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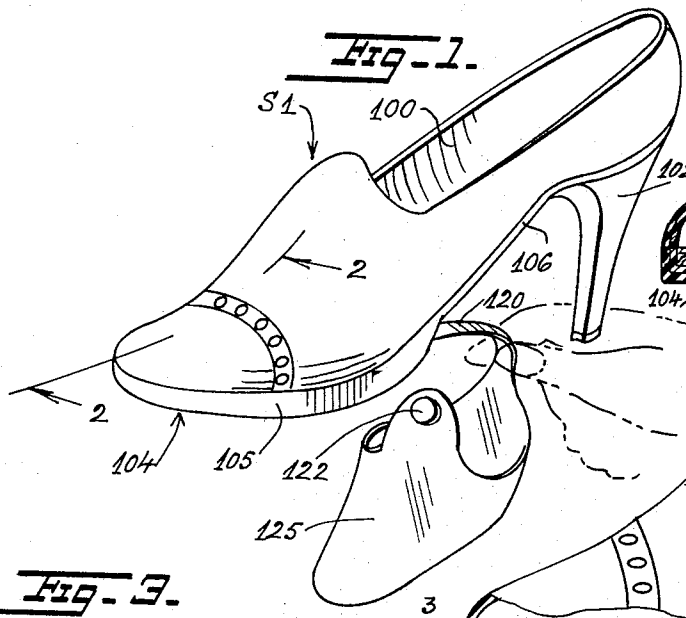


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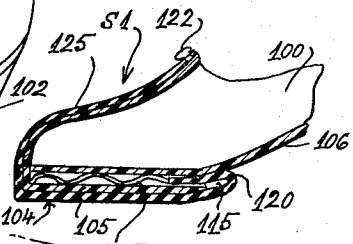


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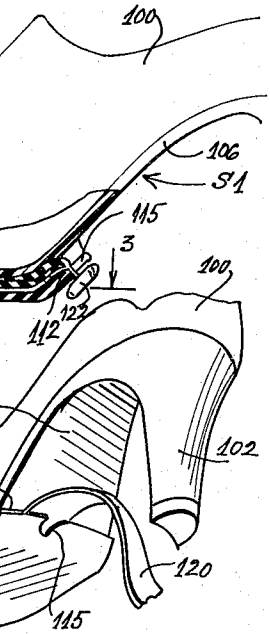


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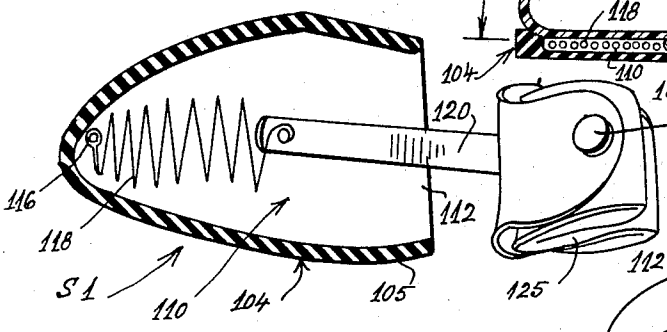


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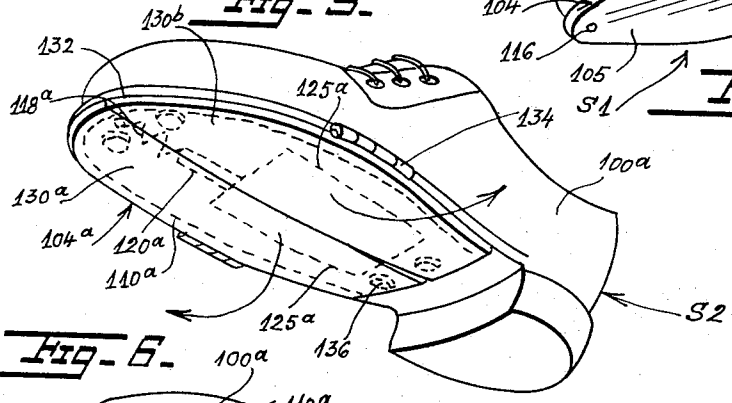
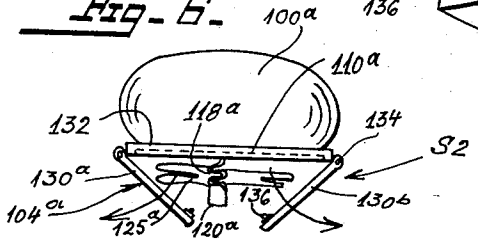


