

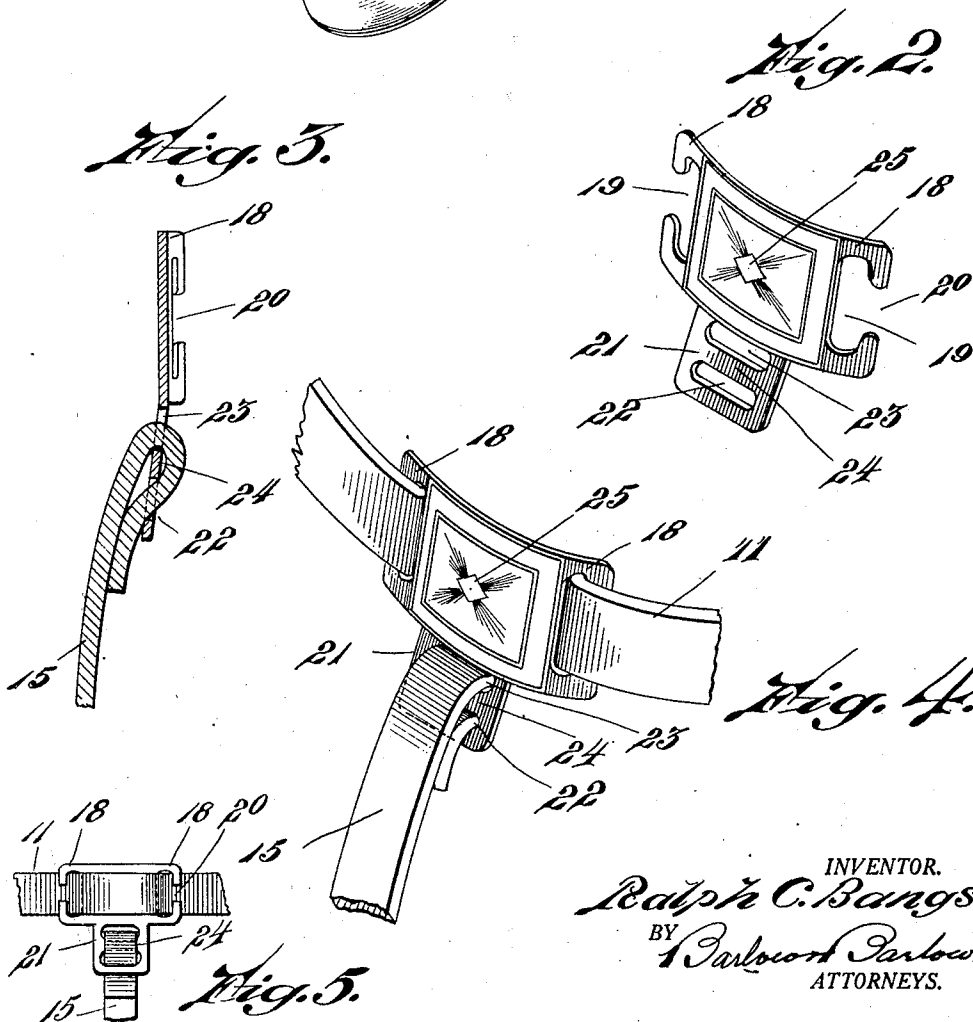
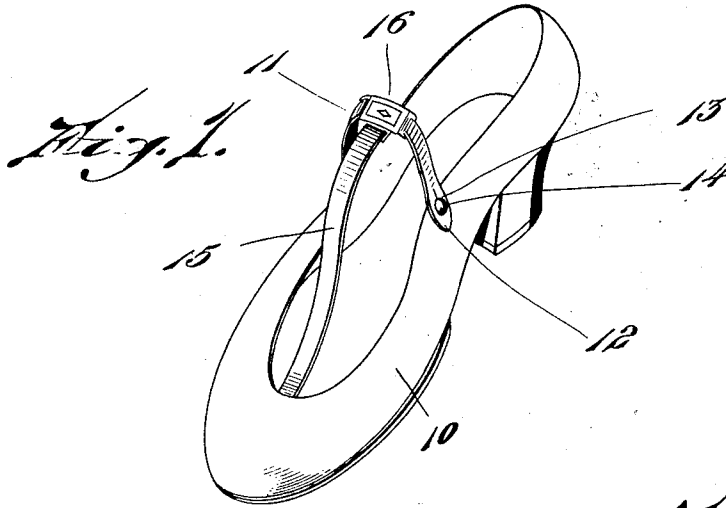
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This invention relates to an ornamental shoe buckle and has for its object to adjustably secure together substantially right-angul-
10 arly arranged ankle straps of a woman's shoe, whereby the straps may be adjusted to conform to the different shaped insteps of the different wearers.

