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BURIAL SLIPPER

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FIG. 1

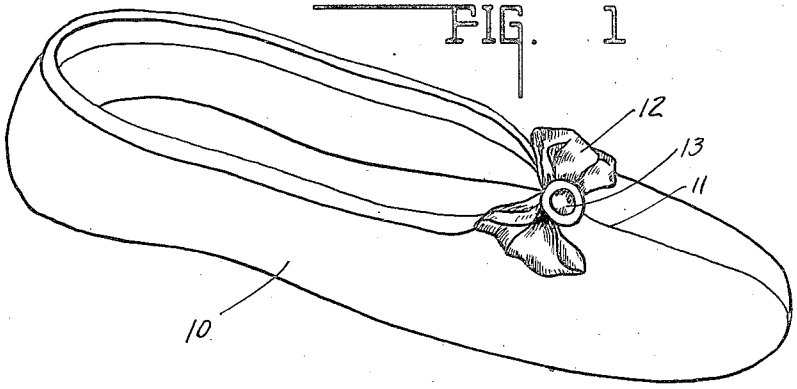


FIG. 2

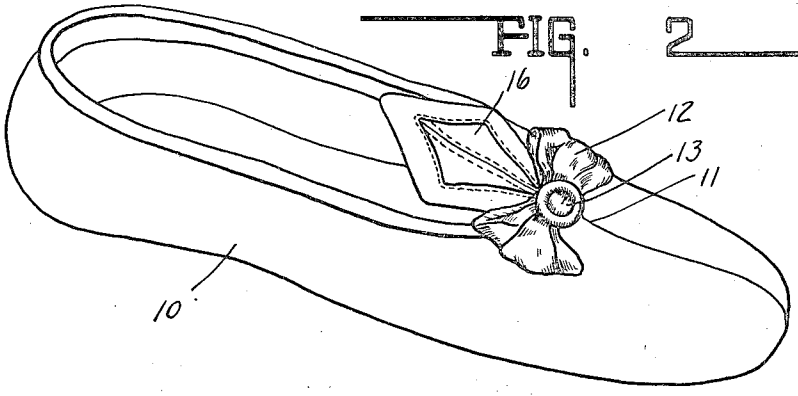


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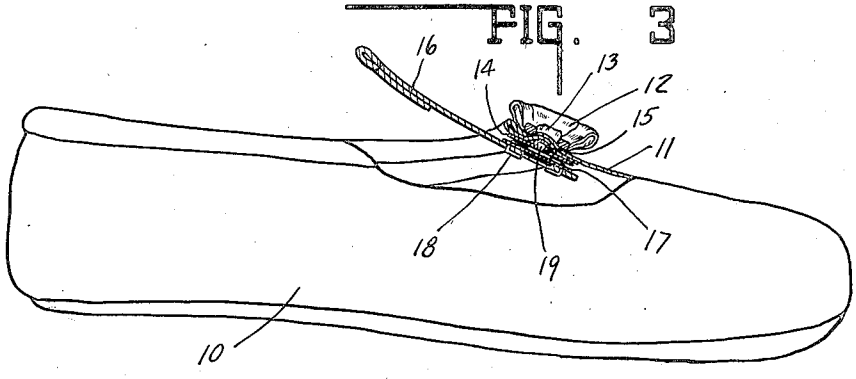
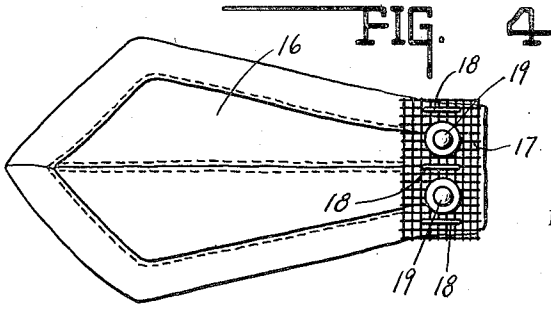


FIG. 4



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1 Claim. (Cl. 36—54)

This invention relates to the construction of a burial slipper generally employed as footwear of deceased persons for burial purposes by reason of its lightness and flexibility.

The character of the slipper is such that only a few sizes are required to be carried in stock by undertakers by reason of its adaptability to various sizes and shapes of feet. However, it is a matter of choice and taste as to whether or not a plain slipper without a decorative tongue be used, or a slipper provided with such a tongue.

Heretofore it has been common practice for the slippers to be stocked both with and without the tongue for selection by the interested parties. It is the purpose of this invention to devise a structure whereby only one type of slipper need be carried in stock in the various sizes, which will serve the purpose of both types, with or without the tongue mounted thereon. To this end, a plain slipper is furnished, together with a separate tongue which may or may not be attached in place, as desired.

By reason of the character of the slipper, which is made of woven or knitted materials of desirable weight and texture, the vamp is reinforced so as to be comparatively rigid and provided with one member of a snap fastener on the underside thereof. Likewise the fastening end of the tongue is reinforced and provided with a mating member of the snap fastener. By means of this construction, the fastening end of the tongue may be inserted under the vamp of the slipper and readily snapped into place by forcing it upwardly against the underside of the vamp under such pressure as to cause the engagement of the snap fastener members. This arrangement permits of the carrying of only one type of slipper in stock, while giving a choice of two different types. At the same time the construction is such as to give the impression that the tongue is an integral part of the slipper when mounted in place, while permitting its ready and convenient removal or attachment without affecting the external appearance of the slipper.

The full nature of the invention will be understood from the accompanying drawing and the following description and claim.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the slipper without the tongue. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same slipper with a tongue mounted in place. Fig. 3 is a side elevation with the tongue and vamp shown in longitudinal section. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the tongue when removed.

In the drawing, there is illustrated a burial slipper 10 having a vamp portion 11 over which there is illustrated a decorative bow 12. Immediately below that portion of the vamp covered by the knot 13 of the bow 12, there is secured a reinforcing strip of material 14, said strip being mounted on the underside of the vamp 11. Also secured to the under surface of the vamp and reinforced by said strip 14, or directly secured thereto, there is a pair of laterally alined socket snap fastener members 15.

The tongue 16 is removably secured to the plain slipper shown in Fig. 1 by inserting it under the vamp 11 and pressing upwardly thereon to snap in place. This is accomplished by providing said tongue with a lateral reinforcing strip 17 tacked thereto by the staples 18 for supporting laterally alined stud snap fastener members 19, said members being so arranged as to engage and snap into the members 15, respectively.

By means of this arrangement, when it is desired to use a slipper with the tongue, the fastener end of the tongue may be inserted into the slipper so as to lie adjacent the underside of the vamp, the fastener members 19 being located with respect to the corresponding members 15, whereupon they may be snapped into place by pressure exerted by the thumb and forefinger. The construction is such that the tongue will be reinforced by the strip 17 while the fastener means will be protected and hidden from view by the vamp portion of the shoe.

The invention claimed is:

A burial slipper formed of a soft fabric having flexible sole and vamp portions, a reinforcing strip secured to the underside of the vamp and disposed laterally thereof, a pair of snap fastener elements carried by said strip and in spaced alinement laterally of the vamp portion, a tongue, a reinforcing strip secured to the upper face of said tongue and disposed laterally of the inner end thereof, a pair of snap fastener elements carried by said tongue reinforcing strip and disposed in alinement laterally of the tongue and spaced apart a distance equal to the distance between said vamp fastener elements; the fastener elements of the vamp and tongue adapted to interengage with each other to hold the tongue in proper longitudinal alinement on the shoe.

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