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(54) **SHOE RETENTION SYSTEM**

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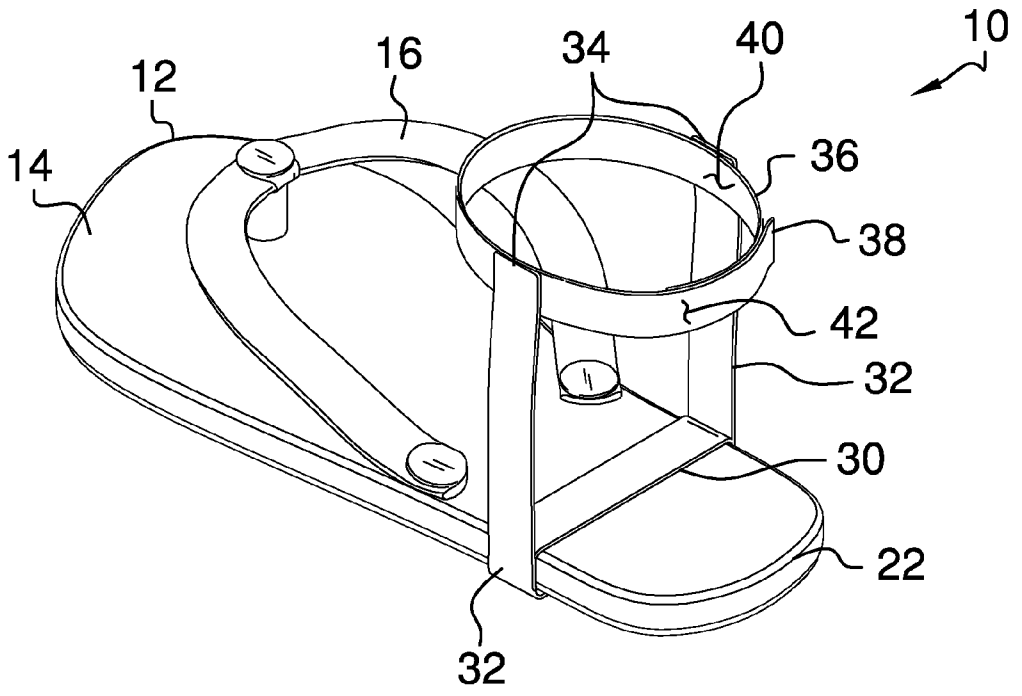
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A shoe retention system for converting a flip flop into a sandal includes a flip flop that may be worn on a foot of a user. A retainer is removably attached to the flip flop. The retainer engages an ankle of the user such that the sole portion is prevented from dropping away from the user's foot while the user walks.



