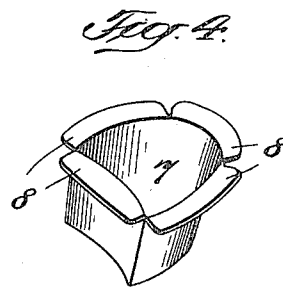
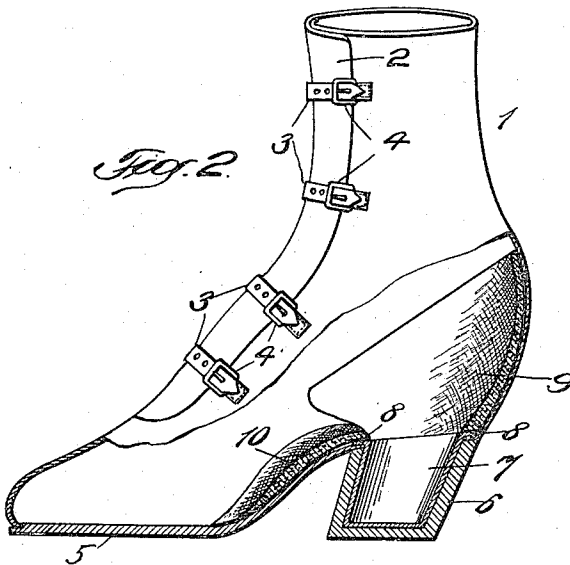
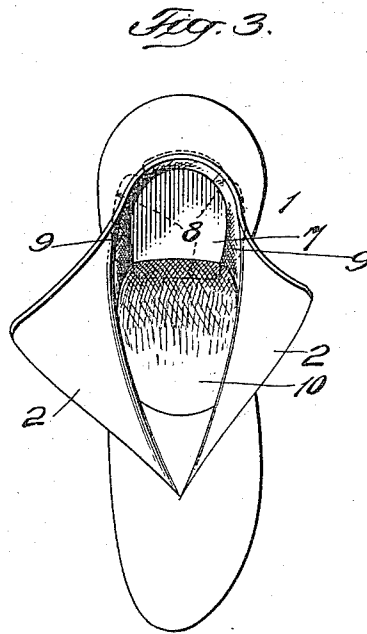
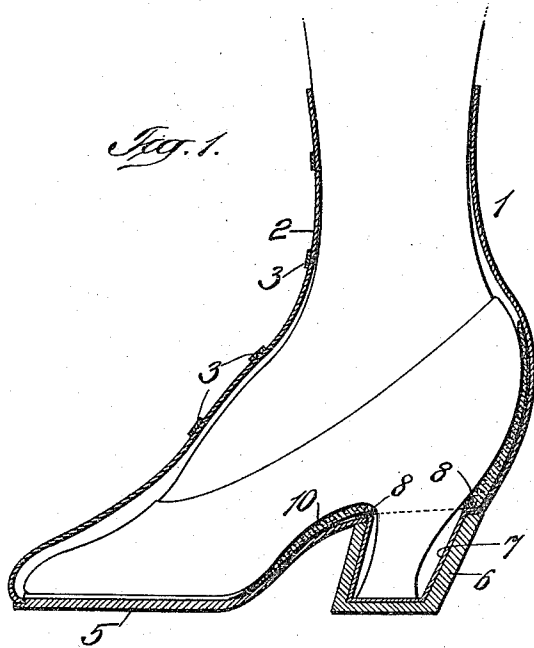


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEOPOLD A. BAUM, a citizen of the United States, and resident of the city of Newark, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

One of the main objects of this invention is to provide a shoe adapted to be worn over a dress slipper to thereby protect the slipper and the stocking of the wearer.

The ordinary and usual dress slipper is provided with a very high and small heel of such shape as to provide a very unstable support for the wearer and not at all adapted for street use. These so-called high-heel slippers render walking in the street and entering and leaving carriages and automobiles very awkward, if not dangerous.

