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Fig. 1.

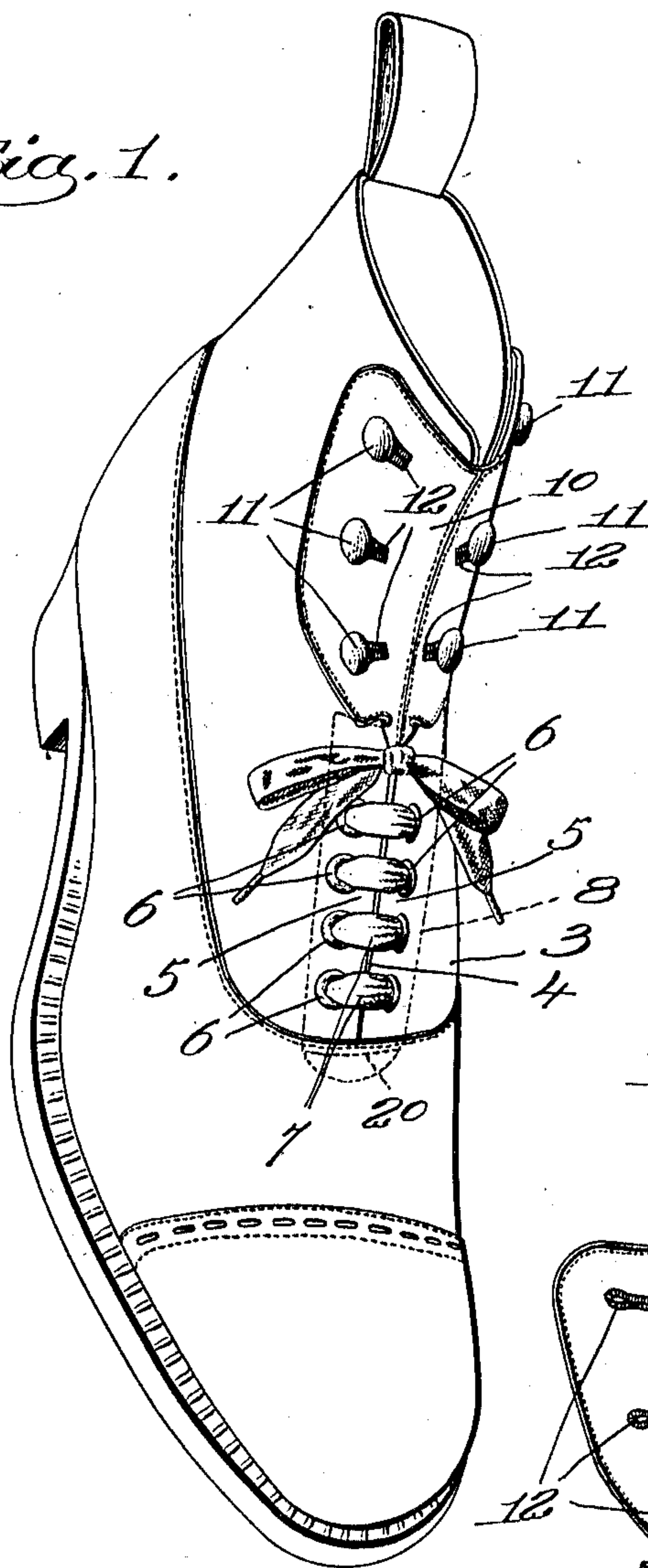
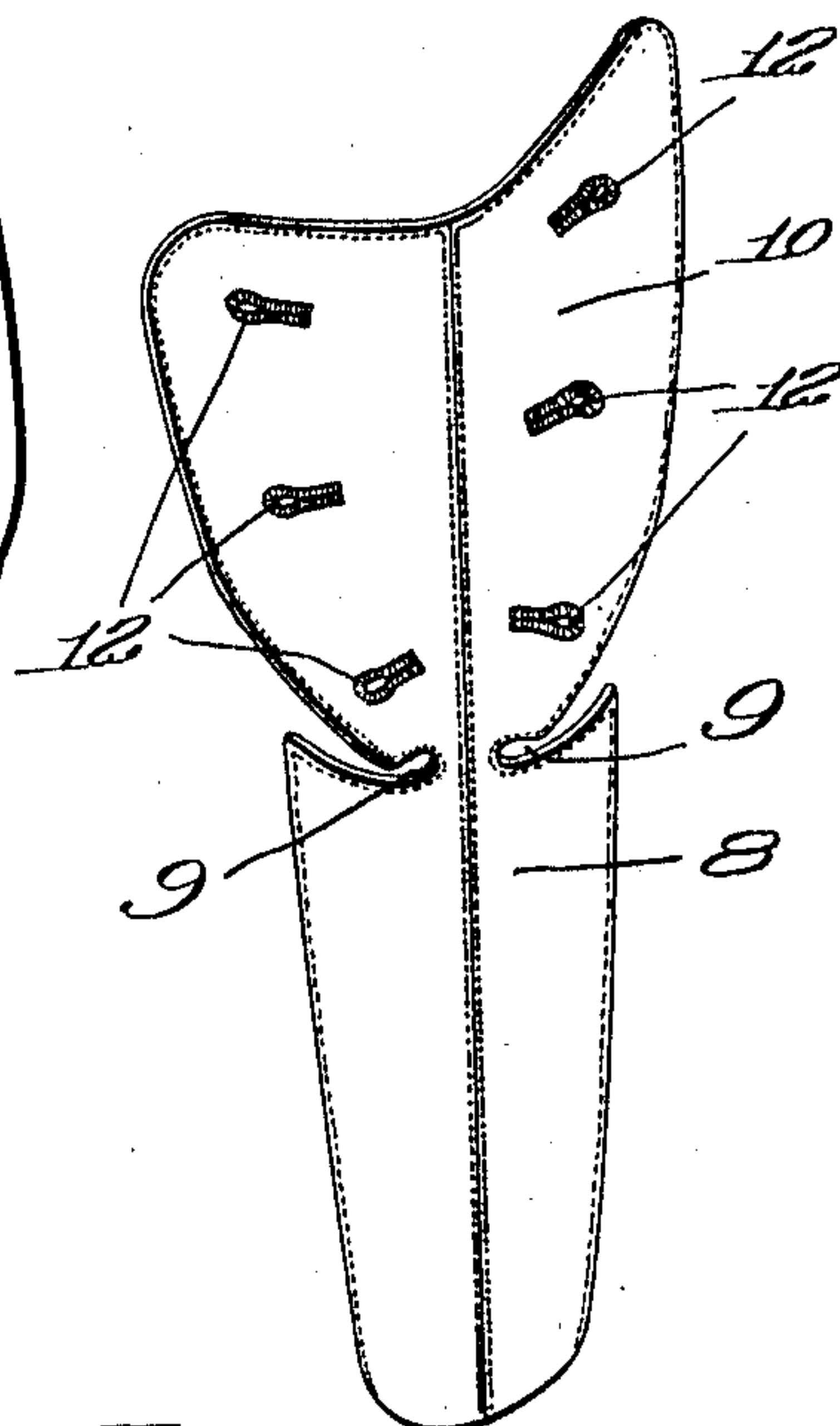


