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[54] **BOOT ZIPPER**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A replaceable zipper unit which can be manufactured in various lengths to attach to a boot. The zipper unit is mounted on two pieces of leather.

The unit is punctured with holes so that the device may be fastened by eyelets or by laces through the holes to a boot.

Removal of the eyelets or laces on an assembled boot permits a worn zipper unit to be discarded and to be replaced by a fresh unit.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Figures

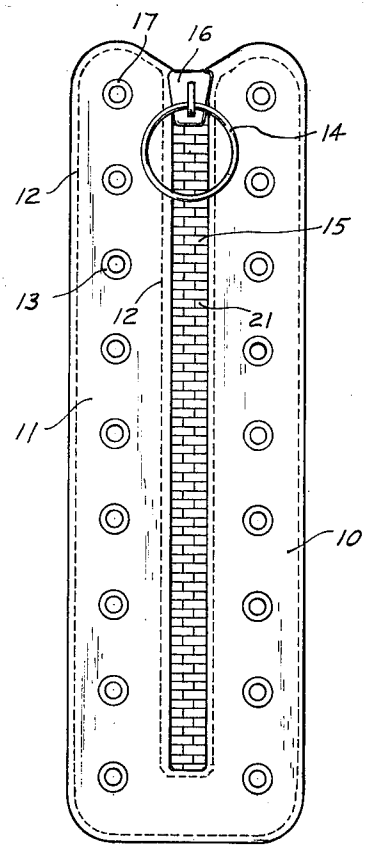
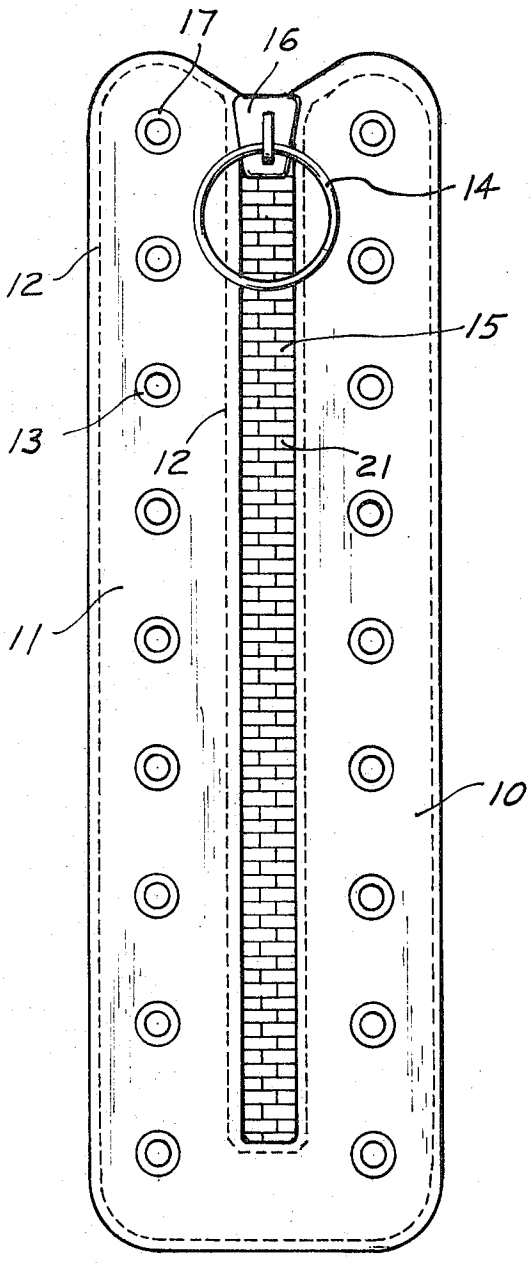


FIG. 1



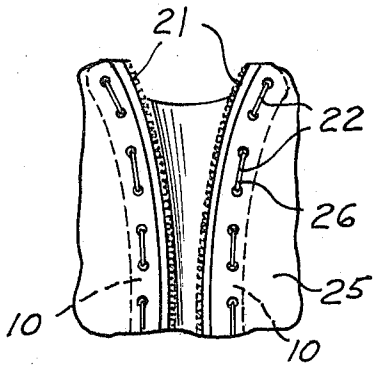


FIG. 2

BOOT ZIPPER

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

My invention relates to a replaceable zipper unit which may be installed on, or readily removed from a boot by means of eyelets. An advantage of my invention is that when the boots or zipper are worn out, the zipper unit can be replaced or transferred to another shoe or boot.

A further advantage of my invention is that an elasticized lace to fit the punctured holes of the unit may be used to lace this device into boots instead of employing eyelets, and as a means of imparting elasticity between the zipper unit and an attached boot.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The objects and features of the invention may be understood with reference to the following detailed description of an illustrative embodiment of the invention, taken together with the accompanying drawing in which:

FIG. **1** illustrates a front view of the invention, and

FIG. **2** illustrates a fragmentary perspective view of the invention attached to a boot by means of laces.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT:

Turning now descriptively to the drawing, in which similar reference characters denote similar elements throughout the several views; FIG. **1** illustrates the zipper unit **10** which is formed of a split section of leather **11** to which a conventional zipper mechanism **21** is stitched or otherwise permanently fastened. The external edges of the unit may be lined by stitching **12** in the case of the leather section **11** being formed of a double

layer of material. The zipper slide **16** is joined to a split ring **14** which may be employed to latch into the loop **22** of lacing so as to lock the zipper slide **16** in place at any position along the zipper **21** when the unit **10** is fastened to a boot **25** by a means of lacing **26**, as shown in FIG. **2**.

Through holes **13** are perforated along each side of the length of zipper unit **10** so that the zipper unit **10** may be fastened to a boot by means of eyelets **17** as shown in FIG. **1**, or by means of lacing **26** as shown in FIG. **2**. The use of elastic lacing as the fastening means illustrated in FIG. **2** of the zipper unit **10** to the boot **25** permits a desirable degree of elasticity to the boot **25** in the closed position of the zipper slide **16**.

Since obvious changes may be made in the specific embodiment of the invention described herein, such modifications being within the spirit and scope of the invention claimed, it is indicated that all matter contained herein is intended as illustrative and not as limiting in scope.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A replaceable zipper unit adaptable for ready installation on or removal from a boot which is formed of a split sheet of material, the adjoining split edges of which are fastened to a conventional zipper mechanism, said unit being perforated along its length with holes on each side of the zipper mechanism and fastened to a boot by means of loops of elastic lacing, in which

a split ring is fastened to the zipper slide so that the zipper slide may be latched in position by fastening the split ring through a loop of lacing adjacent the position of the zipper slide.

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