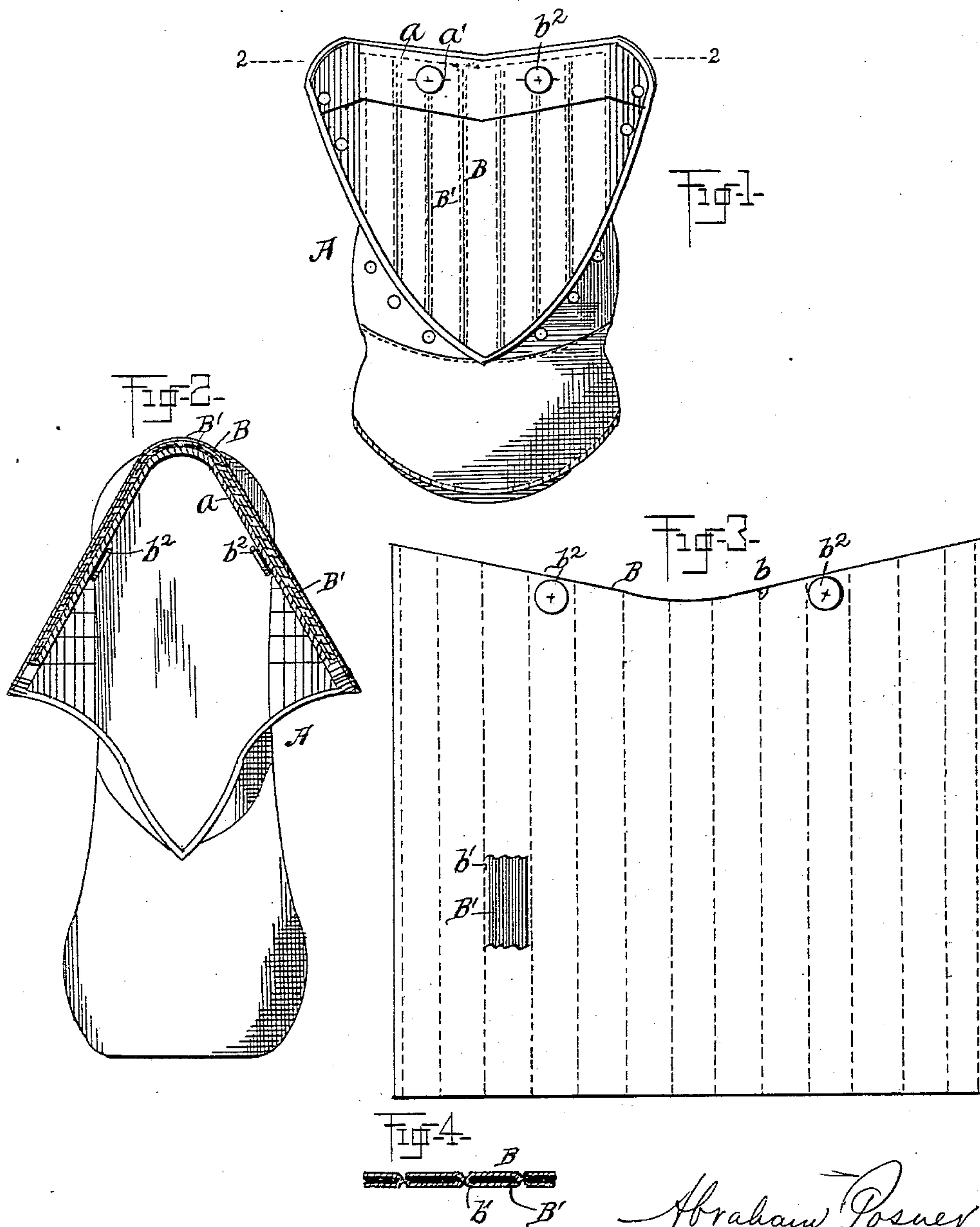


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM POSNER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements Relating to Braces or Stays for the Ankle Portion of Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates more particularly to stays or braces for the ankle portion of shoes, the object being to produce a stay or brace that may be easily attached to or removed from any pair of shoes or transferred from one pair of shoes to another, and therefore making the stay or brace of much more utility than those in which the stay is permanently attached to the shoe or those in which bones or stays are placed in shoes having pockets formed in the material of the shoe.

I will describe a stay or brace embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the shoe having a stay or brace attached and embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 shows the stay or brace spread out, with a portion broken away to show a pocket and stiffener; and Fig. 4 is a section of a portion of the same. Figs. 3 and 4 are drawn on an enlarged scale.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates a shoe having at the upper inner end of the ankle portion a lining-strip *a* of suitable material—such, for instance, as leather. The strip *a* is attached to the material of the shoe at its upper edge and ends only, the lower edge being detached therefrom.

B designates the stay or brace consisting of two strips of flexible material, such as a textile material. The two strips are secured together by vertical rows of stitching *b*, thus

forming vertical pockets *b'* within which stiffeners *B'* are placed. The stiffeners may consist of any suitable or flexible or yielding material, such as steel, whalebone or substitutes therefor.

The stay or brace extends around the inner side of the ankle portion of the shoe and from the upper end thereof to the insole of the shoe. The stay or brace has its upper end inserted between the strip *a* and the material of the shoe, and the said strip *a* may alone serve as a retainer to support the stay or brace in position; but it may provide additional retaining devices—such, for instance, as buttons *b*<sup>2</sup> attached to the stay or brace and adapted to engage in buttonholes *a'* in the strip *a*.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that the stay or brace is formed substantially of one integral whole and may be easily removed or attached in its complete form. Therefore it forms a complete article of manufacture and commerce.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination with a shoe having the lining-strip detached from the shoe at its lower edge, of the removable stay or brace, having its upper end inserted beneath said strip, substantially as specified.

2. The combination with a shoe having the ankle-strip *a* loose at its lower edge, of the stay or brace of flexible material, having vertical pockets, stiffeners in said pockets and retaining devices other than the strip *a*, substantially as specified.

Signed at New York city, in the county and State of New York, this 18th day of October, 1894.

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