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR F. RAYMOND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rockland, county of Plymouth, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Shoes, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a specification, like characters on the drawing representing like parts.

This invention relates to shoes and has for its object to provide a novel shoe in which the lower portion of the front opening is closed by lacing in usual manner and the upper portion is closed by an extension on the tongue which is shaped to overlie the upper and to be buttoned thereto, all as will be more fully hereinafter described and then pointed out in the appended claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a view of the tongue.

The shoe is made in the ordinary way with the upper 3 and the opening 4 in front. The edges 5 at the lower end of the opening are provided with eyelets 6 through which the lacing 7 is threaded in usual manner. The shoe is provided with a tongue 8 which is secured at its lower end 20 to the upper in usual manner, and the lower portion of which underlies the eyeleted portion of the edges 5. The tongue, however, is of special shape in that it is provided with the two slits 9 and in that the upper portion 10 above the slits is wider than the lower portion and is adapted to overlie the upper portion of the edges 5, said edges 5 passing through the slits 9, as readily seen from the drawing. This wider portion 10 of the tongue is detachably secured to the outer side of the shoe at either one or both sides as desired.

I will preferably provide the shoe with the buttons 11 and make the portion 10 of the tongue with the buttonholes 12 to re-

ceive the buttons, but any other suitable way of fastening the portion 10 of the tongue to the outside of the shoe might be employed without departing from the invention.

When the shoe is to be removed from the foot, one side of the portion 10 of the tongue will be unbuttoned, and, if necessary, the lacing 7 may be untied and loosened somewhat. In some instances this may not be necessary, as the unbuttoning of the portion 10 of the shoe will open it sufficiently to permit it to be removed. One advantage of this construction is that the shoe has no hooks which are liable to catch in a person's trousers or in a lady's dress, and the invention, therefore, is of particular advantage in a lady's shoe because it avoids the necessity of lacing the shoe clear to the top.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A shoe having an opening in front, the lower portion of the edges of which are eyeleted, a lacing threaded through the eyelets for securing together said opening, a tongue secured at its lower end to the interior of the shoe, and the lower portion of which underlies the eyeleted portion of the upper, said tongue having laterally-extending slits in its edges through which the edges of the upper are adapted to pass, and the upper portion of said tongue being wider than the lower portion and lying on the outside of the shoe, and buttons for securing the edges of said upper portion of the tongue to the shoe.

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

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