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Fig. 1.

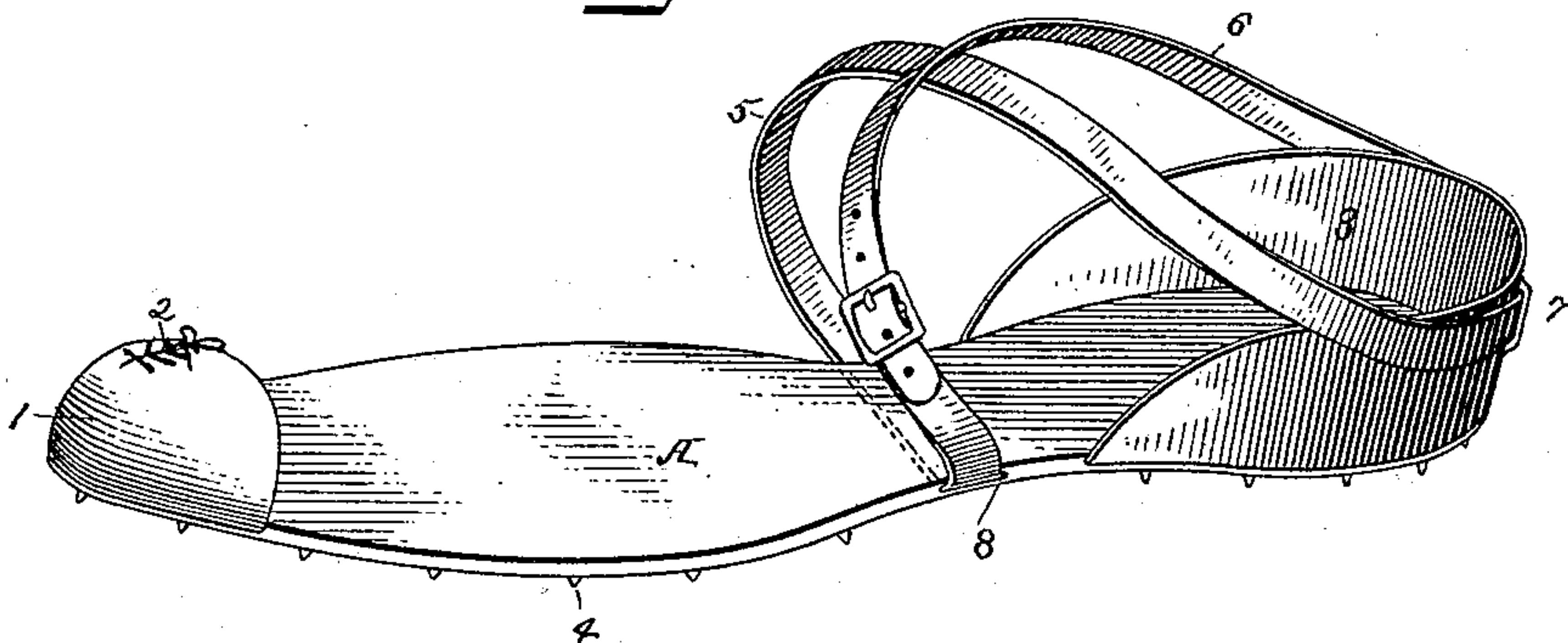
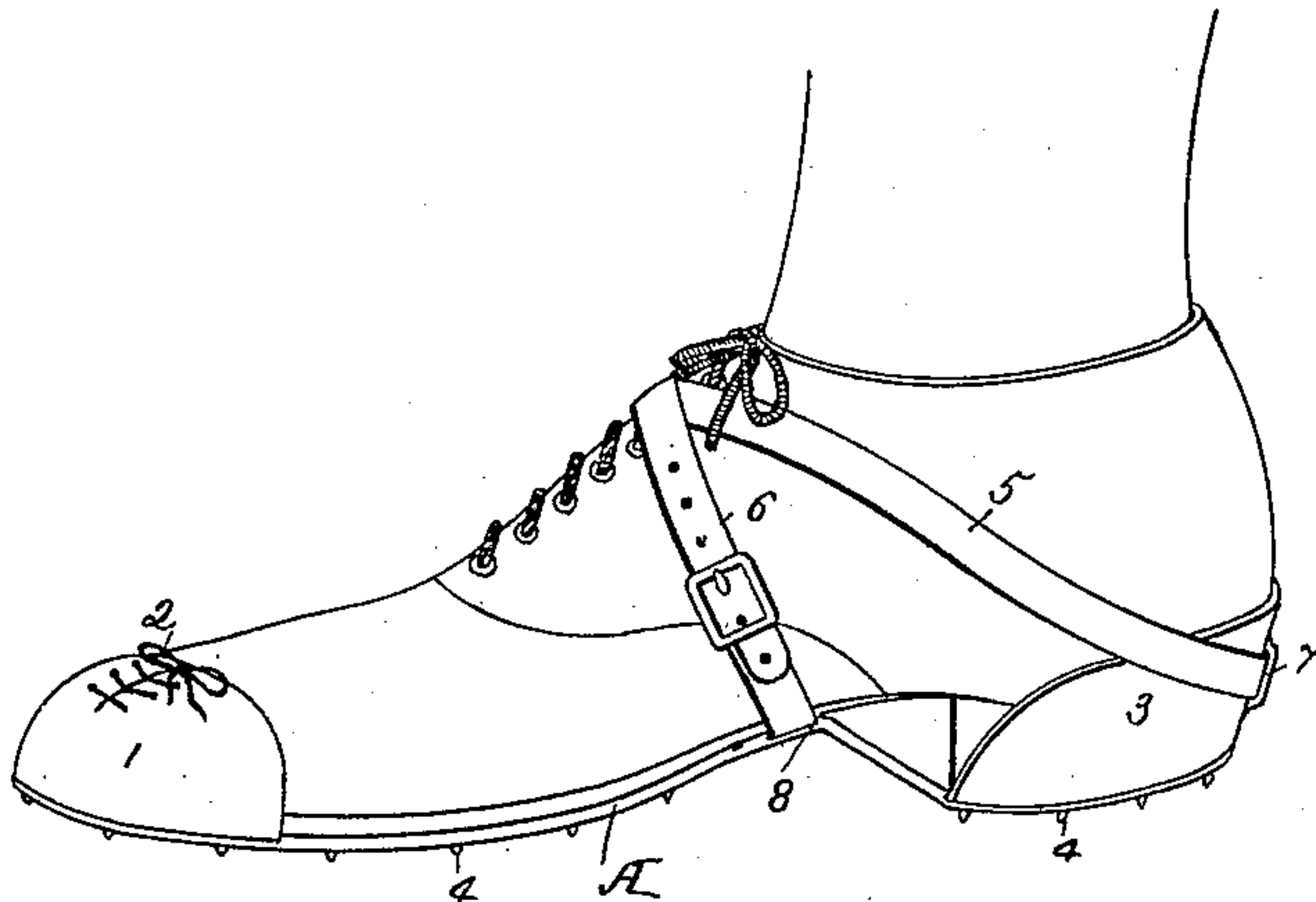


