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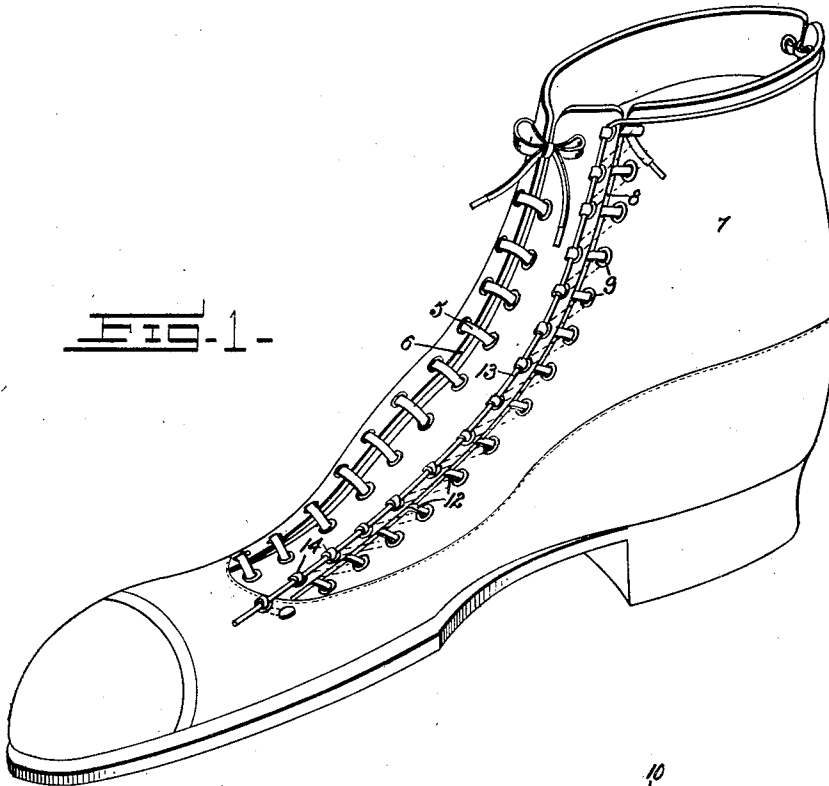


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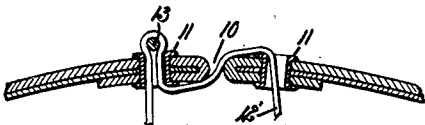
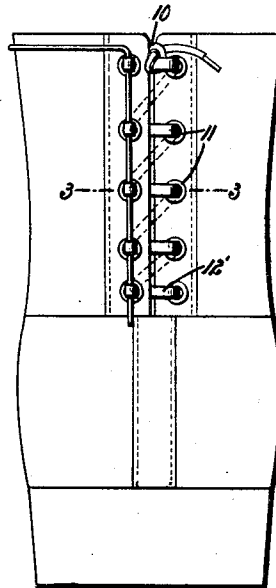


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FIG. 4.

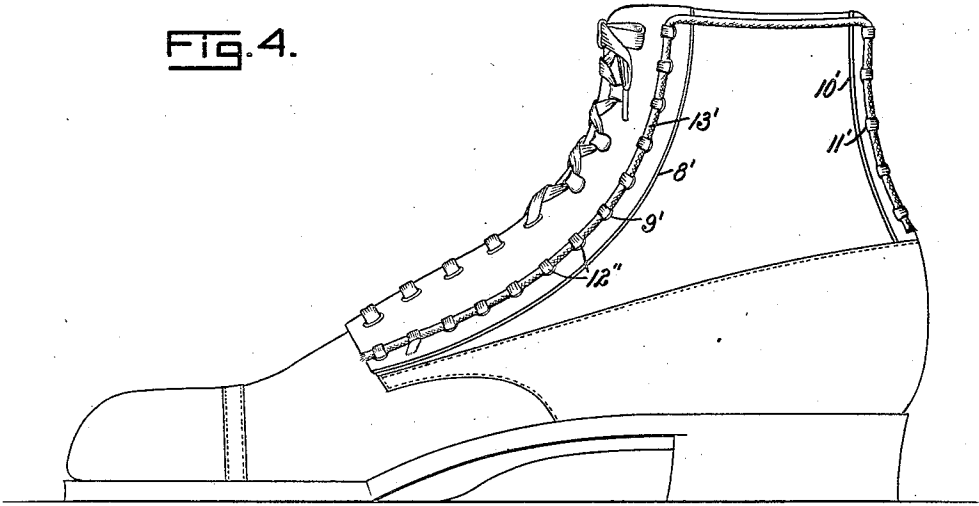


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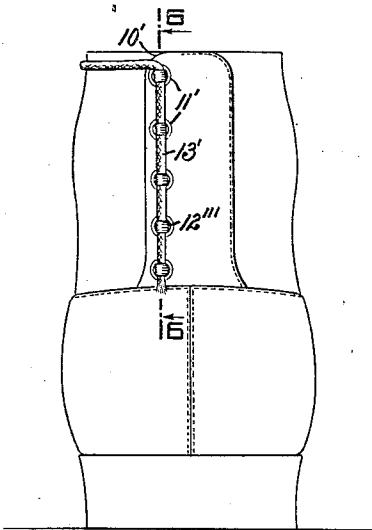
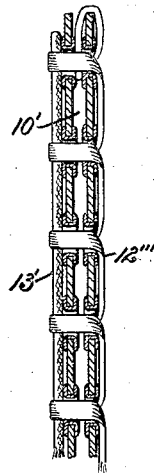


