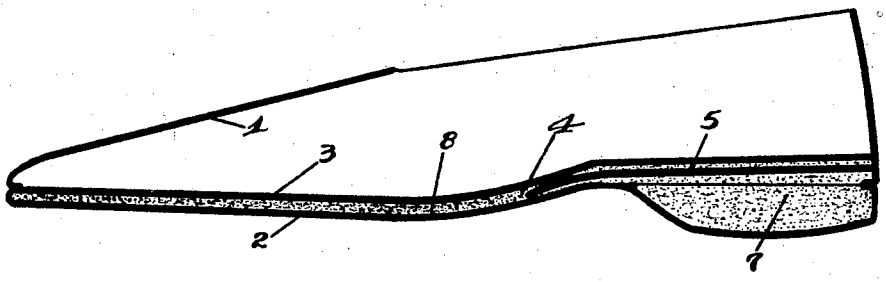
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FIG 1



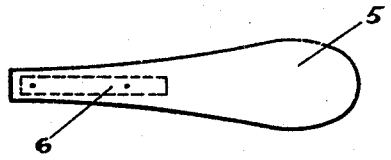


FIG 2

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One object of my invention is to provide in a boudoir slipper, an improved filler or felt cushion.

Another object is to provide in a boudoir slipper having a filler or felt cushion and a heel pad, a shank for supporting the arch of the foot.

Another object is to provide in a slipper of the class described, an improved form of shank.

With these and incidental objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction and combination of parts, the essential elements of which are hereinafter described with reference to the drawing, which accompanies and forms a part of this specification.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section taken through the center of one of my improved boudoir slippers and Figure 2 is a plan view of the shank, which I prefer to use for the purpose of supporting the arch and give a feeling of support to the entire foot.

The slipper which in general is of the customary boudoir type, is preferably completely lined as at 1, and has on the sole 2, an in-sole or sock lining 3, which may be attached to the lining or to the sole or the outer body of the slipper, as desired.

The felt cushion 8 extends all the way back to the heel, as shown, and as it is split at the point 4 as indicated at Figure 1, the shank 5 may be inserted in the center of the filler. The split filler is then sewed back or fastened in any other suitable manner so that the shank will be maintained in place in the center of the filler.

This shank 5 may be made of leather or fiber, but preferably has a steel support 6 joined thereto and extended from the front end thereof back beyond the front edge of the heel pad 7.

It is readily seen that this shank so constructed will give a feeling of firmness and support to the arch of the foot, while at the same time the wearer has all the advantages of the filler or felt cushion 8 and the heel pad 7 fully as much as if the shank had been omitted.

Inasmuch as one of the disadvantages of the boudoir slipper of this type in the past has been that there has been no support whatever for the arch and the wearer felt the slipper to fit in a sloppy manner, the insertion of the arch support or shank in this manner is of great value, as the wearer will experience a feeling of comfort with the padded slipper that she never has experienced in the prior type of slipper.

While I have described my invention and illustrated it in one particular design, I do not wish it to be understood that I limit myself to this construction, as it is evident that the application of the invention may be varied in many ways within the scope of the following claim.

I claim:

In a boudoir slipper having a flexible sole and a padded heel, a felt cushion supplementing said sole and arranged thereover and firmly joined at its edges to the slipper, said cushion being slit horizontally at its rear, a shank inserted in said cushion, where the same is slit, and extending forwardly of said heel, the major portion of said shank being substantially flat and positioned over the heel of the slipper.

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