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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the Title Page

Delete the title page and replace with the attached title page showing the corrected number of claims

In the Claims

Column 12 Lines 1-2 In Claim 3, change:

“3. The rapid-entry shoe of claim 1, wherein first elastic portion defines a portion of the foot opening.”

To:

--3. The rapid-entry shoe of claim 1, wherein the first elastic portion defines a portion of the foot opening.--

Column 12 Lines 40-58 In Claims 11-14, change:

“11. The rapid-entry shoe of claim 10, wherein the plurality of elastic elements includes a first elastic element defining a first longitudinal axis and a second elastic element defining a second longitudinal axis, wherein the first longitudinal axis is parallel to the second longitudinal axis.

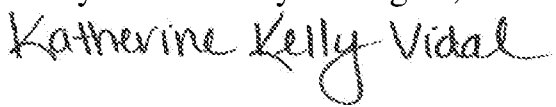
12. The rapid-entry shoe of claim 10, wherein the plurality of elastic elements includes a longitudinal axis that conforms to a shape of a curvature of at least a portion of the upper.

13. The rapid-entry shoe of claim 10, wherein at least a portion of the plurality of elastic elements define at least a portion of the side portion of the upper.

14. The rapid-entry shoe of claim 10, wherein the side portion of the upper includes an ankle support portion that is predominantly vertically extending and the forward portion of the upper includes a vamp portion that is predominantly horizontally extending, wherein the elastic element extends along a curve of the upper along at least a portion of the ankle support portion and the vamp portion of the upper.”

To:

--11. The rapid-entry shoe of claim 10, wherein the plurality of elastic elements includes a longitudinal axis that conforms to a shape of a curvature of at least a portion of the upper.

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12. The rapid-entry shoe of claim 10, wherein at least a portion of the plurality of elastic elements define at least a portion of the side portion of the upper.

13. The rapid-entry shoe of claim 10, wherein the side portion of the upper includes an ankle support portion that is predominantly vertically extending and the forward portion of the upper includes a vamp portion that is predominantly horizontally extending, wherein the elastic element extends along a curve of the upper along at least a portion of the ankle support portion and the vamp portion of the upper.--

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(54) **RAPID-ENTRY FOOTWEAR HAVING A STABILIZER AND AN ELASTIC ELEMENT**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A rapid-entry shoe having an elastic element to enlarge a foot opening of the rapid-entry shoe and also having a stabilizer to prevent a rear portion of the rapid-entry shoe from collapsing downward.

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