FIG. 6.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE CASHMORE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Alameda, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented a new and Improved Shoe, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to auxiliary fastening means for shoes. The object of the invention is to provide a shoe which has an auxiliary fastening means to be used in an emergency, when it is necessary to quickly release the foot from the shoe.

With the above and other objects in view, the nature of which will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as herein fully described, illustrated and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of the application, similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe provided with an embodiment of my invention; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the shoe; Fig. 3 is a section through the auxiliary fastening means on line 3—3, Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a side elevation of a shoe provided with a modified fastening means for the auxiliary openings; Fig. 5 is a rear elevation of the shoe shown in Fig. 4; and Fig. 6 is a section on line 6—6, Fig. 5, showing the manner of lacing.

Referring to the drawings, the shoe 4, in addition to the customary fastening means 5 at the placket 6 in the upper 7 of the shoe, is provided with an opening 8 in the upper extending substantially parallel to the placket opening 6 adjacent the fastening means at the placket. Eyelets 9 are provided in the upper on each side of the opening 8. The upper 7 is also open at the rear seam, as shown at 10, and eyelets 11 are provided on each side of the rear-seam opening 10.

The openings 8 and 10 in the upper are normally closed by a lace 12 passed through the eyelets 9 and 11 and looped about a cord 13 extending along eyelets located to one side of the openings 8 and 10. One end of the lace 12 is preferably secured to the underside of the vamp or upper. The other end of the lace is then successively threaded as follows: Through the eyelet, across the opening 8, over the cord lying on said eye-

let, back through the same eyelet to form a loop 14 about the cord, then to the adjacent eyelet on the opposite side of the opening 8, through the eyelet into the opening 8 into the opposite eyelet, over the cord to form a loop 14 again, back into the same eyelet to the adjacent eyelet on the opposite side of the opening 8, through said eyelet, through the opening 8, into the opposite eyelet, etc., until the top of the shoe is reached, where the lace 12 is secured.

It will be noted that the cord 13 extends from the vamp along the opening 8, about the top of the shoe to the opening 10, along the opening 10 and terminates at the counter of the shoe. The opening 10 is laced in a manner similar to what has been described by a lace 12', the lower end of which is secured, and the upper end of which is tied after it has been laced as shown. These openings 8 and 10 are normally closed, the shoe being put on and taken off through the ordinary fastening means 5.

In the modified structure the edges of the auxiliary openings 8' and 10' overlap and the eyelets 9' and 11' of the cooperating edges are in register. The lace 12'' which laces the opening 8' is threaded successively through the alining eyelets to form a loop over the cord 13'. The lacing is best shown at the rear opening 10' (see Fig. 6), where the method of lacing is clearly shown by the engagement of the lace 12''' with the cord 13'.

In an emergency, to release the foot from the shoe, the cord 13 is pulled to be drawn through the loops 14 formed by the lace about the cord. The withdrawal of the cord will allow the loops 14 to pass through the eyelets, and thus the part of the shoe between the openings 8 and 10 will be free and the foot can be easily withdrawn from the shoe.

Shoes of the character described are particularly useful for railway men who have to walk the track, as, when they get a foot caught in a frog, they can escape uninjured from the rolling stock of the railway.

The reason for providing the ordinary fastening means in addition to my fastening means is that few persons would take the trouble to lace the shoe to form loops about the cord in the manner described every time they put on or took off the shoes.

I claim:

1. A shoe having the customary front

opening and fastening means therefor, said shoe having an auxiliary opening in front and rear, and fastening means for the auxiliary openings, including means for releasing simultaneously the fastening means of the front and rear auxiliary openings by a pull on the last mentioned means.

2. A shoe having the customary front opening and fastening means therefor, said shoe having an auxiliary front opening extending along the customary front opening and a rear opening, eyelets at the front and rear auxiliary openings, a member along said auxiliary openings, and a lace engaging the eyelets and looping about the said member, said loops being so formed that the said member may be pulled out of the loops permitting the loops to slip through the eyelets.

3. A shoe having the customary front opening and fastening means therefor, said shoe having an auxiliary front opening extending along the customary opening and a rear auxiliary opening, eyelets at the edges of the auxiliary openings, a cord over the eyelets on one side of the auxiliary openings, a portion of said cord extending along the top of the shoe and constituting a grip, and a lace threaded through the eyelets and looped over the cord so that said cord may be pulled out through the loops permitting the loops to slip through the eyelets over which the cord lies, whereby the portion of the shoe between the auxiliary openings is freed, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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