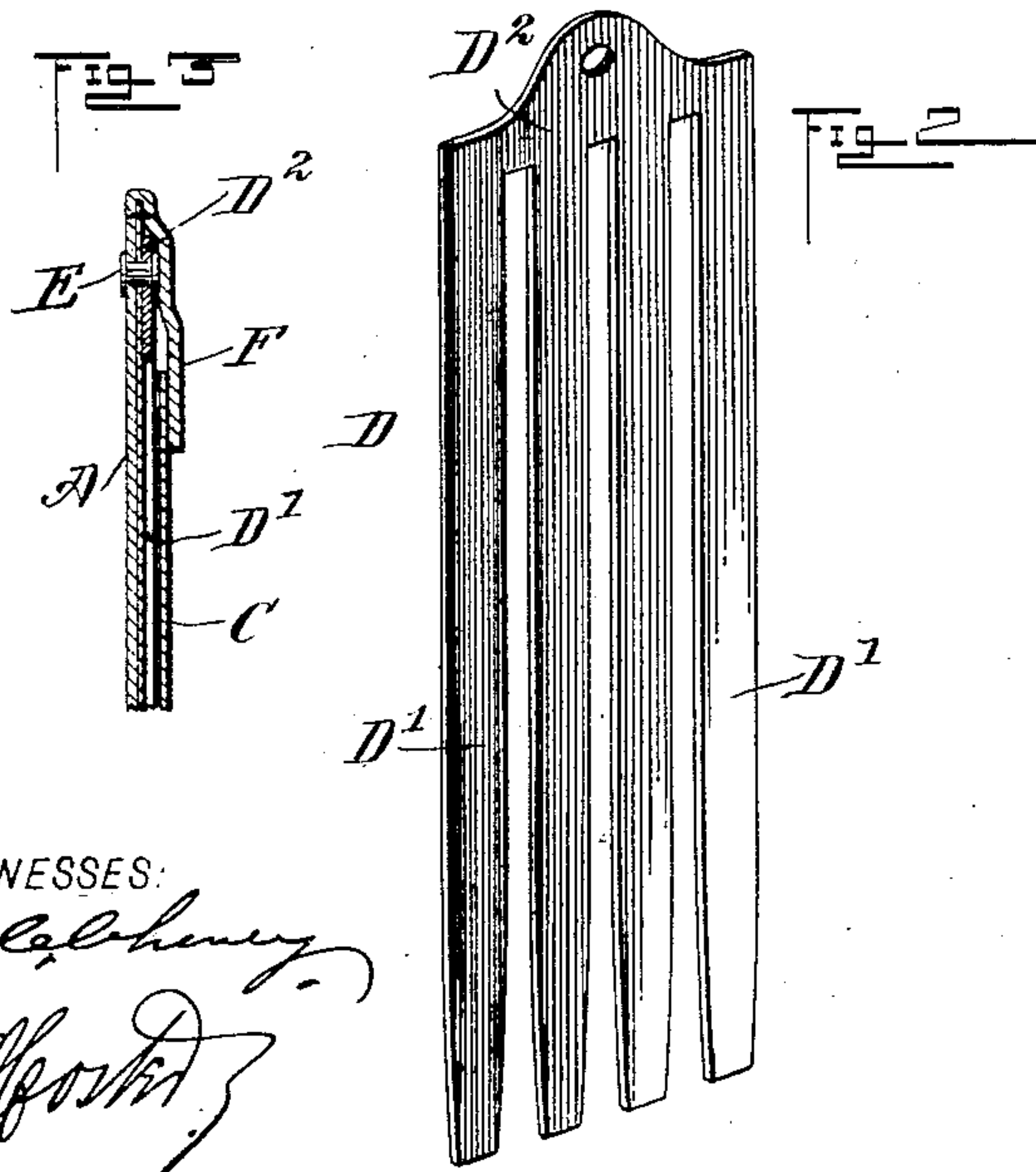
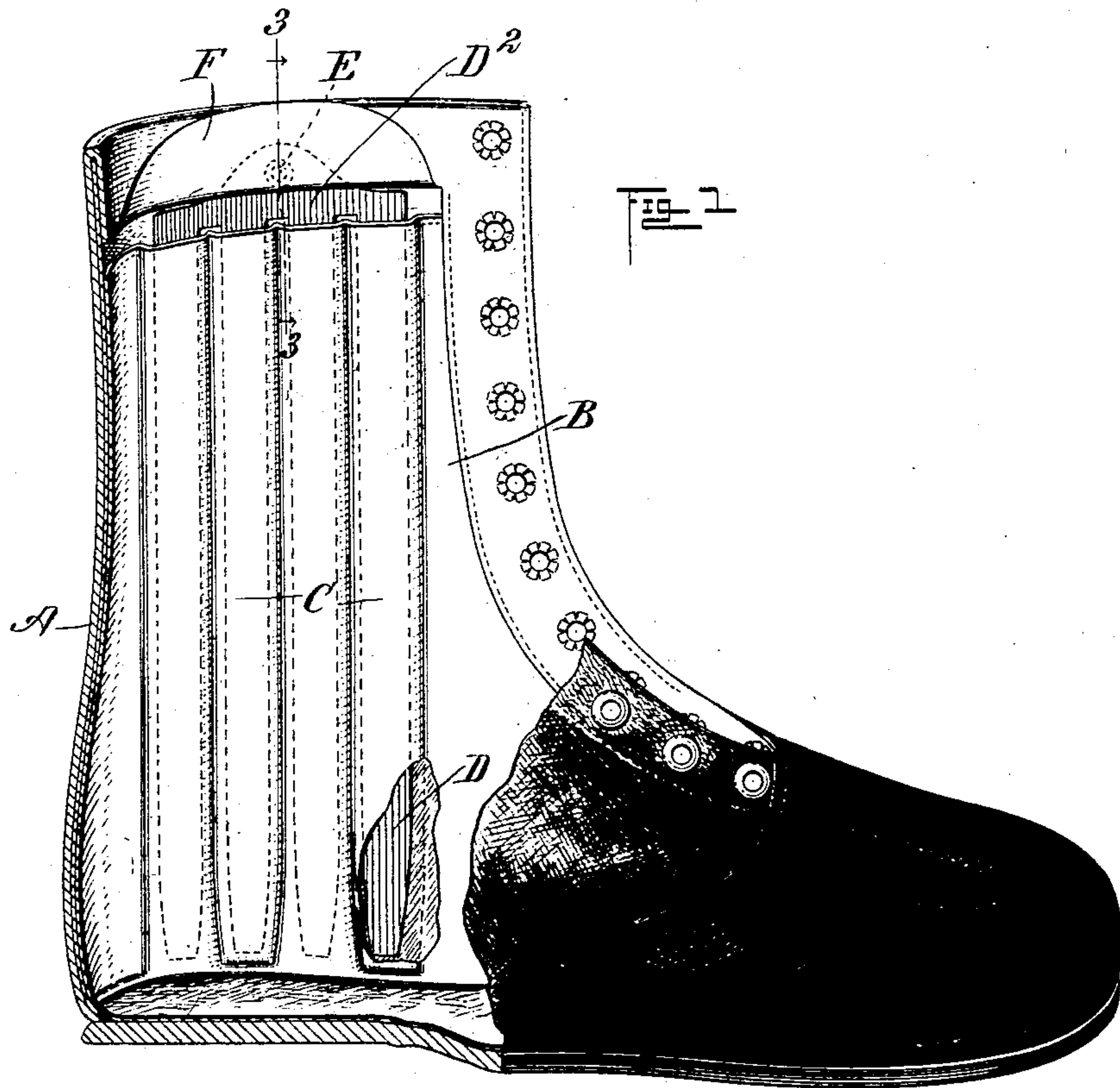