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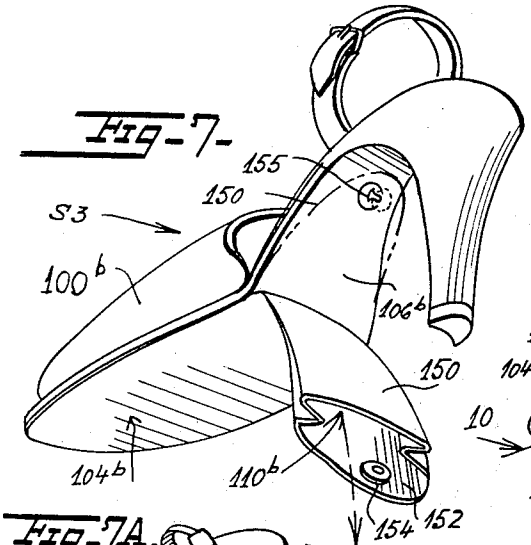


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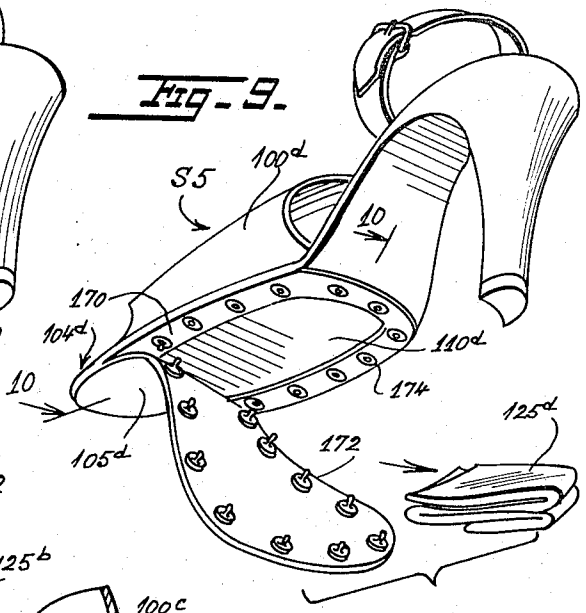


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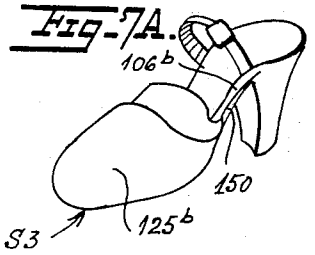


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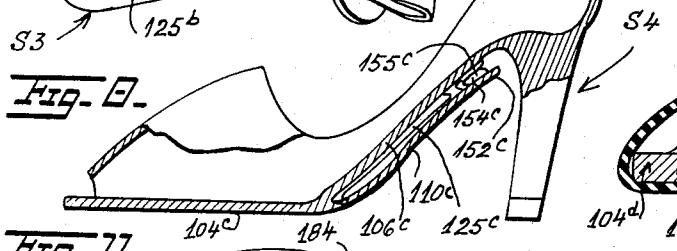


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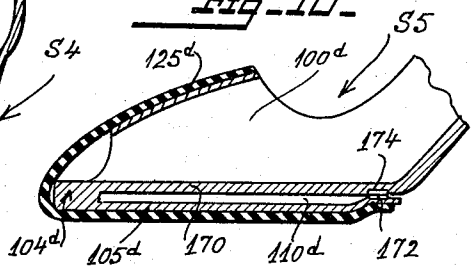


