

(No Model.)

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Button Shoe.

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FIG. 1.

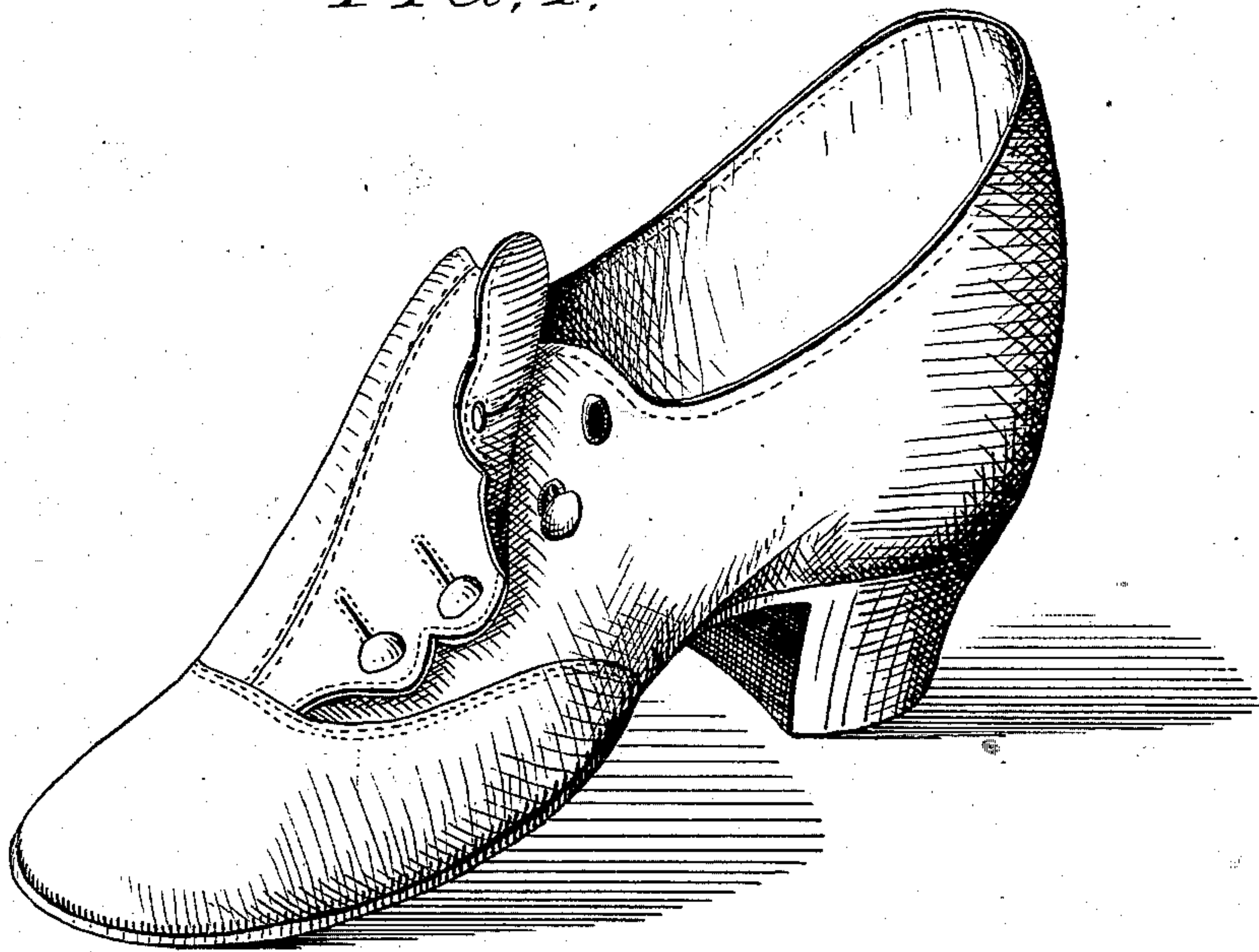
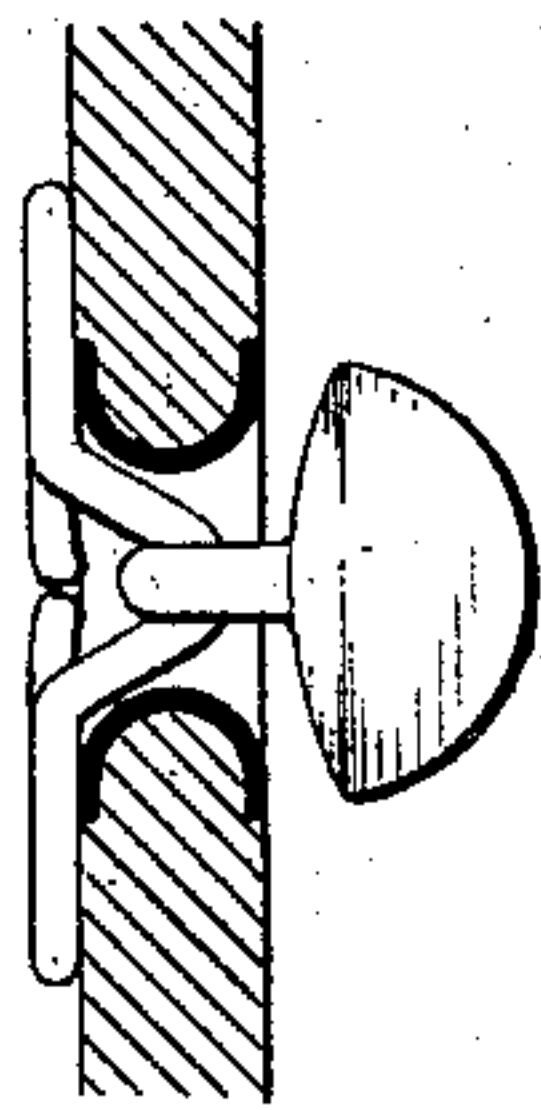


