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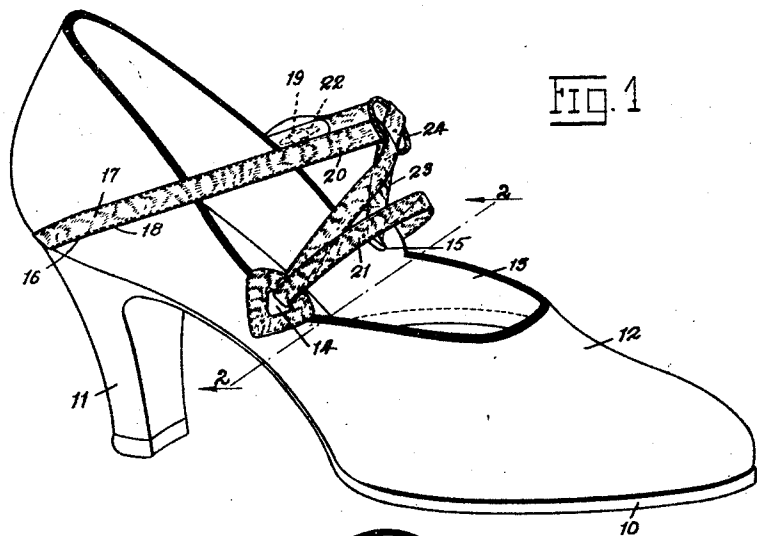


FIG. 2

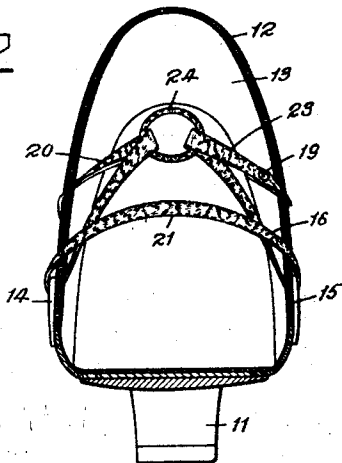
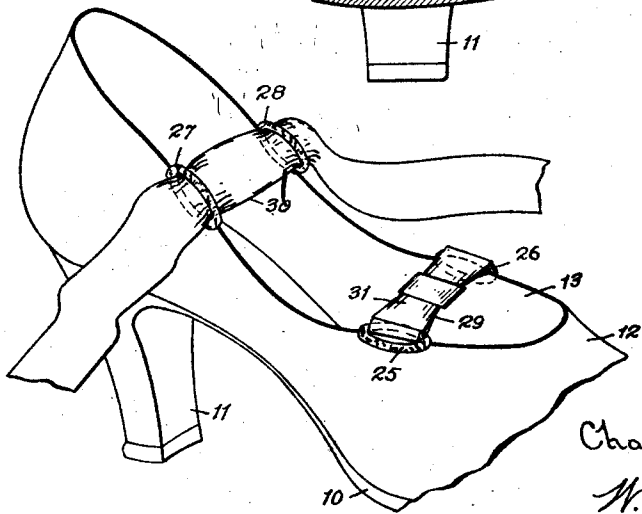


FIG. 3



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This invention relates more particularly to a class of footwear for persons.

My invention has for its object primarily to provide a low shoe or slipper designed to be worn by women, and which is of a form adapted to enable various styles of strap effects to be provided across the instep of the foot of the wearer by the use of a flexible strip or ribbon, in order to permit the wearer to interchangeably employ various colored instep straps or vary their arrangement and if desired to use ornaments in conjunction therewith so that the general appearance of a single pair of shoes may be altered to meet different dress conditions as occasion requires.

This is accomplished mainly by providing at the upper edge of the side portions of the upper of a low shoe or slipper of one or a pair or a plurality of spaced pairs of openings or loops whereby a strip of leather or ribbon or other flexible material of a suitable color may be removably inserted therethrough in various directions for forming straps across the foot opening of the shoe and which will enable the wearer to produce different style effects upon the insteps of the feet as well as enabling the use of ornaments in conjunction therewith when desired.

A further object of the invention is to provide a shoe of a simple and durable construction which may be made in appropriate sizes and shapes.

With these and other objects in view, the invention will be hereinafter more fully described with reference to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and will then be pointed out in the claims at the end of the description.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of shoe embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view, partly in elevation, taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, and

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary perspective view of a modified form of the shoe.