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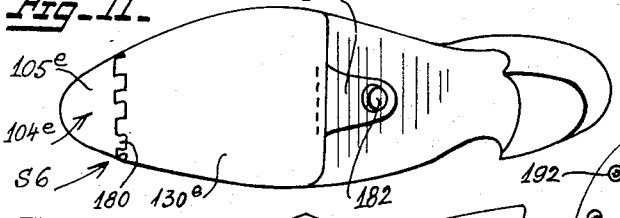


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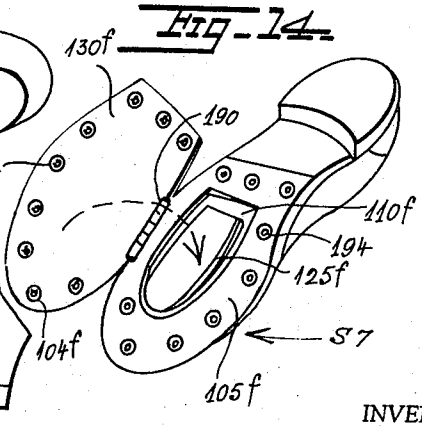


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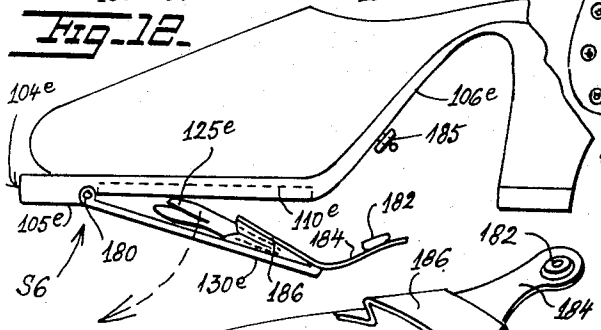
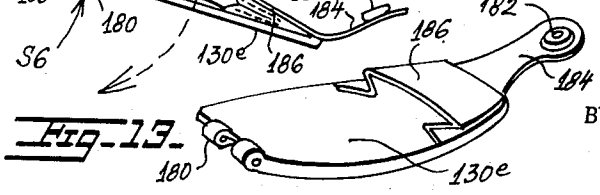


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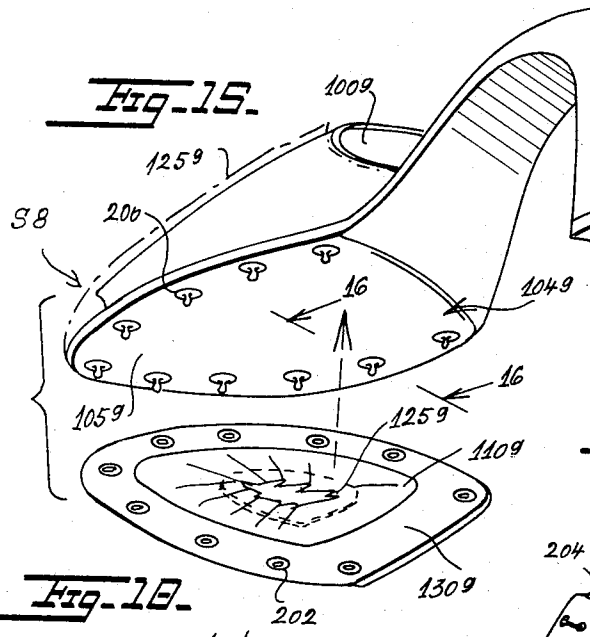


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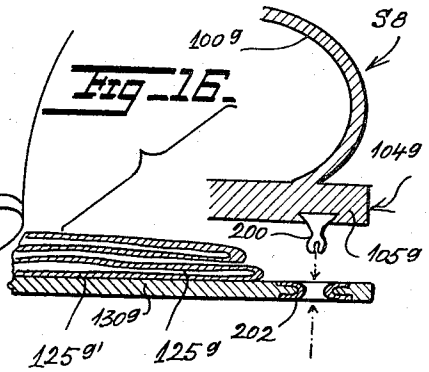