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALFRED L. CARROLL and BRADISH J. CARROLL, citizens of the United States, and residents of New Brighton, Richmond county, New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sandals, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to sandals, and especially to that class of sandals adapted for use upon lawns; and our invention consists in a flexible sole adapted to cover the sole and heel of the wearer's shoe, and provided with toe and heel pieces and fastening devices, as fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved sandal; Fig. 2, a perspective view showing the same applied to the shoe upon the foot of the wearer.

The sole A of the sandal corresponds somewhat in form with the ordinary sole of a boot or shoe, but is longer than the foot to which it is to be applied, for a purpose hereinafter set forth.

The sole A consists of rubber, leather, or other flexible material, possessing, however, sufficient rigidity and stiffness to serve its purpose. At the forward end of the sole there is a toe-piece, 1, of leather, rubber, or other suitable material, adapted to receive the toe of the shoe of the wearer, and preferably slit at the top and provided with lacings 2, so that it may be expanded or contracted to secure a better fit than would otherwise be obtained. At the opposite end of the sole there is an upturned flange or heel-piece, 3, adapted to receive the heel of the shoe of the wearer, forming a sufficiently close fit to prevent any side motion, and the bottom of the sole is provided with ribs or projections 4, as is usual in lawn-shoes.

To the sole, between the heel and the toe, at a point nearest the heel portion, is connected a strap or band, 5, adapted to extend around the instep of the foot, and a separate band or strap, 6, may extend through a loop, 7, at the rear of the heel-piece 3, or may be attached to the latter; or, as shown, there may be a single strap extending through a transverse slit or loop, 8, of the sole under the in-

step and through the loop 7, so as to be crossed over the instep, as shown in Fig. 2, thereby holding the sandal to the foot of the wearer.

Owing to the length of the sole being greater than that of the shoe to which it is applied, and to the flexible nature of the material, the tightening of the strap after the sandal is placed upon the shoe will draw up that portion of the sole into the space between the forward edge of the shoe-heel and the ball of the foot, thereby drawing the toe-piece and the heel-piece against the ends of the shoe, causing the sole to fit snugly and tightly against the sole of the shoe and securing its firm attachment thereto.

It will be seen that owing to the mode of attachment above set forth we are enabled to secure a firm connection and to cover the heel of the shoe without presenting any abrupt edge upon the sandal or the sole thereof that would cut or injure the lawn upon which it is used.

It will be obvious that different strap or securing devices may be employed for holding the sole to the shoe, it only being essential that they be so connected to the sole as to bend it up under the instep, and thereby contract it upon the shoe.

Without limiting ourselves to the precise construction and arrangements of parts shown, we claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, a sandal consisting of a flat sole, A, flexible from end to end and provided with a toe-piece and a heel-piece and having a fastening-strap connected with the heel-piece and with the sole in front of the heel, whereby when the sandal is applied to the shoe the said strap will bend the sole up under the instep and thus shorten and retain it in place, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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