



A Pocketed Shoe for an Athlete

Technical Field of the Invention

This invention relates generally to athletic shoes, and more particularly pertains to a formed pocket
5 arranged laterally of the shoe and having utility for temporary storage of personal items during shoe usage, as when employed during jogging, or for other athletic events.

Safety of personal items has always been foremost of one's self interest. And, to assure ones protection of his possessions, various means were employed for assuring such safety particularly where some wealth was involved.

5 For example, in the early United States patent to Diemer, patent No. 654,388, upon a shoe, a means for securing valuables concealingly within the calf portion of the shoe, and more specifically upon its internal portion that rests against the leg, was given consideration. Thus, the shown

10 embodiment provided means for securing ones valuables, such as money, and in addition furnished concealment of the same in the event that one was personally accosted, as by thief. Various other forms of similar type pocket structures used in association particularly with boots are also shown in the

15 earlier United States patents to Wirsching, No. 1,289,341, McAuslin, No. 1,100,758, in addition to the patent to Avis, No. 1,342,149.

More contemporary inventors have given thought to various types of structures for forming pocket means

20 within shoes and boots, such as shown in the United States patent to Corley, No. 2,908,982. The concept of adding decorativeness to the shoe through the addition of a purse, or the like, as by attaching the same upon the frontal shoe upper, is shown in the United States patent to Bliese, No.

25 3,018,570, in addition to the United States patent to

Solomon, No. 2,712,700. Furthermore, the adding of holding means having some utility to the shoe, as by securing the same through its laces to the shoe, is shown in the golf tee holder as devised by Perry, in his United States patent
5 No. 2,662,677.

Further, the United States patent to Adams, et. al., No. 2,801,477, discloses means for ornamental attachment to shoes, through the arrangement of edge materials to the shoe quarter and into which colored plaques may be slid
10 for observance.

All of the foregoing embodiments have utility for holding some component or personal item, such as money, in a concealed fashion upon the wearer, while the current invention, to the contrary, intends to provide a pocket part
15 that can be built structurally and integrally of the quarter part or portion of the shoe, so as to hold smaller personal items such as keys and money, while further incorporating in certain instances, the flap means that protectingly covers the pocket and further enhances the ability of the
20 shoe to prevent untimely loss of such items.

~~It is, therefore, the principal object of this invention to provide a pocket part that is structurally built into the quarter portion of a shoe, and may incorporate closure means, such as a zipper, or covering flap, so as to
25 assure that personal items such as keys and money will not be inadvertantly lost by the wearer, and particularly the jogger, during a running session.~~

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According to the invention there is provided an athletic shoe as set out in claim 1 of the claims of this specification. Examples of the invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

- 5 Figure 1 is a side elevation of an athletic shoe having a shoe pocket with rear edge flap, formed upon

the quarter portion of an athletic shoe;

Figure 2 furnishes a similar view to that shown in Figure 1, with the closure flap being turned backwardly so as to disclose fully the pocket and its fastening means;

Figure 3 provides a plan view of the shoe shown in Figure 1;

Figure 4 discloses a side view of a modified shoe, similar to that shown in Figure 1, but without any covering flap;

Figure 5 provides a side view of a modified shoe to that shown in Figure 1, with the closure flap being removed, and having the fastening means arranged proximate the rearward edge of the formed pocket;

Figure 6 provides a side view of a modified shoe pocket wherein the closure means is diagonally arranged along the formed pocket;

Figure 7 provides a side view of a modified shoe pocket wherein its closure flap is adhered by means of a snap clasp to the formed pocket part;

Figure 8 provides a side view of the shoe shown in Figure 7 and wherein its closure flap is folded rearwardly to disclose its opening pocket slot; and

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Figure 9 furnishes a side view of a modified shoe pocket wherein its closure flap connects with the shoe along the eyestay adjacent the upper edge of the formed pocket and is arranged in overlying relationship in its folding downwardly upon the underlying shoe pocket.

In the drawings, and in particular Figures 1 through 3, there is shown in both the side, top, and flap opened views for the athletic shoe A which is of the usual construction having a sole portion B stitched at its shank C and to the shoe quarter D, its bamp E, and the shoe upper as normally constructed into the assembled shoe. In addition, an eyestay 1 is also stitched to the shoe quarter at its upper margin, and useful for securing the laces F that hold the emplaced shoe upon the foot. In this particular invention, a liner of material, as at 2, and comprising therein a singular or pair of liners, is also stitched along its reinforced front, upper and lower seams 3 through 5, respectively, and may also be held by means of that stitching which secures the eyestay in place; and at its lower edge the liner 2 is turned under with the shoe quarter D, as shown, and be stitched along the shank for



adherence with the sole B of the disclosed shoe. On the other hand, the stitchings 3 through 5 may be independent of the other means for securement of the above identified shoe parts together. But, in order to facilitate the usage of the formed pocket associated with the identified shoe, it is desirable that the pocket does extend from at least in proximity with the eyestay, and into that region near the shoe shank, in order that the pocket may have sufficient depth, in addition to the 10 shown width, in order to accommodate the type of personal items as previously identified.

