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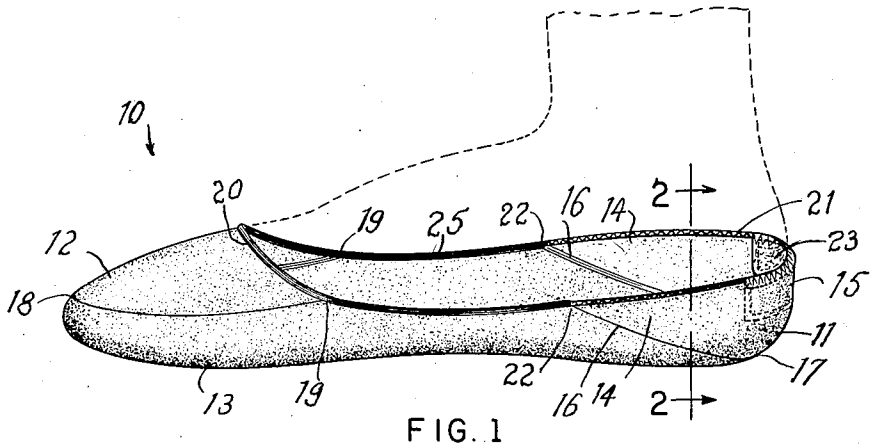


FIG. 1

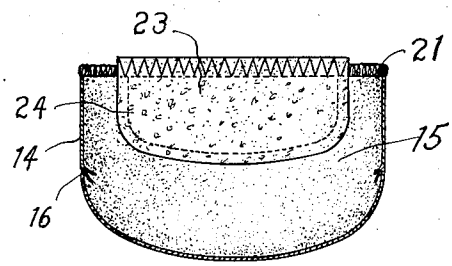


FIG. 2

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This invention relates to footcaps. More particularly, the invention concerns fabric coverings which are worn on the feet in lieu of stockings, hosiery or the like, to avoid the discomfort of bare skin in contact with the shoe.

Footcaps have come into common use, particularly in conjunction with summer or sports footwear, when the usual hosiery or stockings are dispensed with. However, known forms of this type of foot covering do not provide a snug fit for the foot of the wearer, and are annoying in that they require frequent adjustment due to the fact that they tend to slide out of place within the shoe.

Accordingly, an object of this invention is to provide an improved footcap which is elasticized in portions thereof to insure a snug fit on the foot of the wearer.

Another object of this invention is to provide an improved footcap which includes inconspicuous means arranged and located on a portion thereof to prevent undue relative movement between the footcap and the foot of the wearer while such footcap is in use over extended periods of time.

Another object of this invention is to provide an improved footcap, which is of a neat construction, smoothly fitting, has a pleasing toe line and a low cut across the vamp.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious, and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the embodiment described, and of which the scope of invention will be indicated in the claims following.

In the drawing;

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of a footcap embodying the invention; and

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 10 designates the footcap of this invention. The same comprises a rearwardly extending heel box panel 11, a forwardly extending toe panel 12 and an intermediate panel 13 which interconnects panels 11 and 12. The panels 11, 12 and 13 may be formed of suitable fabric such as knitted nylon, or the like.

The heelbox panel 11 comprises a pair of similar, forwardly extending triangular portions 14 interconnected by an upstanding rear portion 15. The panel 11 is seamed to panel 13 along downwardly and rearwardly extending lines 16 which

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merge with seam line 17 at the bottom of panel portion 15 and rear of panel 13.

The toe panel 12 includes a curved, convex front edge which is seamed to the curved front edge of panel 13, as at 18. The seam line 18 extends to opposite points 19 on the upper edge of panel 13. The toe panel 12 further includes a curved, concave rear edge 20 extending between points 19.

The top edge of heel box panel 11 is provided with an inelastic binding 21 which extends rearwardly from the opposite points 22 of the juncture of panel portions 14 and panel 13 and around the top edge of panel portion 15.

A thin pad 23 of soft, frictional material, such as resilient, porous material, which may be of sponge rubber, or the like, is located on the inner surface of panel portion 15. Such pad is secured at its top edge, which coincides with the top edge of panel portion 15, by the stitching of binding 21 and is further secured by stitching 24 along the sides and bottom of the pad.

An elastic binding 25 is secured to the opposed top edges of panel 13, extending forwardly and around the edge 20 of the toe panel 12, terminating rearwardly at the terminal ends of inelastic binding 21. When the footcaps are not in use, the binding 25, in its contracted condition, tends to draw the toe panel 12 rearwardly toward the heel box panel 11 and to gather the rear portions of toe panel 12 and the top edge of panel 13 between points 19, 22 on each side.

When the footcap is drawn on the foot of the wearer, as indicated in Fig. 1, the forward portions thereof are resiliently extended, particularly around the toes and instep, thus providing a snug fit on the foot. In addition, the covering at the ball portion of the foot is smoothly extended to provide a comfortable fit at the bottom of the foot.

The elastic binding 25 further functions to bring the inelastic heel box of the footcap into close, snug fitting conformity with the rear portion of the wearer's foot, to insure a comfortable fit therewith. At the same time, the frictional pad 23 closely engages the rear of the foot so as to prevent any undue sliding movement between the footcap and the foot, while such footcap is in use. The resilient nature of pad 23 insures comfortable fit despite extended periods of footcap wear. It has been found that with such friction pads, practically no adjustment of the footcap is required while the same is being worn.

It will be apparent that the footcap of the

instant invention presents a pleasing appearance which makes the same particularly adapted for use with high style shoes, due to the low cut thereof across the vamp and otherwise fulfills the objects of this invention.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above described invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiment set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawing, is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

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

1. A footcap comprising a toe panel, a heel box panel and an intermediate panel, a continuous seam joining said toe panel to said intermediate panel, a continuous seam joining said heel box panel to a rear portion of said intermediate panel, a continuous elastic binding on the upper edge of said intermediate panel and the rear edge of said toe panel, and a resilient friction pad on the inner surface of said heel box panel, said elastic binding being adapted to provide a snug fit of the footcap on the wearer's foot and to bring said friction pad into close engagement with the rear portion of the wearer's foot to prevent vertical movement of the rear portion of the footcap relative to the wearer's foot.

2. A footcap comprising a toe panel, a heel box panel and an intermediate panel, a continuous seam joining said toe panel to the forward edge of said intermediate panel, a continuous seam joining said heel box panel to the rear edge of said intermediate panel, an inelastic binding on the top edge of said heel box panel extending forwardly to the junctures of said heel box panel and said intermediate panel, an elastic binding on the top edges of said intermediate panel and the inner edge of said toe panel, the rear ends of said elastic binding extending to the terminal ends of said inelastic binding, and a sponge rubber friction pad on the rear portion of said heel box panel.

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