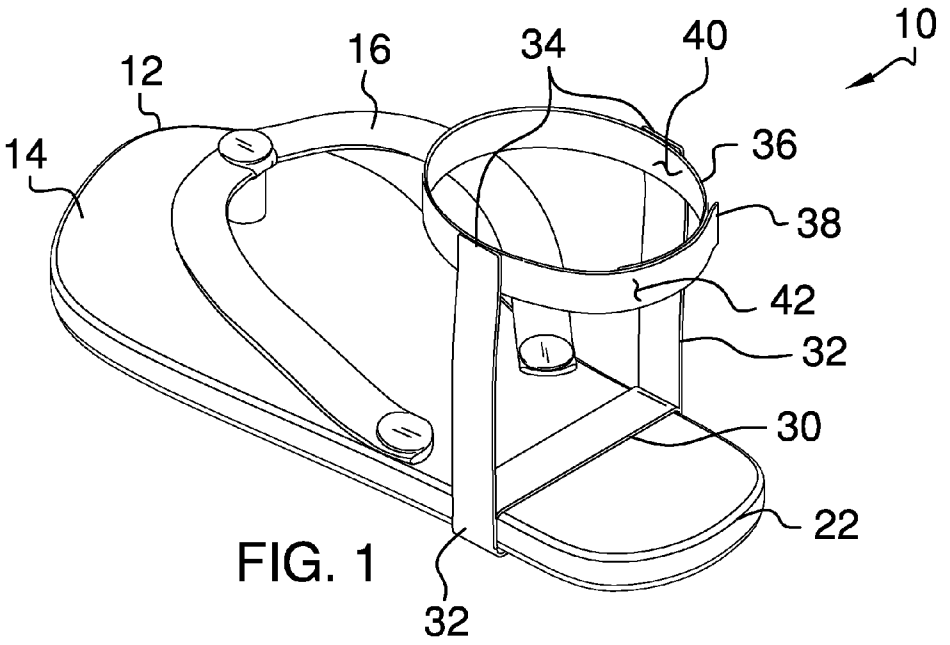
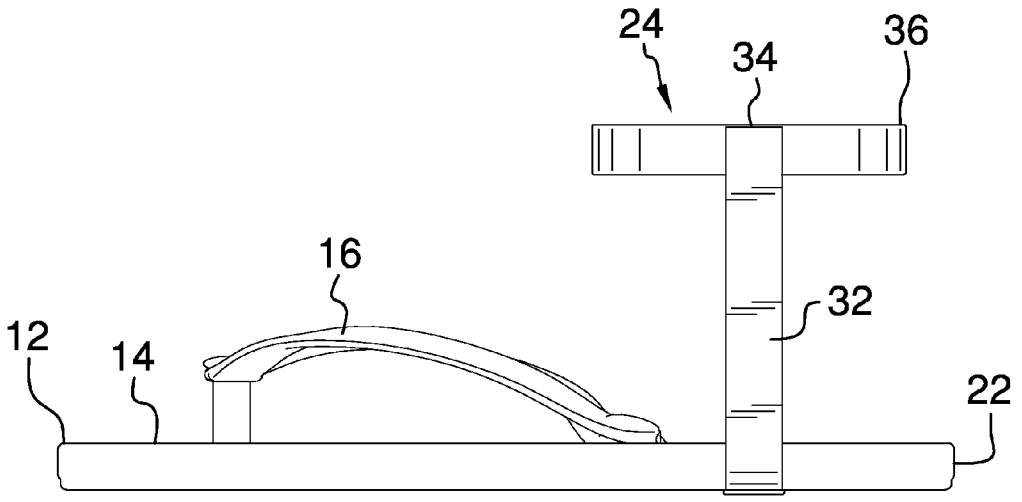


FIG. 1



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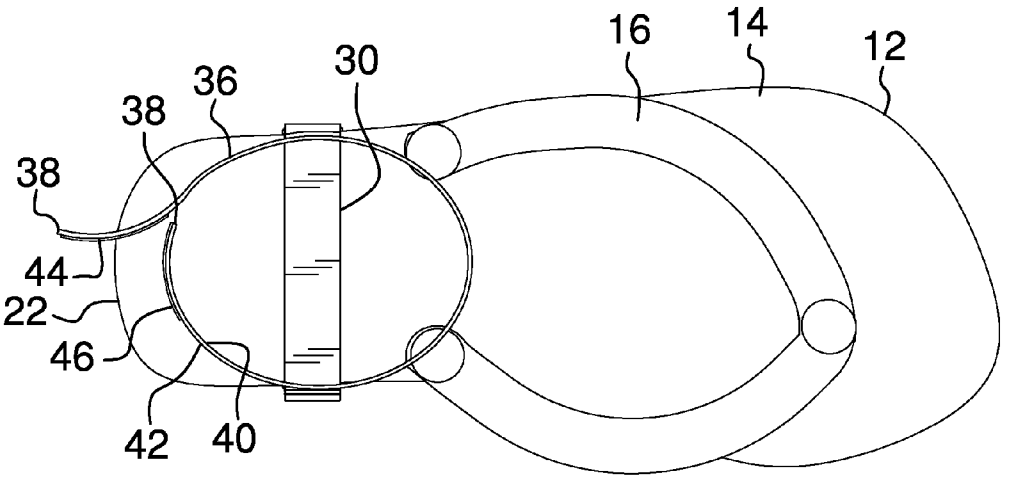

