WATERPROOF TRANSPARENT DECORATIVE BOOT

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This invention relates generally to footwear, and is especially concerned with footwear in the nature of boots. As is well known to those versed in feminine fashion, it is presently fashionable to wear boots, together with stockings or socks of a design adapted to match other articles of attire. It is an important object of the present invention to provide a unique article of footwear in the nature of boots, which footwear uniquely incorporates a design adapted to match other articles of apparel, and is completely waterproof.

It is another object of the present invention to provide an article of footwear which includes a stocking-like liner neatly and attractively associated therewith by a unique construction visually exposing the liner through transparent plastic to reveal the decorative effect thereof and its matching relation with other articles of attire.

It is still a further object of the present invention to provide a boot-type article of footwear having the advantageous characteristics mentioned in the preceding paragraphs which is extremely simple in construction, neat and attractive in appearance, and which can be economically manufactured for sale at a reasonable price.

Other objects of the present invention will become apparent upon reading the following specification and referring to the accompanying drawings, which form a material part of this disclosure.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangements of parts, which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope will be indicated by the appended claim.

In the drawings:

FIGURE 1 is a top perspective view illustrating a high-boot constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention.

FIGURE 2 is a partial sectional view taken generally along the line 2—2 of FIGURE 1.

FIGURE 3 is a top perspective view illustrating a slightly modified boot constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention.

FIGURE 4 is a partial sectional view taken generally along the line 4—4 of FIGURE 3.

FIGURE 5 is a view similar to FIGURE 4, but with the sock-like liner extending upwardly beyond the upper edge of the leg covering.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, and especially to FIGURES 1 and 2 thereof, an article of footwear is there generally designated 10, and includes a foot covering 11 and a leg covering 12. The foot and leg coverings 11 and 12 are advantageously and integrally molded of transparent, thermoplastic material, as in the first-described embodiment, or otherwise formed, it being preferable that at least the foot-covering upper 14a and leg covering 12a be of transparent material, so long as the entire article is completely waterproof.

In the instant embodiment, the leg covering 12a terminates at its upper end 15a just above the ankle of a wearer, in the manner of a low-cut boot.

A liner 17a, in the nature of a stocking, may be of knit or other suitable fabric of a desired design, is conformably engaged in the foot and leg coverings 11a and 12a and is adherently secured to substantially the entire interior surfaces of the foot and leg coverings. The liner 17a is advantageously heat-sealed in its conforming facing engagement with the interior surfaces of the foot and leg coverings 11a and 12a, but may be otherwise secured.

It is essential, however, that the interface securement of foot and leg coverings 11a and 12a with liner 17a be such that the design of the liner is uniformly and clearly exposed through the foot and leg coverings.

In this embodiment, the upper end 15a of the leg covering 12a may be left exposed, and the upper end of the stocking may be finished as at 21 substantially flush with the upper leg covering end 15a. Also, the embodiment of FIGURES 3 and 4 illustrates the absence of an inner layer of pile, or the like.

If desired, a binding like that used in FIGURE 2 may be used around the top of boot shown in FIGURE 3.

In the embodiment of FIGURE 5, the sock-like liner in the nature of a stocking, as shown in FIGURE 2 is extended upwardly beyond the top edge 15b of the leg covering 12b.

From the foregoing it is seen that the present invention provides an article of footwear which fully accomplishes its intended objects and is well adapted to meet practical conditions of manufacture and use.

Although the present invention has been described in some detail by way of illustration and example for purposes of clarity of understanding, it is understood that certain changes and modifications may be made within...
the spirit of the invention and scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

An article of footwear comprising a foot covering including a sole, an upper, and a leg covering extending upwardly from said upper, at least said upper and leg covering being fabricated of waterproof transparent plastic material, and a fabric liner in said upper and leg covering and extending adherently to substantially the entire inner surfaces of said upper and leg covering, whereby said liner is visually exposed through said upper and leg covering for a unique decorative effect, said liner comprising a stocking having a design exposed through said upper and leg covering, said stocking including an additional tubular part extending upward beyond the upper end of said leg covering and free of the latter for fitting about a wearer’s leg, said liner being heat-sealed to said upper and leg covering.

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