, support the back of the shoe, and prevent it from working against the rear edge of the counter, substantially as described.

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