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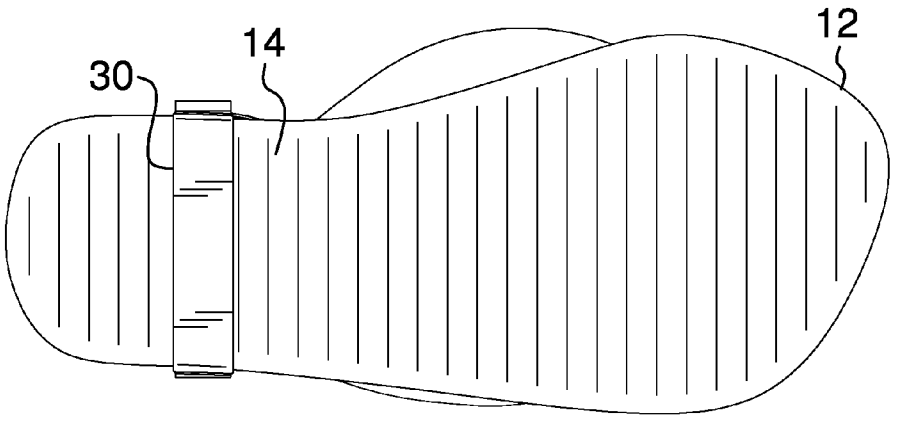

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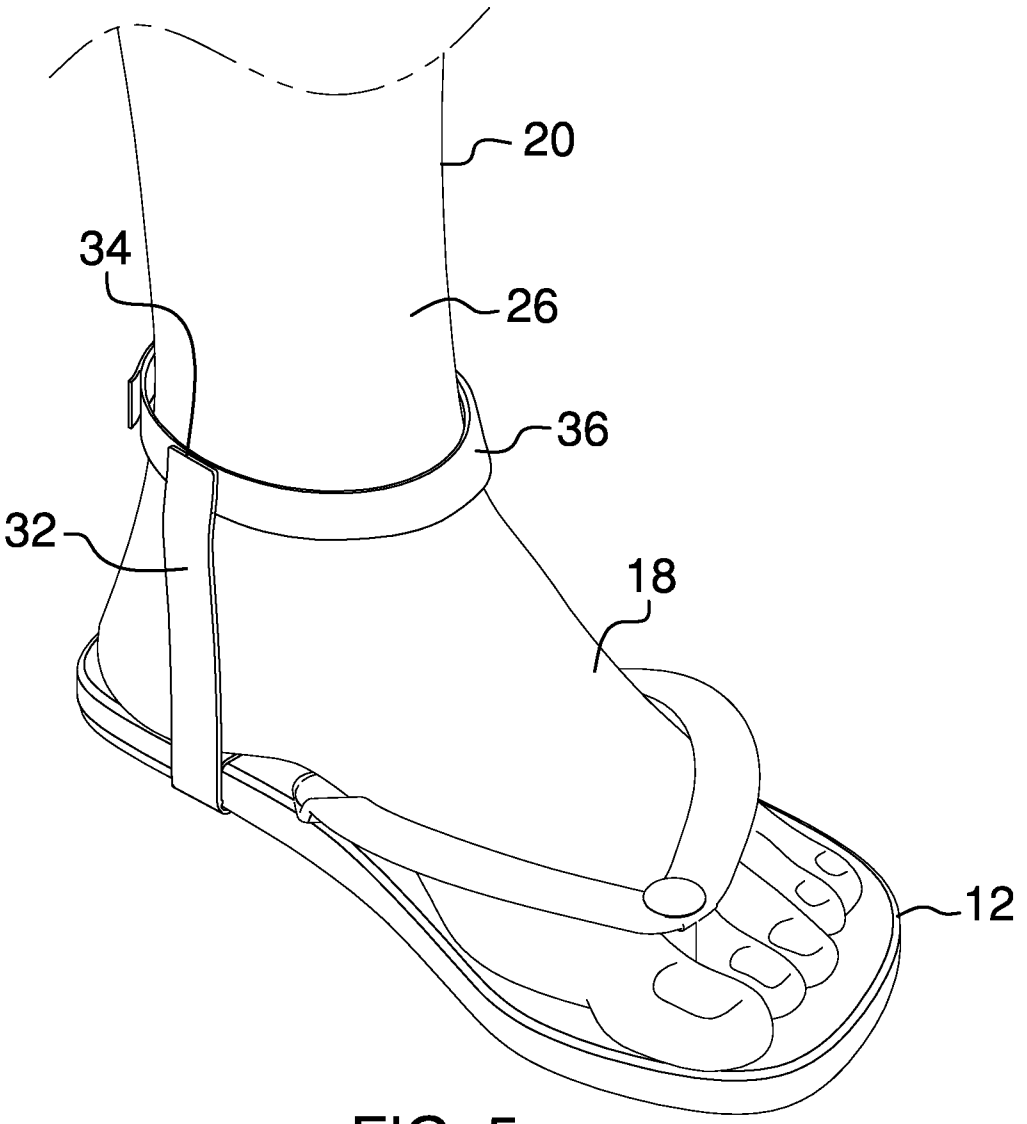