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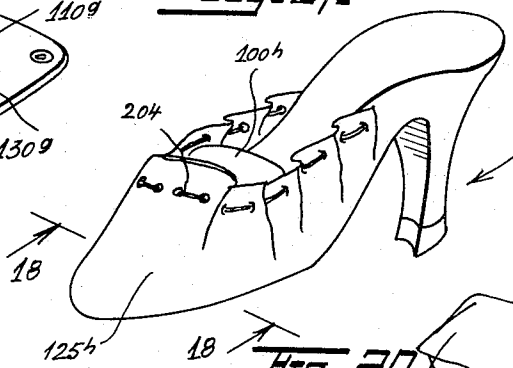


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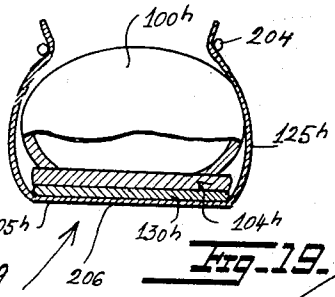


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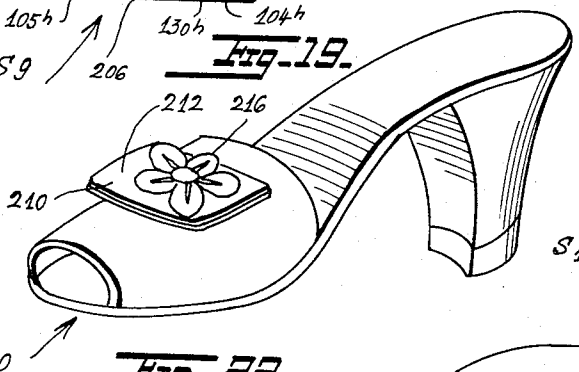


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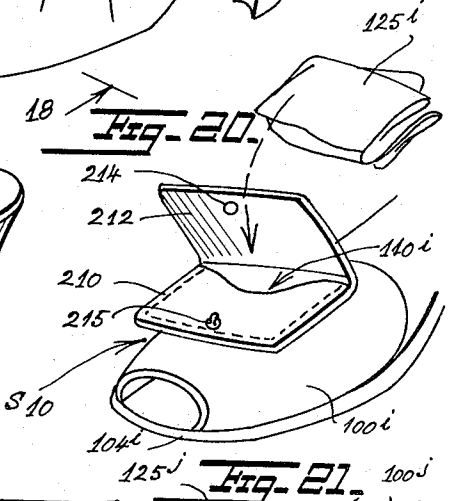


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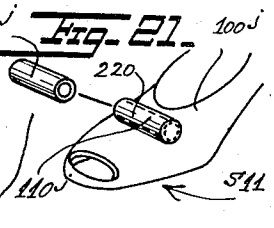
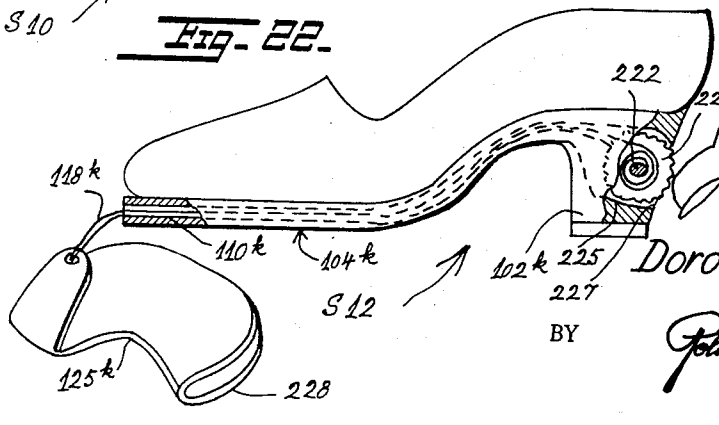