It is another object of this invention to provide a protecting shoe having a hollow rigid heel to receive the slipper, and which will afford a substantial and stable support for the wearer. This shoe not only protects the somewhat delicate heel of a dress slipper, but gives to the wearer a broad and substantial support.

Another object of this invention is to so cushion the interior of the shoe as to form a yielding support for the rear portion of the slipper, the said cushion serving as a means to protect the delicate covering of the slipper and prevent it being rubbed or scratched. This cushion also yields somewhat to the weight of the wearer so that slipper heels of varying heights may be accommodated in the hollow heel of the shoe and the rear portion of the slipper be substantially supported and protected without any danger to the delicate fabric with which these slippers are usually covered.

There are other objects of this invention which will appear hereinafter.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the shoe showing a slipper therein; Fig. 2 a side elevation of the shoe, the lower portion thereof being broken away and shown in longitudinal sectional view; Fig. 3 a plan view of the shoe; and Fig. 4 a perspective view of the metallic heel socket.

Referring to the various parts by numerals, 1 designates the body of the shoe which is open down its front, and is provided with the two over-lapping flaps 2. These over-lapping flaps are provided with any suitable

form of closure devices, that shown in the drawings being straps 3 and buckles 4. The shoe is provided with an ordinary rigid sole 5 of suitable material and with a broad substantial and rigid heel 6. This heel is hollow and is fitted with a metallic socket 7, said socket fitting accurately and closely within the hollow heel 6. Socket 7 is formed with laterally horizontally extending flanges 8 at its upper end, said flanges being built into the shoe and covered by the material thereof in such manner that they are not visible and cannot contact with the slipper.

The interior of the shoe is fitted with comparatively deep and soft cushions 9 and 10. The cushion 9 is at the back of the shoe around the heel part, conforming substantially to the shape of the counter. This cushion receives the rear portion of the slipper and forms a yielding support or backing therefor. The cushion 10 fits under and around the arch of the slipper and forms a yielding support for that portion of the foot. These cushions yield sufficiently to permit the slipper heel to fit firmly on the bottom of the socket 7, and at the same time prevent any rubbing or friction of the shoe. By means of these cushions, heels of varying heights may be brought to rest on the bottom of the socket 7 while at the same time the rear portion of the body of the slipper is snugly set in the cushion and all danger of injury due to rubbing of the slipper at the heel portion thereof is avoided.

It is, of course, intended that the interior of the shoe shall be lined with a fabric corresponding somewhat with the character of the slipper, or of such character that there shall be no danger of the slipper fabric being scratched or injured.

It is manifest that the rigid heel may be of any desired shape and of any suitable dimensions, the essential feature being that it shall be rigid, hollow and sufficiently broad to afford the wearer a firm footing and substantial support. It is also manifest that it will form a rigid protecting covering for the slipper heel.

What I claim is:

1. An over-shoe comprising a body portion open down the front, closure flaps therefor, a rigid sole, a rigid hollow heel adapted to receive a slipper heel, and elastic cushion material in the shoe at the heel portion thereof.

2. A shoe comprising a body part open

down the front and provided with closure flaps, a rigid sole, a hollow rigid heel, adapted to receive a slipper heel, a metal socket in said heel, laterally extending
5 flanges on the upper end of said socket, and means for securing said flanges in the shoe structure.

3. A shoe comprising a body part, a rigid sole, a rigid hollow heel adapted to receive
10 a slipper heel, a cushion at the back of the shoe and serving to support the rear portion of a slipper, and a cushion adapted to support the slipper under the arch thereof.

4. A shoe comprising a body part, a rigid
15 sole, a hollow rigid metal heel socket adapt-

ed to receive a slipper heel, a rigid casing inclosing said metal socket, means for securing the metal socket to the shoe, and elastic cushion material in the shoe at the heel portion thereof above the heel socket. 20

5. A shoe comprising a body part, a rigid sole, a hollow rigid metal heel socket adapted to receive a slipper heel, laterally extending flanges at the upper end of said metal
heel socket, and means for securing said
25 flanges in the shoe structure.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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