FIG. 5

SHOE RETENTION SYSTEM

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE

Field of the Disclosure

[0001] The disclosure relates to retention devices and more particularly pertains to a new retention device for converting a flip flop into a sandal.

SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0002] An embodiment of the disclosure meets the needs presented above by generally comprising a flip flop that may be worn on a foot of a user. A retainer is removably attached to the flip flop. The retainer engages an ankle of the user such that the sole portion is prevented from dropping away from the user's foot while the user walks.

[0003] There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of the disclosure in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood, and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional features of the disclosure that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

[0004] The objects of the disclosure, along with the various features of novelty which characterize the disclosure, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0005] The disclosure will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference to the annexed drawings wherein:

[0006] FIG. **1** is a perspective view of a shoe retention system according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0007] FIG. **2** is a left side view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0008] FIG. **3** is a top view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0009] FIG. **4** is a bottom view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0010] FIG. **5** is a perspective in-use view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0011] With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to FIGS. **1** through **5** thereof, a new retention device embodying the principles and concepts of an embodiment of the disclosure and generally designated by the reference numeral **10** will be described.

[0012] As best illustrated in FIGS. **1** through **5**, the shoe retention system **10** generally comprises a flip flop **12** that has a sole portion **14** and a strap portion **16**. The flip flop **12** may be worn on a foot **18** of a user **20** and the sole portion **14** has a rear end **22**. The flip flop **12** may be a flip flop sandal of any conventional design.

[0013] A retainer **24** is removably attached to the flip flop **12** and the retainer **24** is positioned on the sole portion **14**. The retainer **24** engages an ankle **26** of the user **20** such that the sole portion **14** is prevented from dropping away from the user's foot **18** while the user **20** walks. The retainer **24** comprises a first strap **30** that is continuous such that the first strap **30** forms a closed loop. The first strap **30** has the rear end **22** being directed therethrough such the first strap **30** extends around the sole portion **14**. The first strap **30** is comprised of a resiliently stretchable material such that the first strap **30** frictionally engages the sole portion.

[0014] A pair of second straps **32** is provided and each of the second straps **32** is attached to the first strap **30**. Each of the second straps **32** is spaced apart from each other such that each of the second straps **32** extends upwardly from the sole portion **14** when the first strap **30** is positioned around the sole portion **14**. Each of the second straps **32** has a distal end **34** with respect to the first strap **30**.

