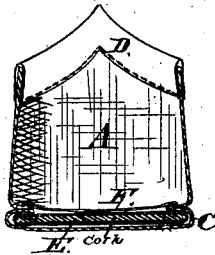
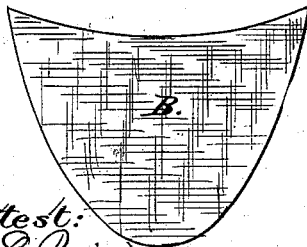
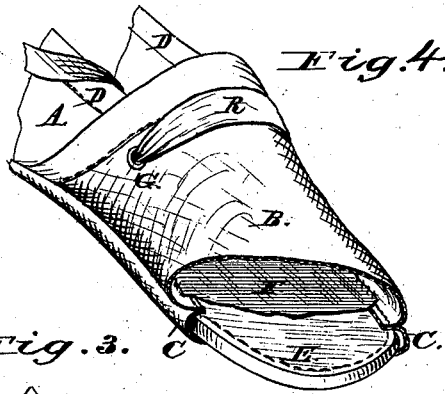
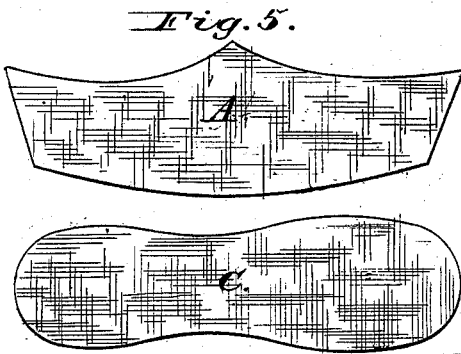
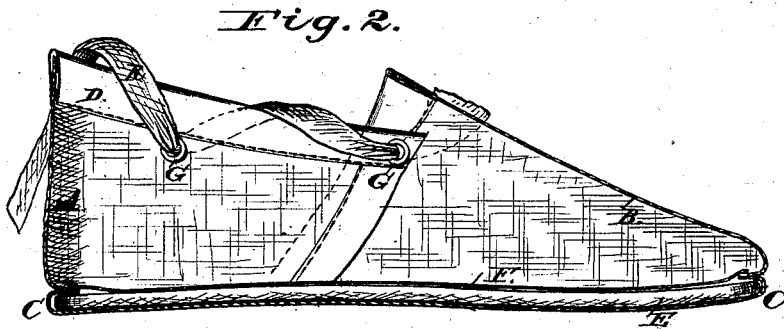
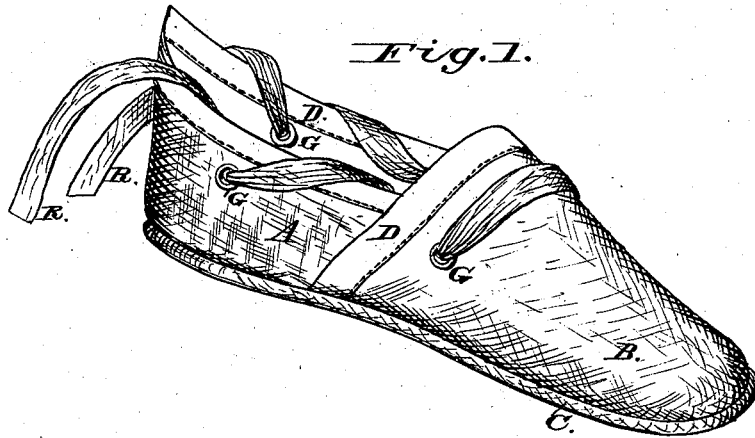


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IMPROVEMENT IN BATHING-SHOES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORNELIUS C. CLAYTON, of Ocean Grove, county of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bathing-Shoes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the shoe complete; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section and elevation; Fig. 3, a cross-section; Fig. 4, a perspective view, showing a portion of the toe part broken away; and Fig. 5 detail views of the several pieces of canvas employed in forming the shoe.

The object of my invention is to produce a bathing-shoe which shall be light, durable, and cheaply and easily made.

To accomplish this my invention consists in certain peculiarities of construction and arrangement of parts, to be hereinafter more fully described, and then pointed out in the claim.

In this class of shoes it is desirable that the article when completed shall be light and of such material as will speedily dry after being used in the water, and at the same time the sole should possess considerable elasticity and yet sufficient firmness to resist the effect of pebbles, &c.

I find that the ordinary canvas-cloth, in connection with a cork sole, furnishes the best materials for the purpose; and to unite these in order to form the shoe, I cut from canvas-cloth the heel, toe, and sole pieces A, B, and C, Fig. 5, and stitch them together, as shown in the other figures.

To prevent the exposed edges of the canvas from raveling, I bind them around with rib-

bon or other material, which will also serve to ornament the shoe, and give it a finished appearance. This binding is shown at D.

Within the shoe, as thus constructed, I insert an ordinary cork sole, E, and, in order to secure this in place, I stitch over it an insole or separate piece of cloth, F, Figs. 2, 3, and 4.

To lace the shoe, I provide four eyelets, G G G—two in the toe-piece and two in the heel-piece. The lacing-ribbon R is passed through the two in front to the interior of the shoe; thence outwardly over the heel-piece, and again inwardly at the rear, from whence it is drawn and tied over the instep of the wearer. This binds the shoe well up around the foot, and serves to exclude sand, &c.

As thus constructed the shoe fulfills all the objects of the invention, and is, moreover, neat, cheap, and easily made.

I am aware that canvas shoes, so called, have before been used for various occasions, such as bathing, racing, &c.; and also that a cork sole has been covered with canvas or sail-cloth to form the sole of a sandal. These I do not desire to claim; but

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

The herein-described bathing-shoe, consisting of the canvas vamp and quarters A B, sole-piece C, cork sole E, and eyelets G G, arranged to receive the lacing-ribbon, the whole constructed as herein shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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