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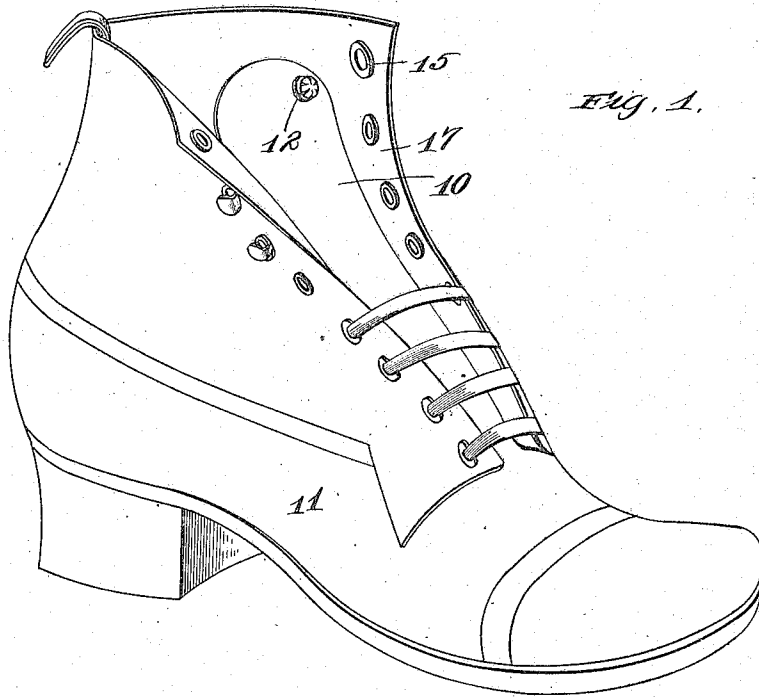


Fig. 1.

Fig. 3.

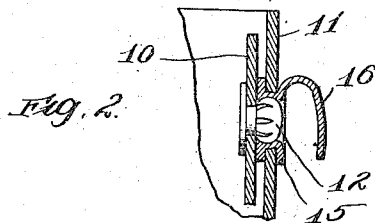
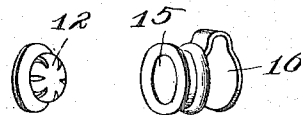


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR G. WESTLAKE, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of the city of London, in the county of Middlesex, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented a new and useful Shoe-Tongue Fastener, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in shoe tongue fasteners, and has for its primary object to provide novel and effective means for securely fastening the upper end of a shoe tongue whereby the latter will be firmly held in desired position and prevented from either slipping down or moving laterally within the shoe.

The invention consists in providing a two-part fastener, one part being carried by the tongue, and the other part by the shoe top, preferably by the top facing of such top. The fastener is of the button and socket snap type, and in connection with shoes wherein hooks are used for the laces, the uppermost hook on one side of the shoe top is so constructed as to be utilized as one member of the tongue fastener.

The invention will be hereinafter more fully described and then particularly claimed, and in describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe equipped with my improved tongue fastener. Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical sectional view of a portion of the tongue and the top of the shoe showing the tongue in fastened position. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the two parts of the fastener in disengaged separated positions.

To put my invention into practice, I secure to the tongue 10 of a shoe 11, one member of a two-part fastener, the present illus-

tration showing a button member 12 as being secured to the tongue, this button member being of that type adapted to be forced into a socket in which it expands sufficiently to hold the two parts of the fastener together under ordinary strain.

In the construction shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, the shoe is of that type in which the lacings are engaged with hook members, and the socket member of the fastener which I employ is therefore of a type having a socket 15 and a hook 16 which is secured in the shoe top facing 17, the socket 15 being on the inner side of the facing and the hook 16 being on the outer side of the facing.

The operation will be obvious, as it will be observed that as the top of the shoe is closed around the ankle, the button 12 and socket 15 are inter-engaged in the manner shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and the shoe tongue is thereby securely held against either downward or lateral movement within the shoe.

The button member 12 is placed on the tongue, as shown in the accompanying drawings, and the socket member 15 on the shoe top facing, since this permits of the utilization of the upper fastening both as a tongue fastener and as a hook for the lacing.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

The combination with a shoe and its tongue, of a two-part fastener for the tongue comprising a resilient ball member carried by the tongue and a combined socket and lacing hook carried by the upper.

In testimony whereof, I have signed in the presence of the two undersigned witnesses.

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