A further object of the invention is to provide a body member having extensions with
15 slots therein through which the strap may be passed and adjustably secured in position on the buckle.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features
20 of construction, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe
25 with my ornamental buckle mounted thereon.

Figure 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the buckle.

Figure 3 is a sectional view showing one means of attaching a strap to the buckle.

Figure 4 is an enlarged perspective view
30 showing the buckle as being attached to right angularly disposed strap parts.

Figure 5 is a rear view of the buckle with the straps retained therein.

It is found in practice in women's shoes where straps are arranged in skeleton formation for retaining the shoe on the foot of the
35 wearer that the securing of longitudinally disposed straps to a transversely arranged strap by lapping one about the other permits the desired adjustment of the straps to conform to different shapes of insteps, and in order to adjustably secure these parts together, I have provided an ornamental buckle
40 having a body portion with extensions at opposite ends to secure the body onto a transversely arranged strap and also to provide a portion extending from the body at right angles to the end extensions with slots
45 through which the longitudinally disposed strap may be woven and bound by its sharp bends whereby the same is adjustably connected to the buckle to accommodate and more closely fit the different insteps; and the following is a detailed description of the pres-

ent embodiment of this invention and illustrating one means by which these advantageous results may be accomplished:—

With reference to the drawings, 10 designates a woman's shoe having a cross or transversely-disposed strap 11 which is enlarged
55 at one end 12 with a buttonhole 13 therein to receive the button 14 on the side of the shoe. In some instances, a longitudinally-disposed strap 15 also extends upwardly over the instep portion of the foot at substantially right
60 angles to the strap 11 and in order to receive and connect both of these straps together I have provided a buckle 16 which is adjustably secured to both of these straps having
65 lateral extensions 18 at each end thereof provided with slots 19 through which the strap 11 may extend.

It is customary for the free buttonhole end of the strap to be somewhat enlarged to give a
70 stronger support to the buttonhole, which enlarged end is of such size to prevent the same from being readily passed through slots 19 at the end of the body and in order that the buckle may be readily secured to the strap, I
75 have provided openings 20 in the ends of these extensions to permit insertion of the strap through these openings into the slot 19.

A portion 21 extends from the body at right angles to the extending portions 18 and
80 is provided with a pair of slots 22 and 23 through which the transversely arranged strap 15 may be woven to secure the same in place.

It is obvious that many different ways of
85 weaving the strap 15 through the slots 22 and 23 about the bar may be employed, but I have illustrated one way which is that of passing the strap 15 from the front of the buckle through the slot 23 about the bar 24 and
90 through the slot 22 along the rear surface of the strap 15 by which the sharp bends of the strap secure the same in position.

The body portion and its extensions are suitably shaped as illustrated in the drawing
95 to conform to the general shape of the foot of the wearer and the body portion may be ornamented by a design such as illustrated at 25 to enhance the appearance of the same.

It will be seen that I have provided an or- 100

namental buckle which may be adjustably secured together by right angularly arranged straps for shoes and which may be easily positioned and adjusted to snugly fit different shaped ankles of the different wearers as occasion may require.

It is also understood that the buckle may be formed without the front portion 21 if desired when only the transverse strap 11 is employed.

The foregoing description is directed solely towards the construction illustrated, but I desire it to be understood that I reserve the privilege of resorting to all the mechanical changes to which the device is susceptible, the invention being defined and limited only by the terms of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A shoe buckle comprising a body member, an extension at each end thereof having a slot through which the strap may extend behind the body member, an opening at the end of each extension through which the strap may enter each slot, and a portion carried by said body extending at right angles to said extensions and having a strap positioning slot adjacent the body member and a strap locking slot spaced therefrom, whereby a strap may be passed through the positioning slot in one direction and through the locking slot in the opposite direction.

2. An ornamental shoe buckle comprising a body curved upon the arc of a circle, extensions at each end thereof generally conforming to the arc of the circle of said body and each having a slot therethrough with an opening to enter the slot through which a strap is passed, a portion carried by said body extending at right angles to said extensions having a positioning slot adjacent said body and retaining slot parallel thereto whereby another strap may extend through said positioning slot and its end portion extending through said retaining slot to adjustably secure the same thereto.

3. In combination with a shoe having a cross strap and a lengthwise extending instep strap, an ornamental shoe buckle comprising a body, means carried by said body for adjustably positioning said buckle along the length of the cross strap and second means on the buckle for adjustably securing the said lengthwise extending instep strap.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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