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Fig. 1.

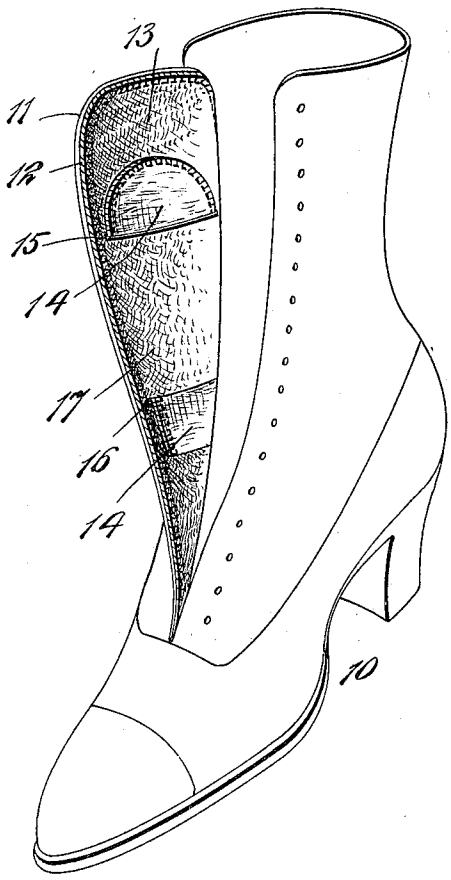


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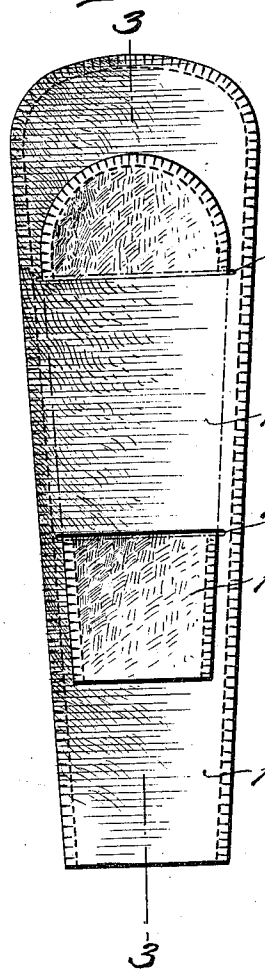
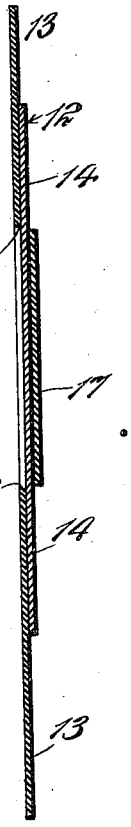


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTA PHILLIPS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Tongue Pads, of which the following is a specification.

The invention has reference to pads to be applied on the inner side of the tongues of lace shoes, and the object of the invention is to provide a shoe tongue pad which will afford comfort to the wearer and cause the shoe to properly fit the instep and ankle of the foot. A special purpose of my invention is to provide a shoe tongue pad which is capable of adjustment to meet the varying conditions of feet and shoes, and at the same time furnish a pad which is composed of few parts and inexpensive of manufacture.

I preferably form the pad of my invention of two pieces of soft felt or equivalent material, one being of the general outline and size of the tongue of a shoe and considered as the base member of the pad, and the other being of smaller dimensions and held within slits formed in said base member and being adjustable along the same, thereby to adapt the pad to meet the varying conditions of feet and shoes.

The invention will be fully understood from the detailed description hereinafter presented, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a lace shoe having a tongue equipped with the pad of my invention;

Fig. 2 is a detached face view of the shoe tongue pad, and

Fig. 3 is a vertical section through the same, taken on the dotted line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

In the drawings, 10 designates a shoe of usual type, 11 the tongue thereof, and 12 the shoe tongue pad of my invention applied to said tongue 11 and comprising a base member 13 and a smaller adjustable member 14.

The base member 13 may be a single ply piece of soft felt or equivalent material, and the adjustable member 14 may be of the same material as said base member.

The base member 13 is approximately of the outline of the tongue 11, and said member is transversely slit, as at 15, 16, intermediate its side edges, and within the slits 15, 16 I place the adjustable member 14, which may be slid upwardly or downwardly on the base member 13, as occasion may require. The adjustable member 14 is shorter and less in width than the base member 13, but nevertheless is of substantial length. The slits 15, 16 are disposed respectively above and below the transverse center of the base member 13, and between said slits a substantial section 17 of the base member is exposed for engagement with the instep of the foot. The adjustable member 14 is in one continuous piece and lies at the front of the aforesaid section 17 and extends above and below the same, as shown, so that at the instep of the foot there are always the two thicknesses of material represented by the base member 13 and adjustable member 14. Different feet have different characteristics, especially along the instep, and one of the purposes of my invention is to attain an adjustability of the shoe tongue pad adapting it to meet the varying conditions that may be encountered in fitting a shoe to a foot. The adjustable member 14 of the pad enables me to not only comfortably fit the shoe to the foot, but in many cases to improve the appearance of the shoe itself, in that at the instep and angle of the shoe I may fill out the same to good effect when the foot itself is deficient in proper proportions to fit the shoe. A very important feature of my invention is that the adjustability of the pad enables one to have a comfortably fitting and padded shoe and to protect the foot from the prejudicial effects of the shoe lace.

One characteristic feature of my shoe tongue pad is that the adjustable member 14 does not have to be sewed to the base member 13, but when adjusted on said base member will retain its position due to the frictional engagement of the same with the surfaces of the base member, this friction being supplemented by the friction of the member 14 at the edges of the slits 15, 16.

The pad as a whole may be attached to the shoe tongue 11 by stitching or in any convenient way.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:

1. A shoe tongue pad comprising a base member approximately of the outline of a shoe tongue and an adjustable member shorter and less in width than the base member and applied about the middle portion of said base member, thereby affording two thicknesses of the material for the instep, and said base member being slit to re-

ceive said adjustable member and both of said members being of soft material.

2. A shoe tongue pad comprising a base member approximately of the outline of a shoe tongue and an adjustable member shorter and less in width than the base member and applied about the middle portion of said base member, thereby affording two thicknesses of the material for the instep, and said base member having upper and lower transverse slits through which said adjustable member is threaded and both of said members being of soft material.

Signed at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1918.

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