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ATTACHMENT FOR STADIUM BOOTS

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This invention appertains to footwear and more particularly to a novel attachment for women's overshoes of the type commonly known to the trade as "Stadium Boots."

Where the boots are worn over the usual type of women's footwear, the sharp high heels thereof soon wear and cut through the gum soles of the boots. Also the feet of the wearer and particularly the high heels slide back and forth over the sole of the boot. Due to the configuration of women's shoes, the boots do not snugly fit around the heel of the shoes, and consequently the uppers of the boots wrinkle and crack around the rear part of the soles resulting in an unsightly worn appearance.

It is therefore one of the primary objects of my invention to provide a novel device readily insertable in the overshoes or boots for receiving the sharp heels of women's shoes and effectively protecting the heels of the overshoes and the sliding of the heels in the boots.

Another salient object of my invention is to provide an attachment for women's storm boots which will engage and support the upper around the heel so that the tendency of the upper to wrinkle around the sole is prevented.

A further important object of my invention is to provide an attachment for women's storm boots embodying a flat block of wear-resisting material having a socket in its upper face for receiving the heels of the women's shoes, the construction of the attachment being such that sliding of the heels and the wear blocks in the storm boots is prevented.

A still further object of my invention is to provide an attachment for women's storm boots of the above character which will be durable and efficient in use, one that will be simple and easy to manufacture and one which can be placed upon the market at an extremely low price.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and formation of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing; in which drawing:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a woman's storm boot showing parts thereof broken away and in section to illustrate the use of my novel device therewith, parts of the device being also shown broken away and in section.

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows showing my attachment in place in the boot.

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Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view through the rear of a storm boot showing my attachment inserted in the boot, the attachment being shown in top plan.

Figure 4 is a detail perspective view of the attachment removed from the boot.

Referring to the drawing in detail wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the letter "B" indicates a woman's storm boot and "A" my novel attachment thereof.

The boot B as stated in the objects of the specification is of the general type known to the trade as "Stadium Boot" and as this boot is of a well-known structure, the same will not be described in detail. However, it is to be noted that the same includes an upper 5 formed from sheep or like skin with a sole 6 cemented or otherwise secured thereto. Usually the sole 6 is formed from thick sponge rubber. The boots naturally present somewhat of a bulky appearance, and due to the fact that the rear of the upper cannot be supported by a counter, the upper around the rear of the sole tends to wrinkle, particularly if the upper does not snugly embrace the shoe.

In women's shoes the curvature of the high heel prevents the snug engagement of the upper therewith and the sharp edges of the heel, and the small area thereof soon cuts and wears through the sole 6. Likewise the heel has a tendency to slide around over the upper surface of the sole. To overcome the difficulties mentioned above I provide my novel attachment A for the boots.

Attachment A is provided for each boot and each of the attachments includes a flat solid block 10 formed from wear-resisting material, such as hard rubber. This block or plate 10 is shaped to conform to the configuration of the inside of the boot at the heel, and consequently, the marginal edge of the block is curved at its rear as at 11 and the outer edge of the block is adapted to snugly engage the inner face of the upper 5 around the sole 6. The leading edge of the block can be tapered as at 12 to conform to the inclination of the shank portion of a woman's shoe. The lower face of the block is transversely serrated or roughened as at 13. This surface is adapted to engage the upper face of the sole of the boot so that riding forward of the block will be prevented.

Formed in the upper face of the block is a socket 14 in which is adapted to fit the lower end of the heel of the wearer. The lower face of the socket can also be serrated as at 15 so

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that if the socket is of a larger area than the lower face of the heel, the sliding of the heel in the socket will be precluded.

From the foregoing description it can be seen that I have provided an exceptionally simple and durable attachment for storm boots which can be readily inserted in the boots and which will effectively prevent undue wear on the sole of the boots by the French heels of a wearer.

Changes in details may be made without departing from the spirit or the scope of my invention, but what I claim as new is:

As a new article of manufacture, an attachment for women's storm boots comprising a uni-

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tary block of wear-resisting material shaped to conform to the inner configuration of the boot around the heel, said block having a flat lower serrated surface for engaging the inner face of the boot sole to prevent shifting of said block in the boot, the outer edge of said block shaped to conform to the outline of the boot around the heel, and the upper face of the block being provided with a socket for receiving the lower end of the heel of a shoe of a wearer, the lower face of the socket being serrated to prevent movement of the shoe heel in said socket.

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