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### ⑯ Shoe and last therefor.

⑯ A shoe at least provided with a sole with foot surface and an upper shoe with counter extending above the foot surface and connected to an edge of the sole and an edge part closing above the instep and the heel of the foot and bounding the instep opening of the shoe. When a shoe fits, between the toes and front part, a free space of 11 to 15 mm is free, because the leading edge of the toes slides forward in the shoe during bending movement of the foot. In children's shoes a part of this space is used for absorbing the growth of the foot. During growth the ball of the foot moves forward and no longer lies precisely on the deepest point of the shoe. The invention proposes a shoe in which the edge part of the instep opening supported by the counter, at least on the heel side, is provided with removable filler means to reduce the instep opening, this such that the rear portion of the edge part of the instep opening is displaced relative to the sole in the direction of the front part of the shoe. During growth the ball line remains at the same position relative to the foot bed and the foot can grow two-thirds rearward and one-third forward if during growth the filler means along the edge part are removed. The foot hereby remains optimally supported by the shoe.

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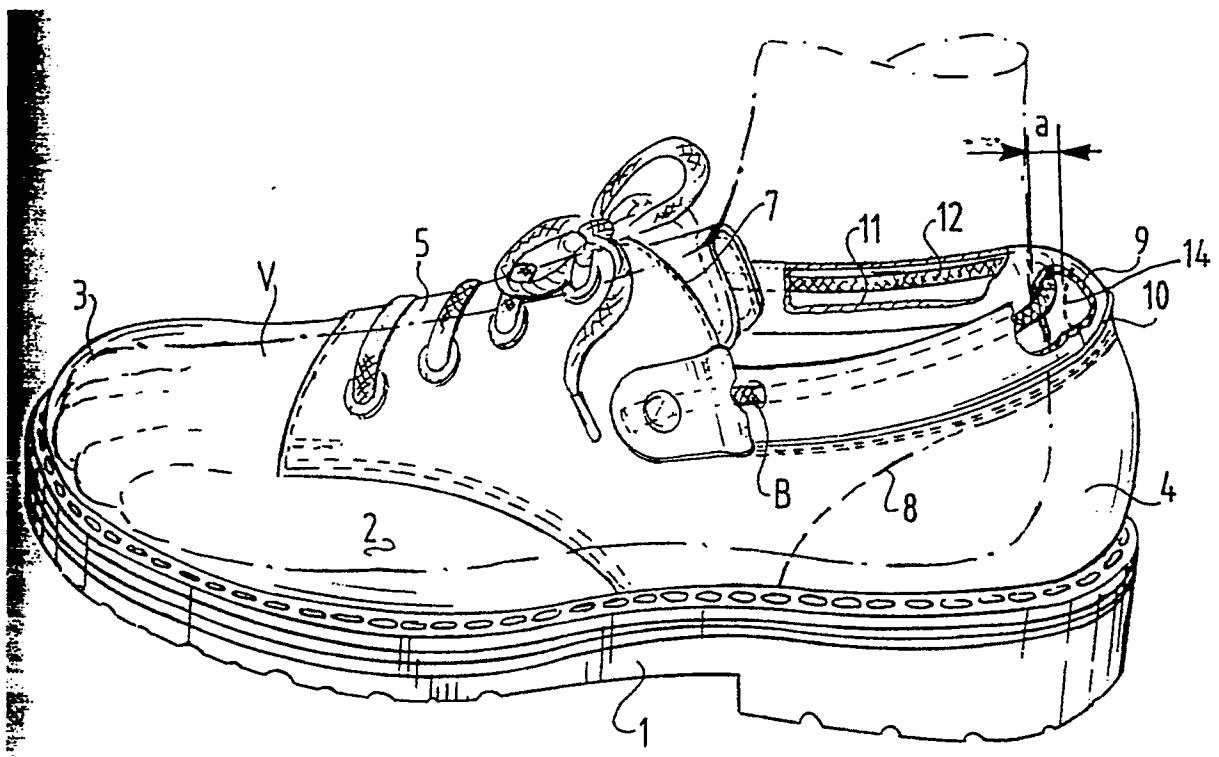


FIG. 2



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