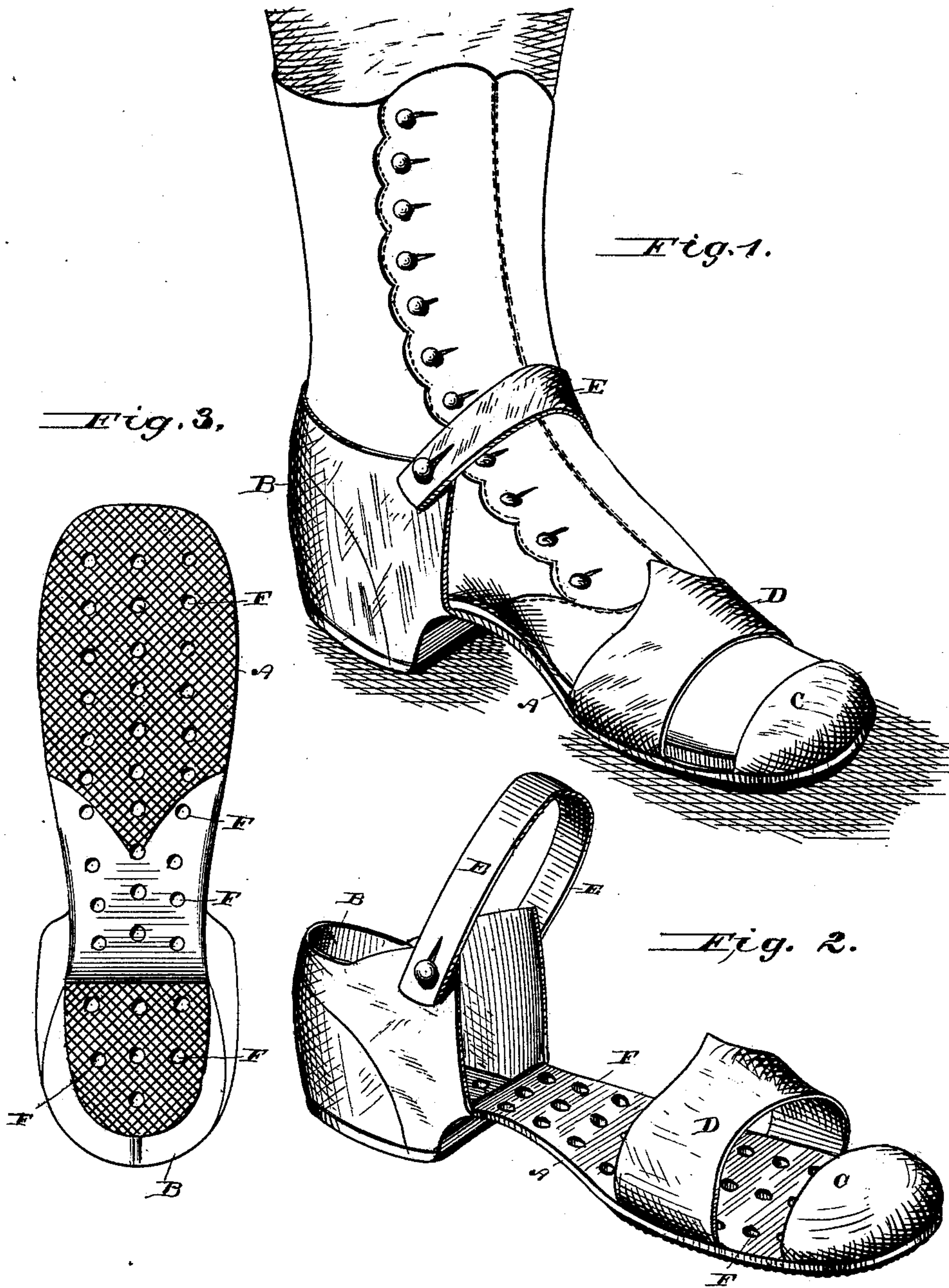


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IMPROVEMENT IN SANDALS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. CUNNINGHAM, of Kentland, in the county of Newton and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sandals; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

This invention relates to certain improvements in sandals; and the invention consists in a sandal constructed of any suitable noise-neutralizing material, having the sole perforated or slotted, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and arrangement, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing the sandal on the foot. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, and Fig. 3 is a bottom view.

The object of this invention is to provide suitable sandals to be worn in school-rooms, or in any such place where the constant tramping or other noise caused by moving the feet is desired to be avoided.

In the accompanying drawing, A represents the sole; B, the heel-piece; C, the toe-cap, and D the sole-support. The sandal is secured to the foot by an ankle-strap, E, having one end rigidly secured to one side of the heel-piece and the other end secured by means of

a buckle, button, or in any desired manner, allowing of its ready detachment when desired.

In order to prevent the accumulation of moisture resulting from perspiration, and render the sandal light, the heel and sole of the sandal may both be provided with a suitable number of perforations, F; or, if desired, the sole may be constructed with elongated slots, arranged either lengthwise or crosswise.

When the sandal is made of felt, or of such other material as will not impede perspiration, it may be constructed without the perforations.

I prefer making the sandal of rubber, not only because of the cheapness in manufacture, but for the reason of its ability to stand the wear accompanying the rough use when worn by children in school-rooms.

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

In a sandal, the combination of the toe-cap C, sole-support D, heel B, provided with a securing-strap, E, and a perforated sole or bottom, A, all constructed and arranged substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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