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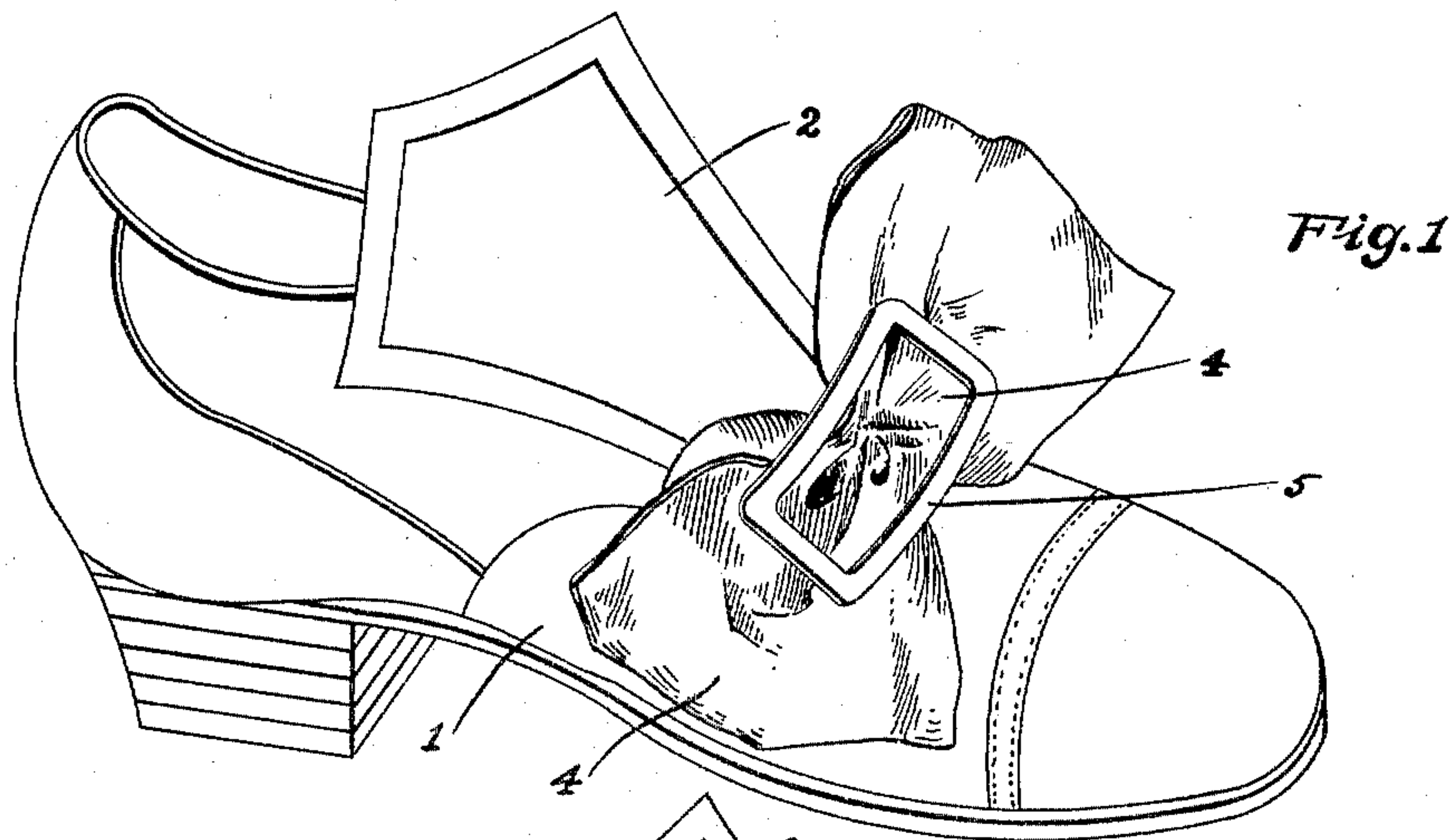