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ANKLE-SUPPORTING SHOE.

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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 the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Ankle-Supporting Shoe, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved ankle-supporting shoe more especially designed for the use of children and other persons and arranged to firmly support weak ankles, to insure perfect comfort, and allow of easily putting the shoe on or pulling it off.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement, parts being in section and parts being broken out and the covering-flap turned up. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the flexible supports, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the improvement on the line 3 3 in Fig. 1.

The upper A of the shoe has its lining B provided at the ankle portions with sets of pockets C, one set for each side of the upper, and the pockets of each set are vertically disposed from near the sole of the shoe to a distance below the top of the upper, as plainly indicated in Fig. 1. The pockets of each set are closed at the bottom and open at their upper ends for the convenient introduction of the spaced members D' of flexible supports D, of which preferably two are employed, one for each set of pockets. Each flexible support D is made of artificial whalebone, celluloid, fiber, or other suitable flexible material, and the upper ends of the members D' are integrally connected with each other outside of the pockets C by means of a cross-

bar D², attached by an eyelet, rivet, or like fastening device E to the corresponding side of the upper, so as to hold the members D' freely suspended in the pockets and thereby allow the members to yield and snugly fit against the sides of the ankle of the wearer's foot when the shoe is in position on the foot.

It is understood that the cross-bar D² readily conforms to the curved shape of the sides of the upper at the ankle portion, owing to the inherent elasticity of the support.

A flap F is secured to the upper, at the top thereof, and extends downward over the cross-bars D² and the upper ends of the pockets to allow of conveniently putting the shoe on or pulling it off.

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

1. A shoe provided with a set of spaced pockets in the side of the upper at the ankle portion, a flexible support having spaced members engaging the pockets, the members being integrally connected with each other at their upper ends outside of the pockets, by a cross-bar, and means for fastening the cross-bar to the upper, to hold the said members suspended in the pockets, as set forth.

2. A shoe provided with a set of spaced pockets in the side of the upper at the ankle portion, a flexible support having spaced members engaging the pockets, the members being integrally connected with each other at their upper ends outside of the pockets, by a cross-bar, means for fastening the cross-bar to the upper, to hold the said members suspended in the pockets, and a flap attached to the upper and extending over the said cross-bar and the upper ends of the said pockets, as set forth.

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

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