[0015] A third strap **36** is coupled between the distal end **34** of each of the second straps **32**. The third strap **36** is split to define a pair of free ends **38** of the third strap **36**. The third strap **36** has a first surface **40** and a second surface **42**. A first coupler **44** is attached to the first surface **40** and the first coupler **44** is positioned adjacent to one of the free ends **38**. A second coupler **46** is attached to the second surface **42** and the second coupler **46** is positioned adjacent to one of the free ends **38**. The first **44** and second **46** couplers are complementary with each other. Thus, each of the free ends **38** is matable to each other. The third strap **36** is wrapped around the user's ankle **26** when the user **20** wears the flip flop **12** wherein the third strap **36** prevents the rear end **22** of the sole portion **14** from dropping away from the user's foot **18** when the user **20** walks.

[0016] In use, the first strap **30** is positioned around the sole portion **14** of the flip flop **12**. The flip flop **12** is worn and the third strap **36** is wrapped around the user's ankle **26**. The user **20** walks while wearing the flip flop **12**.

[0017] With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized that the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of an embodiment enabled by the disclosure, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form, function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0018] Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the disclosure. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the disclosure to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the disclosure. In this patent document, the word "comprising" is used in its non-limiting sense to mean that items following the word are included, but items not specifically mentioned are not excluded. A reference to an element by the indefinite article "a" does not exclude the possibility that more than one of the element is present, unless the context clearly requires that there be only one of the elements.

I claim:

1. A shoe retention system configured to convert a flip flop shoe into a sandal, said system comprising:

a flip flop configured to be worn on a foot of a user; and

a retainer being removably attached to said flip flop, said retainer being configured to engage an ankle of the user such that said sole portion is prevented from dropping away from the user's foot while the user walks.

2. The assembly according to claim 1, wherein said flip flop has a sole portion and a strap portion, said sole portion having a rear end.

3. The assembly according to claim 1, wherein:

said flip flop has a sole portion, said sole portion having a rear end; and

said retainer comprising a first strap being continuous such that said first strap forms a closed loop, said first strap having said rear end being directed therethrough such said first strap extends around said sole portion, said first strap being comprised of a resiliently stretchable material such that said first strap frictionally engages said sole portion.

4. The assembly according to claim 3, further comprising a pair of second straps, each of said second straps being attached to said first strap, each of said second straps being spaced apart from each other such that each of said second straps extends upwardly from said sole portion when said first strap is positioned around said sole portion, each of said second straps having a distal end with respect to said first strap.

5. The assembly according to claim 4, further comprising a third strap being coupled between said distal end of each of said second straps such that said third strap is configured to be wrapped around the user's ankle when the user wears said flip flop.

6. The assembly according to claim 5, wherein said third strap is split to define a pair of free ends of said third strap, each of said free ends being matable to each other wherein said third strap is configured to prevent said rear end of said sole portion from dropping away from the user's foot when the user walks.

7. A shoe retention system configured to convert a flip flop shoe into a sandal, said system comprising:

a flip flop having a sole portion and a strap portion wherein said flip flop is configured to be worn on a foot of a user, said sole portion having a rear end; and

a retainer being removably attached to said flip flop, said retainer being positioned on said sole portion, said retainer being configured to engage an ankle of the user such that said sole portion is prevented from dropping away from the user's foot while the user walks, said retainer comprising:

a first strap being continuous such that said first strap forms a closed loop, said first strap having said rear end being directed therethrough such said first strap extends around said sole portion, said first strap being comprised of a resiliently stretchable material such that said first strap frictionally engages said sole portion,

a pair of second straps, each of said second straps being attached to said first strap, each of said second straps being spaced apart from each other such that each of said second straps extends upwardly from said sole portion when said first strap is positioned around said sole portion, each of said second straps having a distal end with respect to said first strap, and

a third strap being coupled between said distal end of each of said second straps such that said third strap is configured to be wrapped around the user's ankle when the user wears said flip flop, said third strap being split to define a pair of free ends of said third strap, each of said free ends being matable to each other wherein said third strap is configured to prevent said rear end of said sole portion from dropping away from the user's foot when the user walks.

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