The shoe may be of a low-cut style or slipper having the sole 10, heel 11 and upper 12 with a foot opening 13, and the shoe may be of any suitable size or shape in a plain or fanciful style.

The form of the shoe shown in Fig. 1 has two alined openings or loops 14, 15 at opposite parts of the central part of the side por-

tions of the edge of the foot opening 13 of the upper of the shoe, and the passages through these loops may be of appropriate sizes and shapes for allowing a flexible strip or strap, as 16, to be removably inserted therethrough. The strap 16 may be of suitable material such as leather of a color corresponding to the color of the shoe or the strip may be of a fancy color design contrasting with the color of the shoe proper. One end of the strap 16 may be stitched or otherwise attached to a suitable part of the upper 12, though the strap illustrated has an end portion, as 17, which is stitched, as at 18, around the heel portion 11 of the upper so that it is disposed on a forward and upward incline from the lower part of the rear of the heel to opposite side parts of the edge of the foot opening 13 about midway between the loops 14, 15 and the rear extremity of the edge of the foot opening. The free end of the portion 17 of the strap terminates slightly above the foot opening, and on this free end may be a button 19. The strap is of sufficient length to permit of being disposed in various directions to form straps crosswise of the foot opening so as to be disposed across the instep of the foot of the wearer of the shoe. For example, one end of the strap 16 is disposed above and crosswise to a point about on a vertical line with the center of the foot opening and the strap is disposed downwardly and through the loop 14 to form a loop, as 20. From the loop 14 the strap is disposed, as at 21, across the foot opening and is inserted through the loop 15 from which it is disposed upwardly and crosswise to a point also about on a vertical line with the center of the foot opening of the shoe. In the second end of the strap may be a buttonhole 22 for receiving the button 19 to fasten the ends of the strap, and a loop 23, similar to the loop 20, is formed in the strap.

In order to add to the appearance of the novel arrangement of the strap I may use in conjunction therewith, an ornament, as 24. This ornament may be of any appropriate type, such as a fancy ring as illustrated through which the parts of the strap forming the loops 21 and 23 are disposed prior to the ends of the strap being fastened together, and by arranging the ornament at the center of the instep of the foot of the wearer an attractive effect will be imparted to the strap arrangement.

The form of the shoe shown in Fig. 3 has

at the central parts of the sides of the edges of the foot opening 13 of its upper 12 two alined openings or loops 25, 26, and on the sides of the edges of the foot opening in spaced relation to the loops 25, 26 may be provided two more alined openings or loops 27, 28. The pairs of loops 25, 26 and 27, 28, and also the loops 14, 15 of the shoe shown in Fig. 1, may be formed of material similar to the upper of the shoe, or the loops may be of various fanciful shapes and colors of leather or other material of different colors to color of the shoe to render an ornamental appearance to the shoe. Moreover, I may provide only one of the loops or any suitable number of them in making different styles of the shoes. The pairs of the loops 25, 26 and 27, 28 are designed to permit a single strap or a number of straps to be provided across the instep of the wearer, and this is accomplished by inserting through each or both of the loops one or two strips of ribbon, as 29, 30, or other flexible material. The ribbons may be of any desired color as well as being of lengths to allow of being tied to form each into a bow, as 31, on the instep of the foot of the wearer for holding the shoe on the foot and to permit various straps and ribbons to be interchangeably used with the shoe as occasions require.

In the foregoing description, I have embodied the preferred form of my invention, but I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself thereto as I am aware that modi-

fications may be made therein without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention, therefore, I reserve to myself the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope thereof.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A low shoe or slipper having in proximity to the upper edge of each side portion of its upper a like number of openings, a flexible strap having one end thereof secured directly to the shoe at the heel portion thereof and adapted to have its free end pass through said openings, and means for securing the free end of said strap to the upper subsequently to being passed through said openings.

2. A low shoe or slipper having in proximity to the upper edge of each side portion of its upper a like number of openings, a flexible strap having one end thereof secured directly to the side of the shoe at the heel portion, a ring, the free end of the strap passing through the ring and said openings, and means at the side of the shoe opposite to that to which the strap is secured for detachably fastening the free end of the strap to the shoe subsequently to the passing of the strap through the ring and said openings.

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