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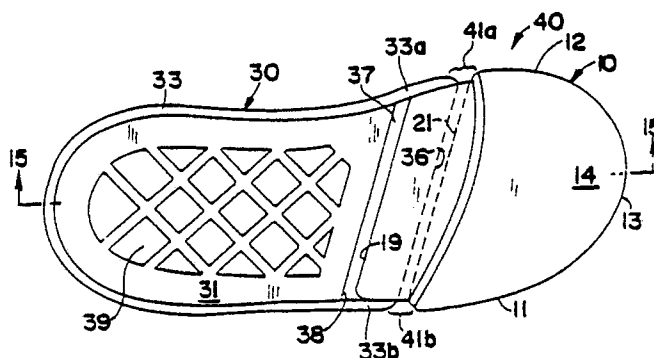
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**Child's shoe.**

A split-sole shoe (40) has a front outer sole (15) with an outwardly facing recessed section (18) and a heel member (30) with an inwardly facing recessed section (35), the outwardly facing recessed section (35) being connected to the inwardly facing recessed section (35) in an overlapping configuration so as to form an interior relief groove exposing a portion of the inwardly facing recessed section (35) and an exterior relief groove exposing a portion of the outwardly facing recessed section (18), thereby increasing the flexibility of the shoe in the region which flexes while taking a heel-to-toe step. A toe cap

portion (11, 12, 13, 14) is formed together with the front outer sole (15) so as to provide a smooth and continuous transition from the top of the toe cap to the bottom of the front outer sole, thereby enabling an infant or child to drag the toe cap portion (11, 12, 13, 14) of the shoe without stumbling or tripping on a protuberance in the transition region. The bottom surface (17) of the front outer sole (10) is made from a material having a coefficient of friction which is lower than that of the material on the bottom surface (32) of the heel member (30).



**FIG. 13**



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