Fig. 1

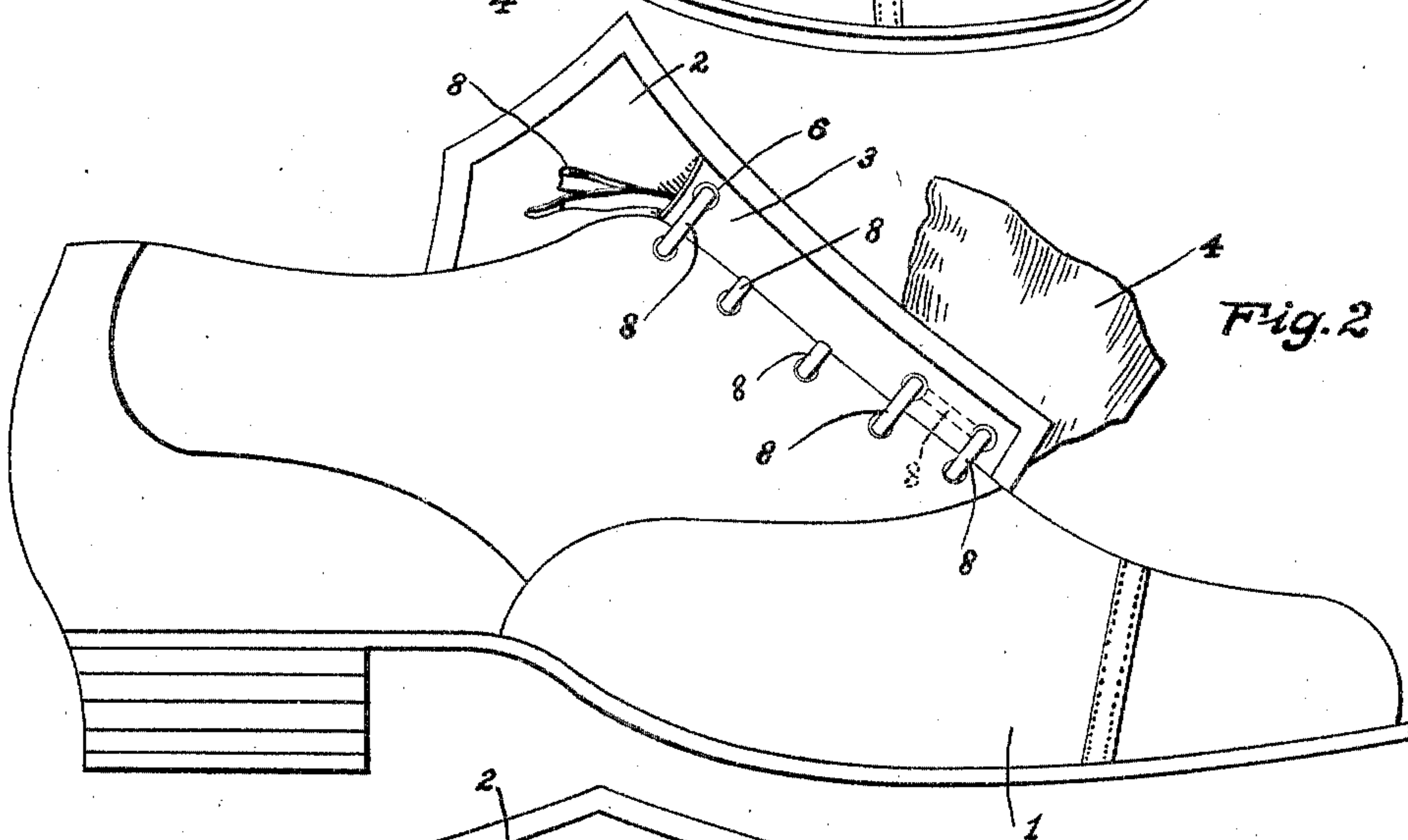


Fig. 2

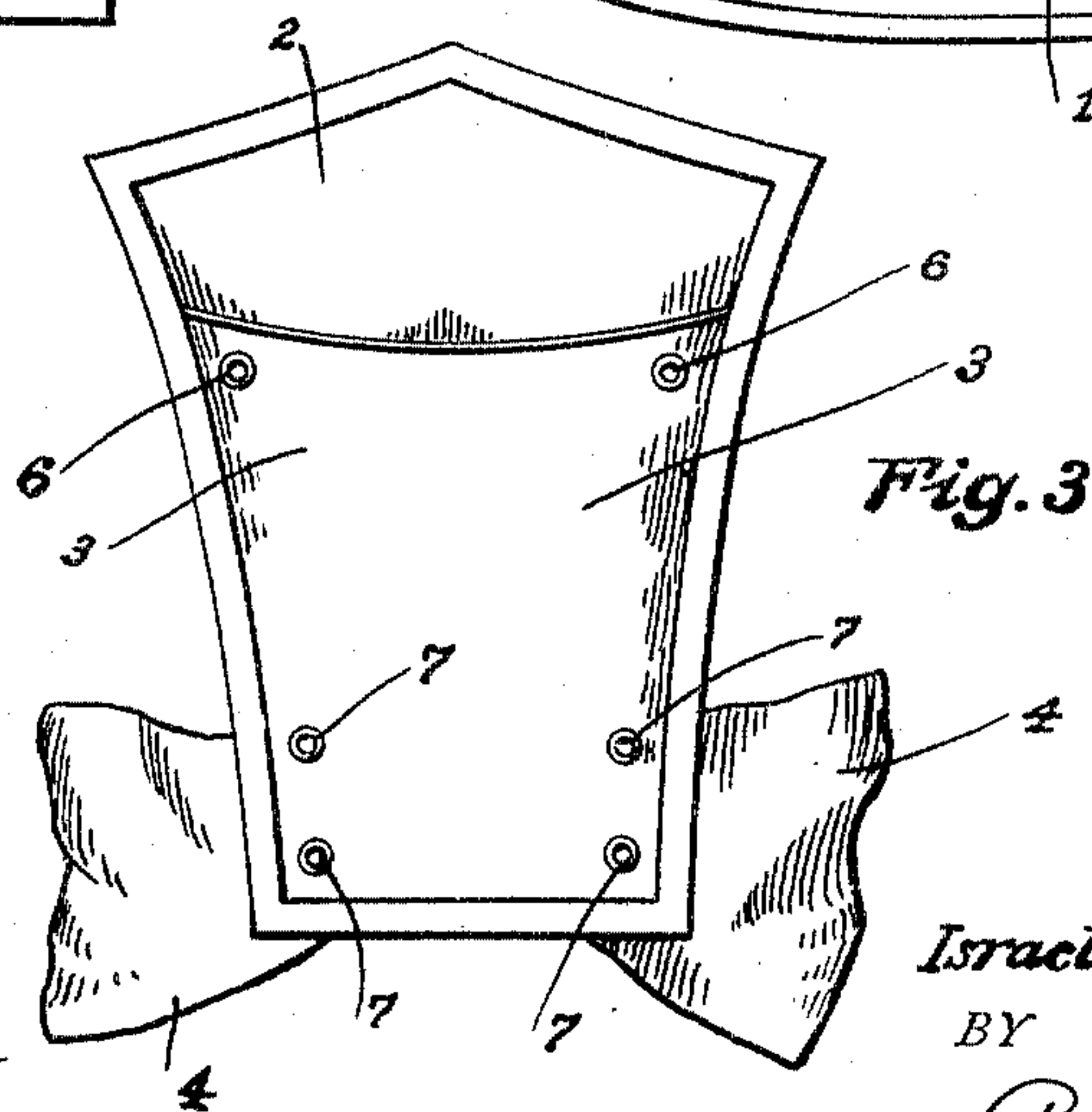


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISRAEL RICHMOND WATERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Attachments for Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to attachments for shoes; and the objects of my invention are to provide an improved ornament-bearing shield-like attachment for shoes adapted to cover the lacing; to so construct and arrange my improved attachment as to permit of its being readily detached from the shoe when desired, and thereby permit of different ornaments being applied thereto; to provide in connection with my improved attachment a pocket for the reception of the shoe-lace ends, and to produce other improvements the details of which will be more fully pointed out hereinafter. These objects I accomplish in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a low shoe having my improvement thereon. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, showing for the sake of clearness one side of the shield attachment turned up to disclose the manner of connection; and Fig. 3 is an under side view of the shield.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

My improved attachment is illustrated as applied to a low shoe 1, said attachment consisting, as indicated, in an elongated shield-like body 2 of suitable outline, the upper portion thereof, however, being preferably wider than the lower end portion or formed flaring, as shown. On the inner side of the body 2 and adjacent to opposite edges thereof I secure the longer or opposite sides of a strip of leather or other flexible material 3, which is shorter than the shield-body 2 and which, in conjunction with the latter, forms an under side pocket open at its upper end. To the outer side and lower end portion of the shield-body 2 I se-