FIG. 2.



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BUTTON-SHOE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGIETTE SCHMIDT, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain
5 Improvements in Button-Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in that class of buttoned shoes in which the buttons are held by metallic fastenings, the
10 object of my invention being to prevent the annoyance, loss of time, and injury to the shoe caused by the tearing out of the buttons and their fastenings when said buttons are subjected to any undue strain. This object I attain
15 in the manner hereinafter set forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a lady's shoe with a portion of the outer flap turned
20 back and one of the buttons removed in order to illustrate my invention, and Fig. 2 is a section of a portion of the shoe drawn to an enlarged scale.

Metallic fasteners passed through the eyes
25 of the buttons and bearing against the lining of the shoe are extensively used in place of sewing to secure the buttons; but such fasteners are objectionable in ladies' shoes and other shoes of the finer class having uppers of kid
30 or fine calf-skin, owing to the fact that said uppers must be pierced for the reception of the eye of the button, and when thus pierced the fibers are separated or torn apart by the piercing-instrument, and the material is weakened
35 to such an extent that a further tearing of the same and a consequent loosening or complete tearing out of the button and its fastening are liable to occur whenever said button is subjected to undue strain, much annoyance, loss
40 of time, and injury to the shoe being thereby caused.

In carrying out my invention I form in the inner flap of the shoe to which the buttons are to be applied a series of openings, which are then eyeleted prior to the application of said buttons, the eyes of the latter and the loops of the metallic fasteners which secure the same being adapted to said eyeleted openings when the shoe is complete. (See Fig. 2.) 45

As the openings in the inner flap are made
50 by punching instead of piercing, and the edges of said openings are firmly bound at all points by the metallic eyelets, it will be evident that the material of which the upper of the shoe is composed is not weakened, but, on the contrary, is strengthened so far as concerns its resistance to the strain exerted upon it by the buttons and their fastenings. Moreover, the application or removal of the buttons can be
60 accomplished much more readily with my improved shoe than with a shoe having openings formed therein as usual, and the buttons, when the shoe is in use, are capable of free movement, in order to accommodate themselves to the movements of the wearer's foot. 65

I claim as my invention—

The combination in a boot or shoe, of an eye-button having a head adapted to an ordinary button-hole in the outer flap, with an eyeleted opening in the inner flap for receiving the
70 eye of the button, and with a fastening passing through the said eye of the button and partly projecting into the eyeleted button-hole, all as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name
75 to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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