

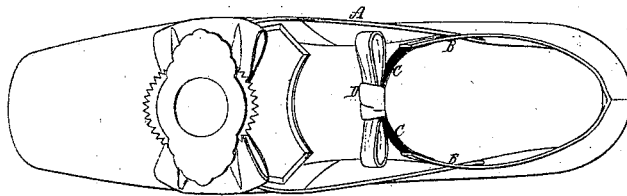
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*Shoe.*

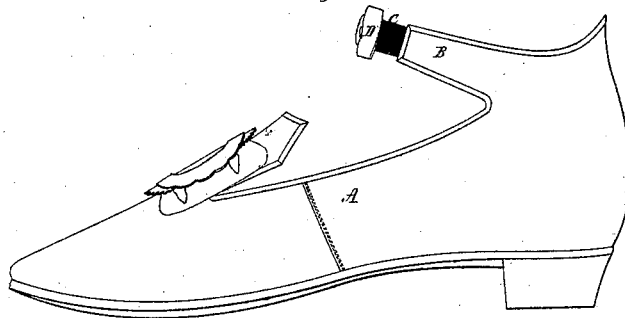
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SHOES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all persons to whom these presents may come:*

Be it known that I, FRANCIS GURNEY, of Newburyport, of the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shoes; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, and

Figure 2 a side elevation of a "croquet slipper" or shoe as made or provided with my invention.

In carrying out my invention I form or construct the ankle-tie of the shoe elastic, or with an elastic band or piece of webbing fixed therein and making part thereof; and furthermore, I combine with such elastic band a covering-bow, fixed to it at the middle of the tie.

In my shoe the ankle-tie thus becomes an elastic loop, to extend from the heel part of the vamp around the leg, at the ankle of the wearer.

It enables the shoe to be put on or removed from the foot with great ease, and the ankle-tie to be self-adjusting to the leg.

It saves the necessity of strings, clasps, buckles, or buttons for holding the parts of the tie together, insures a good fit of the tie to the ankle, and enables it to be worn with more comfort than would be the case were the tie inelastic.

In the drawing—

A denotes the shoe, and

B B, the two straps of the ankle-tie, they being formed of the leather or material of the vamp.

They are connected at their ends by the elastic web C, provided with the covering-rosette or bow D, applied to such at its middle, the whole being as represented.

I claim as a new or improved manufacture, and my invention—

A shoe, having an elastic ankle-tie made as described, and a covering-rosette or bow applied to the middle of the elastic part of the tie, all as set forth.

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