cure a suitable ornament—such, for instance, as that indicated in the drawings at 4 and 5, which in the present instance consists of a transversely-arranged bow surmounted by a buckle. It is obvious, however, that any suitable ornament might be applied to the lower end portion of the shield. In the construction of the shield I form the pocket-strip 3 in its upper portion adjoining its edges with eyelets 6 and provide the lower portion of said pocket-strip on opposite sides with similar eyelets 7. In connecting the shield-body with the shoe said shield is made to cover the lacing at the front of the shoe, the upper and usually wider end portion of said shield preferably extending above and in front of the mouth of the shoe, this connection being effected by looping the usual shoe strings or laces 8 through the upper eyelets 6 and, as indicated more clearly in Fig. 2, causing said laces or strings to be run through the pairs of eyelets 7 on opposite sides of the shield at the lower end thereof. The attachment being thus effected and the strings being drawn taut and tied in the usual manner, the ends of the strings may be inserted within the mouth of the pocket 3 in the manner indicated in Fig. 2.

By the above construction and operation it will be seen that the shield-body 2 will not only serve to impart a desirable colonial effect to the shoe, but that the same will serve as a cover or shield for the lacing.

Owing to the fact that my improved attachment is connected with the shoe only by the lacing, it is obvious that said attachment may be readily removed when desired from the shoe, thus permitting of the shoe being worn without the same or permitting of the use of differently-ornamented attachments on the same shoes.

It is obvious that my improved attachment may be suitably bound or ornamented on its face and that the outline thereof may be varied in the manufacture.

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

In an attachment for shoes, the combination with a shoe having its front portion provided with lace-receiving openings, of an independent shield-body, and a pocket-strip secured to
5 the under face of the shield on three of its edges and forming with the shield an open pocket, said strip formed with lace-receiving

openings adapted to receive a lace passed through the shoe-openings.

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