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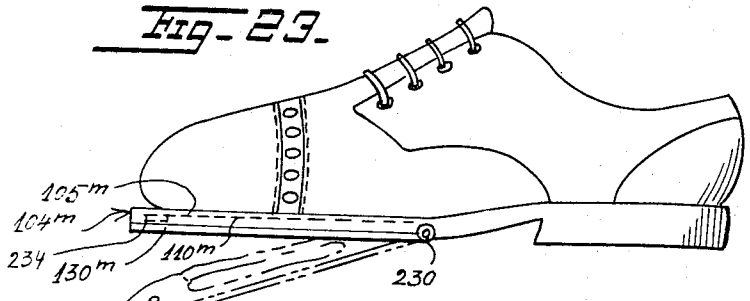


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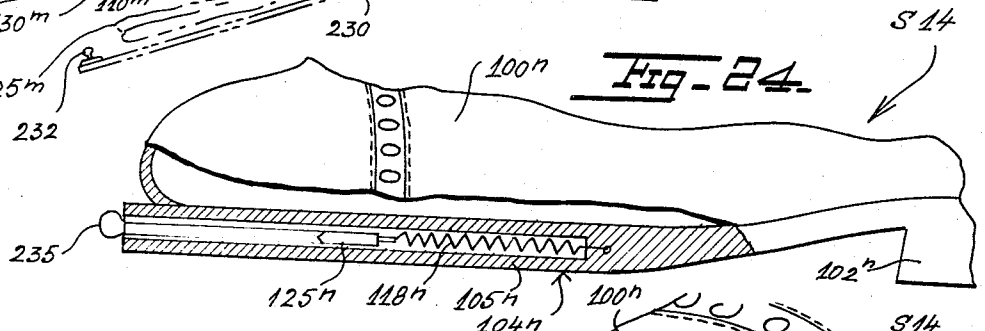


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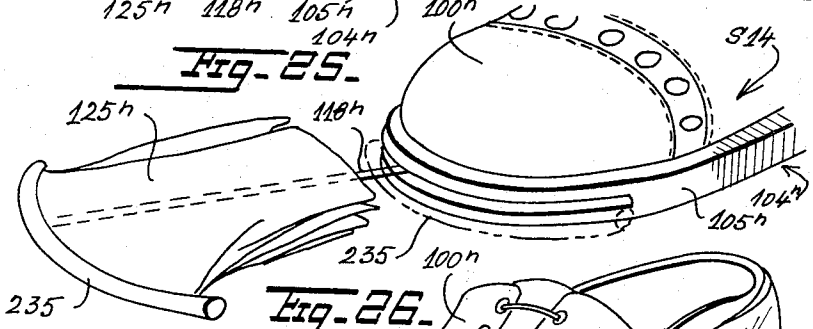


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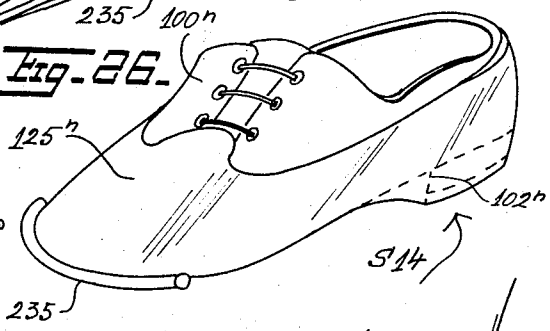


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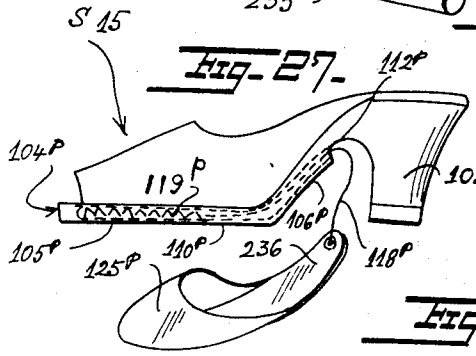