With the attachment of the pocket linings to the shoe quarter, or its sides, and with either a single or double lining being employed, the shoe pocket 15 is thus formed and secured with the side of the shoe. Provided, preferably, at the region of the rear edge .. of the formed pocket, there is furnished a closure means, such as the zipper 6, as shown, and the zipper is provided through the outermost pocket lining, and forms closure 20 for the slot formed along the rear height of the arranged pocket, and through which said slot, when its zipper is opened, provides for the insertion or removal of items from within the said structured pocket.

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In those instances where the pocket is formed of a single liner, the items would then be located between the said liner, forming the outer covering for the pocket, and the side of the constructed shoe. But, in those

5 other instances where the shoe pocket is formed from a pair of linings, the space between the linings forms the desired pocket. ~~This has already been fully identified and explained in my previous patent applications.~~
By simply manipulating the zipper from the top to bottom,
10 or vice versa, for providing for its opening, personal items such as keys or coins may be inserted into the pocket for safekeeping as during participation within an athletic event, such as while one is jogging and running. The pocket, in this formation, is adequate
15 for providing safekeeping for such items, but the usual jogging paraphernalia, such as shorts, or a sweatsuit, which ordinarily do not contain pockets, and if they do, are likely to lead to a loss of coin or keys that may be kept within the same, particularly during the
20 strenuous exercise encountered as during jogging.

To further add to the structure of the shown invention, a flap 7 may secure along the rear edge of the formed pocket, either to the edge of the pocket

itself, or to the shoe quarter, and being stitched thereat by means of the stitching 8, and which flap may be conveniently folded over into contiguity against the formed shoe pocket, at least proximate its rearward location, so as to provide coverage upon the same and to insure the safety of any items contained within the pocket, and likewise, to provide coverage for any closure means, such as the zipper 6, as shown, thereat. In addition, providing a closure flap at this location assures a pleasing appearance for the shoe esthetics by covering the said closure means as explained. Such a flap is not totally essential to the shoe construction for assuring the proper operation and usage of its pocket, but it does add to the safekeeping of the pocketed items, and in addition, adds to the overall attractiveness of the shoe. In addition, fastening means, such as the (R.T.M.) Velcro/8, or other fastening means, may be provided upon the outer edge of the inner surface of said closure flap 7, in addition to being provided in alignment upon the formed pocket 2, as can be seen, so that when the flap 7 is folded over into an overlying relationship upon the formed pocket, such fastening means conveniently holds the flap contiguous with the shoe, and assures its



retentionship thereat so as to prevent its flapping,
as when the athletic shoe is being used.

As previously explained, when the pocket 2
is formed from a single liner of material, then obviously
5 that single liner forms the outer surface for the formed
pocket, while the shoe side or quarter itself acts as
the inner surface for the constructed pocket. The
advantage for this particular feature is that the pocket
may be constructed to that size which may almost coin-
10 cide with the dimensions for the shoe quarter, and
thereby provide a pocket that is of ample size, pro-
vided almost along the full height of the shoe side,
and thereby adequately furnish room for holding a variety
of personal items, such as the keys, coins, or the like,
15 as previously explained.

Variations in the formation of the shoe
pocket are also contemplated for this invention, and
as can be seen in Figures 4 to 6, the pocket 2 as
formed may be stitched to the shoe quarter along its:
20 front edge 9, rear edge 10, upper edge 11, and the lower
edge 12 as shown. As previously explained, the upper
edge 11 may include the same stitching that holds the
eyestay 1 in place within the integral construction of

of the shoe. In addition, the lower edge 12 may be stitched in conjunction with the shank portion C for the shoe and which holds the sole E to the shoe body.

In this particular instance, the slot forming the opening within the formed pocket 2 extends approximately from its upper to lower edges of the formed pocket, as shown at 13, and includes the closure means, such as the zipper 14, arranged thereat, so that when the zipper is opened, personal items may be located within the formed pocket. The safety of their retention can be assured by simply closing the zipper 14 in the usual manner.

As can be seen in Figure 5, the formed edges for the pocket are identical to those as previously explained, but that in this instance, the opening slot, as at 15, is formed adjacent and contiguous with the rear edge 10 of the formed pocket. The closure means or zipper 16 is provided thereat for the identical purposes as just previously explained.

As can also be seen in Figure 6, the constructed pocket is once again very similar to that of the pocket as explained in Figures 4 and 5, but in this particular instance the pocket slot 17 is formed along

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an angle or at a diagonal, as shown and has its closure means, such as the zipper 18, arranged in conjunction therewith so as to provide closure for this access slot.

