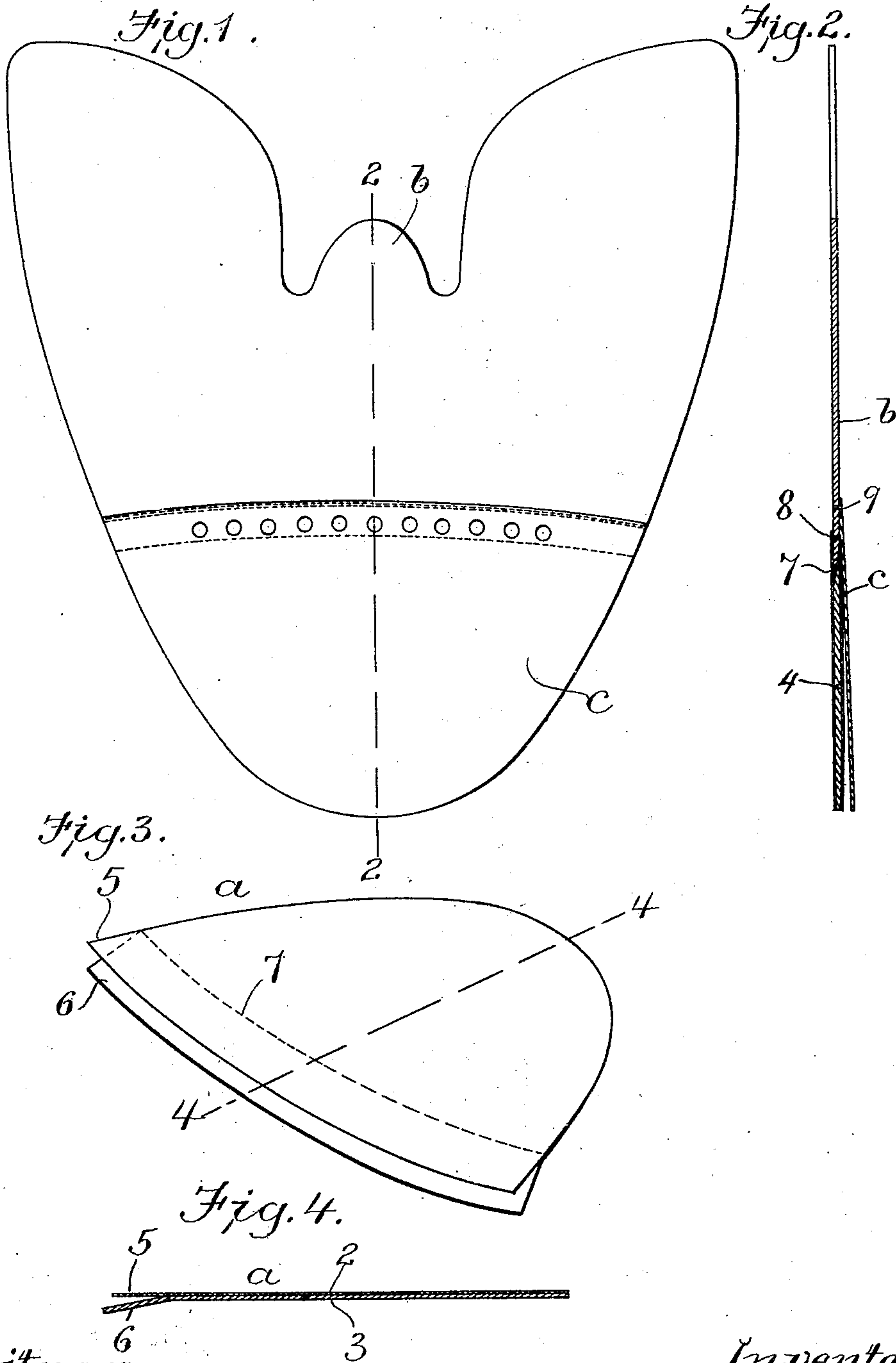


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY C. JENNEY, of New Bedford, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boot and Shoe Uppers and Box-Toes Therefor, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a shoe upper having a short vamp which terminates near the point of union between the vamp and the box toe and toe cap.

The invention has for its object to provide an improved connection between the vamp and a box toe, and also to provide an improved construction of box toe blank as an article of manufacture.

The invention consists in the improvements which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification,—Figure 1 represents a plan view of the vamp and toe cap portion of a shoe upper embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the box toe blank shown in Fig. 2, with the intermediate layer 4 removed. Fig. 4 represents a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

The same characters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In carrying out my invention, I make a box toe blank *a* by assembling layers 2 and 3 of textile fabric or other suitable material, the said layers being suitably connected throughout the body portion of the blank by cement or otherwise. If desired, the blank may have a filling or intermediate layer 4 of compressed cork or other suitable material. The edge portions of the layers 2 and 3 which form the rear end of the blank; that is, the end opposite the toe end, are separated from each other to form lips or flaps 5 6, which constitute the sides of a pocket extending across the rear end of the blank. The width of the lips 5 6 may be determined by a line of stitches 7, connecting the layers 2 3, or the stitches may be omitted, and the cement which unites the

layers may be caused to terminate along the line occupied by the stitches 7. In either case, the rear edge portions of the layers 2 3 are left separate from each other, so that they form the sides of a pocket. The said pocket receives the forward end of a short vamp *b*, the said forward end being preferably skived, and inserted between the lips 5 6, as shown in Fig. 2. The inserted end of the blank and the lips 5 6 will be united by stitches 8, or in any other suitable way. *c* represents a toe cap, which is attached to the vamp at its rear edge by stitches 9, and is formed to cover the box toe, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2.

It will be seen that the above-described construction provides for a substantial and durable union between the box toe and the vamp, as well as for the efficient and economical construction of a box toe blank. The improved blank may be put upon the market as an article of manufacture.

When the layers 2 3 are composed of textile fabric, the lips 5 and 6 have the following advantages. First they are very thin, so that the inner lip when placed under the vamp, does not create a ridge or protuberance liable to cause discomfort to the foot. Secondly the fabric lips combine minimum thinness with maximum strength, so that they are not liable to be cut or torn by the stitches that attach them to the vamp and toe cap.

I claim:

A shoe upper comprising a short vamp, a box toe composed of layers separated at the rear end of the box to form lips constituting the sides of a pocket which receives the forward end of the vamp, the said lips being attached to the portion of the vamp between them, and a toe cap attached to the vamp and covering the box toe.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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