

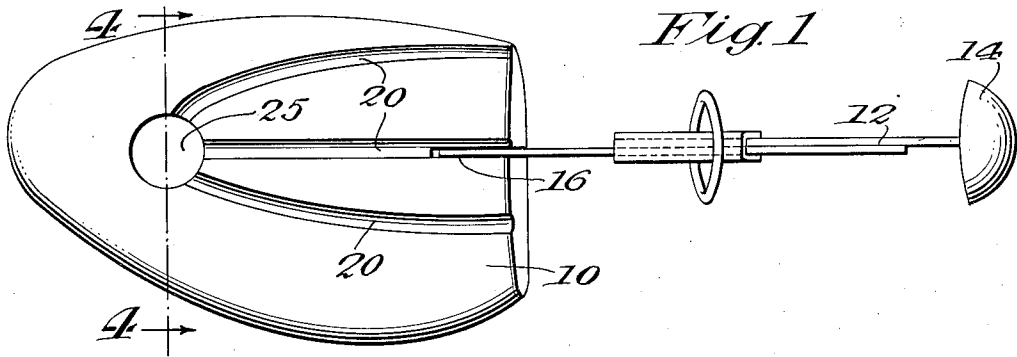
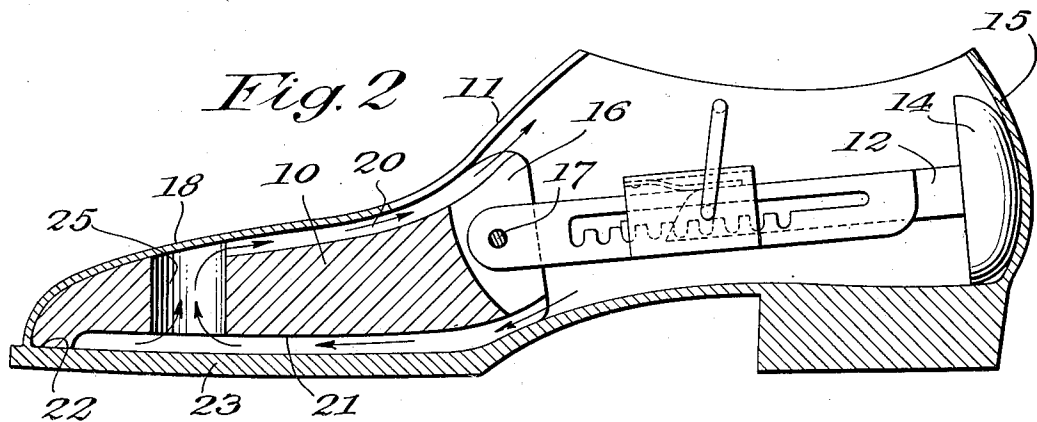
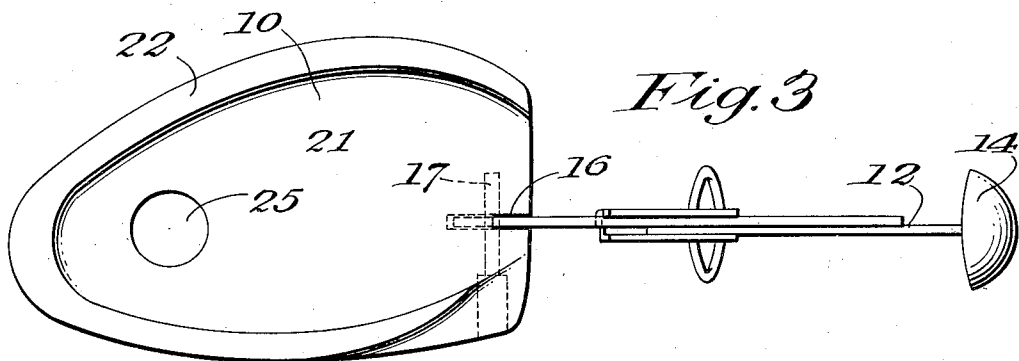
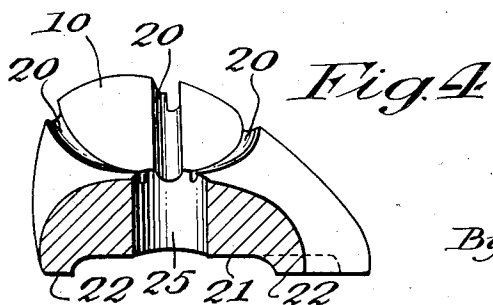
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This invention relates to shoe forms or trees adapted to be placed in shoes to maintain them in their proper shape when not being worn. Such devices are shaped from wood or other suitable material and may comprise a toe-part adapted to fit snugly in a toe portion of a shoe and a heel-part adapted to engage the heel portion of the shoe and cooperate with the toe-part to maintain the shoe upper straightened out. Such forms contact with the interior of the shoe to such an extent as to retard or prevent drying when placed in shoes which are damp.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a shoe form which is adapted to straighten out the shoe upper and maintain it in proper shape and which will permit the shoe to dry when damp.

The invention will be more clearly understood from the following description in conjunction with the accompanying drawing: in which,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a form embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional elevational view of a shoe having positioned therein a form embodying the invention;

Fig. 3 is a view looking from the bottom of the form; and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken upon the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Before explaining in detail the present invention it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details of construction and arrangement of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawing, since the invention is capable of other embodiments and of being practiced or carried out in various ways. Also it is to be understood that the phraseology or terminology employed herein is for the purpose of description and not of limitation, and it is not intended to limit the invention claimed herein beyond the requirements of the prior art.

The form illustrated in the accompanying drawing comprises a toe-part 10 which as illustrated is shaped from a solid block of wood so as to fit snugly within the toe portion of a shoe 11. The heel-part 12 is provided at one end with a block 14 adapted to engage the heel portion 15 of the shoe upper and its forward end projects into a

longitudinally extending slot 16 in the rear end of the toe-part and is pivotally mounted upon a pin 17.

In accordance with the invention, the portion of the toe-part 10 which normally contacts with the toe-portion 18 of the shoe upper is provided with one or more grooves 20 extending to the rear end of the toe-part. It is also desirable to cut away the bottom of the toe-part to provide a passage 21 extending to the rear of the form and leave a marginal portion 22 adapted to engage the shoe insole 23 and support the toe-part thereon. It also is advantageous to provide a passage 25 providing communication between the passage 21 and the grooves 20. Thus, a large portion of the interior of the shoe with which the toe-part of the form normally contacts is exposed directly to the surrounding atmosphere so that the surrounding air may circulate between the form and shoe upper and between the form and the shoe insole and permit the interior of the shoe to dry when damp.

I claim:

1. A shoe form having a toe-part adapted to fit snugly in the toe-part of a shoe, the bottom of the toe-part of the form being cut away to provide a passage permitting the circulation of air between the form and the major portion of the insole of the shoe, said form having means providing a passage extending to the rear end of said toe part for the circulation of air between the form and shoe upper and communicating at a point forward of the rear end of the toe part with the cut away portion in the bottom of the form.

2. A shoe form having a toe-part adapted to fit snugly in the toe-part of a shoe, the bottom portion of the toe-part of the form being cut away to provide a passage extending to the rear end of the toe part and leave a marginal portion adapted to engage the shoe insole, the portion of the form engaging the shoe upper having grooves extending to the rear end of said toe part permitting the circulation of air between the form and shoe upper, said toe part having a passage providing communication between said grooves and the passage in the bottom portion of the form.

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