In this particular instance, providing an angulated slot along the pocket provides for the fullest degree of opening for the pocket, and the insertion of items therein, since the largest opening to be attained from a rectangular or parallelogram formed pocket is that which lies upon its diagonal or angular relationship.

10 As can also be seen in Figure 9, the same type of shoe pocket 2, as described with respect to Figures 4 through 6, are shown and in this particular instance being the formed pocket having the closure means 14 as shown in Figure 4, but in this particular
15 design a closure flap 18 is stitched at its upper edge, as at 19, by means of the upper edge pocket stitching, or the eyestay stitching, as at 20, to the shoe, and thereby provides an upwardly folding closure flap that is useful for providing full coverage for most of or
20 the entire pocket after items have been located therein. (R.T.M)
Once again, and although it is not shown, Velcro or other forms of fastening means may be used for holding the closure flap securely upon the formed pocket.

A further design for the pocketed athletic shoe is shown in Figures 7 and 8. In this particular embodiment, the pocket 2 is once again stitched along its front edge 21, upper edge 22, lower edge 23, and rear edge 24 in the manner as previously explained. In this particular embodiment, the pocket slot, as at 25, is provided proximate the rear edge of the formed pocket 2, may be pulled open in the manner as shown in this Figure 8, for the insertion of items therein.

10 The closure flap 26 is also secured by means of stitching, or otherwise, proximate the rear edge of the formed pocket 2, and may be folded over and held in place by means of a fastening means, such as the snap clasp fastener 27, as shown, or perhaps through the use of ^(R.T.M) Velcro, or the like. In any event, once the closure

15 flap 26 is arranged into overlying relationship upon the shoe pocket, as shown in Figure 7; personal items located within the pocket are secured therein for safekeeping even when the wearer may subject his shoe to excessive movement, as during jogging.

20 ~~Variations or modifications in the shoe designs, or more specifically the pockets provided for these athletic shoe, may occur to those skilled~~



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CLAIMS

1. An athletic shoe comprising a sole, quarter portions, and a vamp all secured together to form a structured athletic shoe, said shoe further comprising a pocket designed to
5 hold smaller sized personal items such as keys, coins, or the like as during jogging, a said quarter portion being secured at its lower extent to the sole shank, said pocket being secured at its lower part, by being turned under with said quarter portion, with the sole shank, a slot
10 being provided within said pocket to allow access into the pocket interior for the deposit of the aforesaid type of items therein, and one end of said slot terminating adjacent the lower edge of the formed pocket, while the disposed slot extends adjacent the quarter portion overlying
15 the shape of the foot of its wearer therein.
2. A shoe as claimed in claim 1 comprising zipper means within the region of and upon the opening of its formed pocket slot, whereby upon the opening of said zipper means the identified type of items may be inserted therein for
20 safe keeping.
3. A shoe as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein said pocket is formed having back edge thereof, and said pocket slot being disposed approximately aligned with the said disposed back edge of the said pocket.
- 25 4. A shoe as claimed in claim 2 wherein said zipper means is arranged aligned slightly forwardly of the said rearward edge of the formed pocket.
5. A shoe as claimed in claim 2 wherein said zipper means is arranged diagonally of the pocket in extending from



its upper to its lower edges thereof.

6. A shoe as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 5 comprising a cover flap, said flap along one edge being stitched along the back edge of the formed shoe pocket, and said flap
5 disposed for extending forwardly and capable of folding over into contiguity overlying upon the formed shoe pocket and providing at least its slot and zipper means with coverage.
7. A shoe as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 5 comprising a cover flap, said flap at its upper edge being stitched
10 to the shoe along the upper edge of the formed pocket, said flap capable of folding over into contiguity overlying upon the pocket and providing it and its zipper means with coverage.
8. A shoe as claimed in claim 6 or claim 7 comprising
15 fastening means provided upon both the cover flap and the pocket and cooperating to hold the said flap against said pocket during shoe usage.
9. A shoe as claimed in claim 8 wherein said fastening means comprises Velcro.
- 20 10. A shoe as claimed in claim 8 wherein said fastening means comprises a snap clasp fastener.
11. A shoe as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 10 wherein said pocket is formed of a singular layer of cloth material.
12. A shoe as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 10 wherein



wherein said pocket comprises a double layer of cloth material, the inner layer of said pocket lying contiguously against the shoe quarter and functioning as the inner portion of the formed pocket, the other layer acting as an outer
5 portion for the pocket.

13. An athletic shoe substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and as illustrated in Figures 1 to 3 alone or as modified by Figure 4 or Figure 5 or Figure 6 or Figures 7 and 8 or Figure 9 of the accompanying drawings.
