

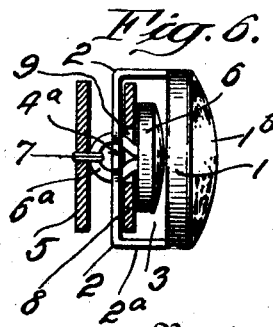
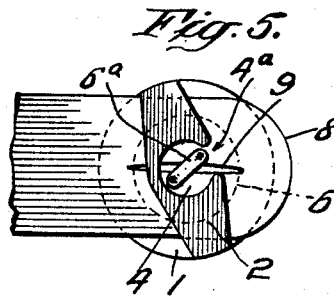
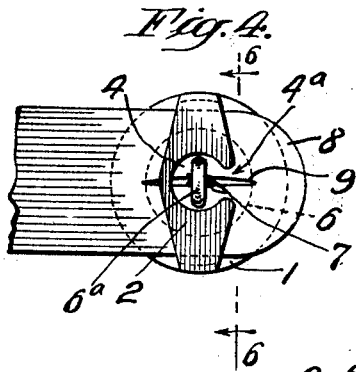
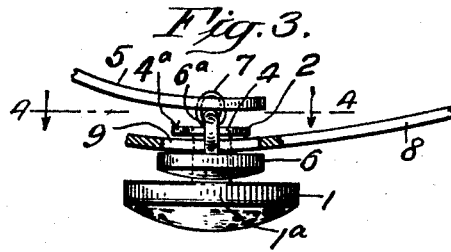
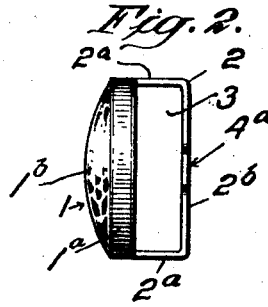
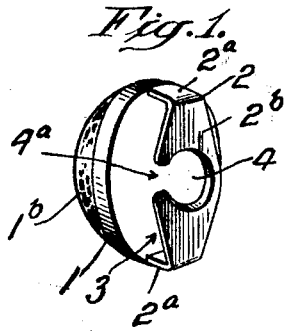
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED C. NOYES, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ornamental Coverings for Shoe Buttons, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in ornamental coverings for shoe buttons.

Certain styles of women's shoes are provided with straps or tabs that are buttoned over the instep or ankle. The buttons employed are necessarily small and sometimes unsightly and detract from the appearance of the shoe. It has therefore been proposed to provide ornamental coverings of relatively large size to conceal the unsightly buttons and afford a source of ornamentation.

The object of the present invention is to produce such an ornamental covering which may by a very simple manipulation be readily and quickly applied on the shank of the shoe button and which when so applied will be positively locked against backward movement on the strap.

Another object of my invention is to utilize the resilience of the strap both to procure initial alignment of the button shank and entrance aperture of the locking opening so as to permit insertion of said shank in said opening and to retain said shank and opening in locked relationship until manipulated for release.

With these and other objects in view, the invention comprises the combination of members and arrangement of parts so combined as to co-act and cooperate with each other in the performance of the functions and the accomplishment of the results herein contemplated, and comprises in one of its adaptations the species or preferred form illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective rear view of a shoe button covering embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the covering shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the button covering as applied to a button on a shoe;

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 looking in the direction of the arrow;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 showing the turning of a covering and button to permit covering to be applied to button; and

Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4 looking in the direction of the arrow.

Referring now to these drawings, which illustrate a preferred embodiment of my invention, 1 indicates a slide comprising a base or body portion 1^a which may be ornamental itself or which may have mounted therein an ornament 1^b of any suitable type and a fastening band 2. The body or base of button-covering slide may be of any suitable type and preferably, as illustrated, is hollowed or dished so as to effectively and entirely conceal the shoe button when it is applied thereon. The fastening band 2 may be secured in any suitable way to the body-portion 1^a and, as shown, comprises connecting legs 2^a—2^a and a bridge portion 2^b so as to provide intermediate the body portion 1^a and the bridge 2 a strap-guiding channel 3 to enable the sliding of the holder along the strap. In this sliding movement, the opposite connecting legs 2^a—2^a will abut against the opposite edges of the strap, and the bridge portion 2^b will abut against the inner face of the strap. Said bridge-portion 2^b is provided substantially midway between the legs 2^a—2^a with a locking aperture 4 substantially circular or round in conformation and having a contracted mouth 4^a which opens at one side edge of the bridge portion 2^b and is preferably arranged in the line of movement along a strap of the slide and at right angles to the plane in which the shank or loop of the shoe button is disposed. The locking aperture is of sufficient diameter to permit the turning therein of the button-loop but the mouth thereof is so contracted as to permit the passage of the loop edgewise and prevent a sidewise movement of the loop therethrough.

In Fig. 3, I have shown a shoe-button 6 connected to a strap or tab 5 of the shoe. As illustrated, the button is provided with a loop or shank 6^a which is connected to the tab 5 by means of a metallic ring or clip 7, the loop of the button being disposed in a plane extending transversely of the longitudinal axis of a shoe strap 8 which is usually provided with a button-hole 9, through which the button 6 passes to fasten the strap 8 in place. In applying or attaching my ornamental button-covering, the end of the strap 8 is, before being buttoned, passed or threaded through the channel 3 and the strap is then buttoned over the button 6. The ornamental covering slide is then slid

toward the loop of the button and the tab 5 and covering 6 are subjected to a relative turning or twisting movement. This applies a twisting pressure on the strap 8 by abutment of the connecting legs against the opposite edges thereof and also a similar pressure on the tab 5 or button 6 and such turning movement causes the edge of the button loop 6^a and contracted mouth 4^a to be moved into substantial alignment whereupon the covering is forced over the said loop. The said tab 5 and covering 1 are then released and the resistance to twisting in its own plane of the strap or of the tab or both will cause the same to resume their initial positions. This results in a locking of the loop 6^a within the locking aperture 4, which owing to the contraction of its mouth will not permit the sidewise movement of the loop out of the aperture. To release the covering from the loop of the button the parts are again turned or twisted to procure substantial alignment of the edge of the button loop and contracted mouth, whereupon the covering may be removed from the shank. When, however, the parts are in locked position, as shown in Fig. 4, within the aperture 4, the covering will be positively and securely locked in the button and, because of the said resistance of the strap to bending in its own plane, it will be impossible to move the covering in either direction on the strap and this locking-in is sufficiently positive to prevent the slide from getting out of proper position in relation to the button during wearing of the ornament.

Having described my invention, I claim:—
1. A shoe button covering embodying a

slide comprising a body portion and a fastening band portion connected to the body portion to provide a strap channel, said fastening band having a locking opening provided with a contracted entrance opening so arranged in said band as to enable a locking engagement between the loop of a shoe button and said band.

2. In combination, a shoe button having a loop disposed in one plane, of a fastening strap buttoning over said shoe button and a button-covering for the shoe button comprising a slide movable along said strap and having a locking opening comprising a relatively large body portion and a contracted mouth arranged in relation to said opening in a plane substantially at right angles to the plane in which the loop of the button is disposed.

3. In combination, a shoe button having a loop disposed in one plane, of a fastening strap buttoning over said shoe button and a button-covering for the shoe button comprising a slide movable along said strap and composed of a body portion and fastening band secured thereto to provide a strap channel, the walls of which abut against the edges of said strap, said strap also having a locking opening comprising a relatively large body portion and a contracted mouth arranged in relation to said opening in a plane substantially at right angles to the plane in which the loop of the button is disposed.

In witness whereof, I have signed my name to the foregoing specification.

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