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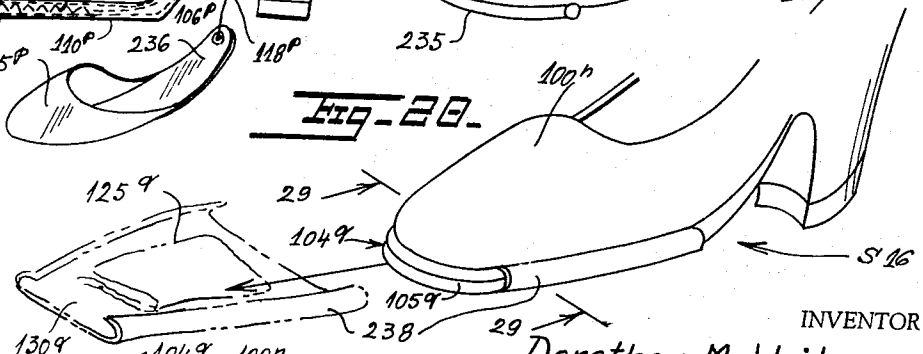
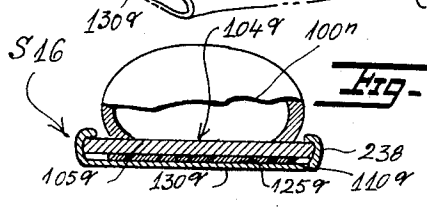


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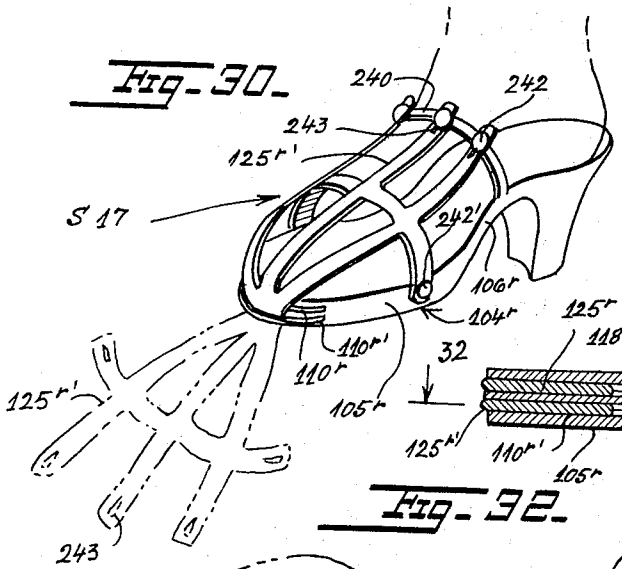


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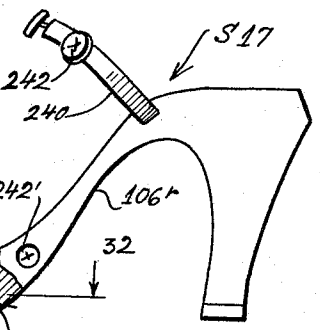


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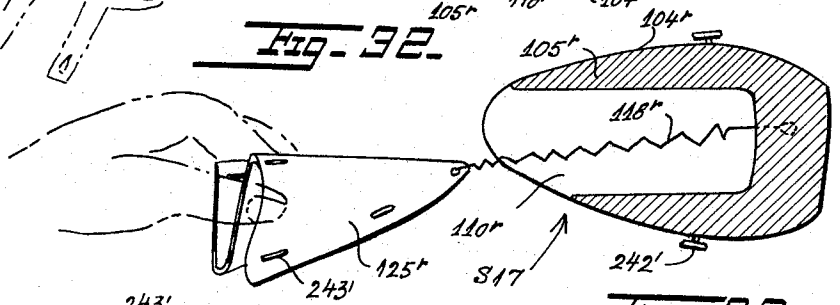


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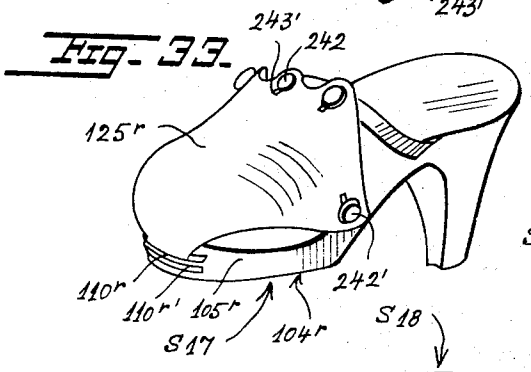


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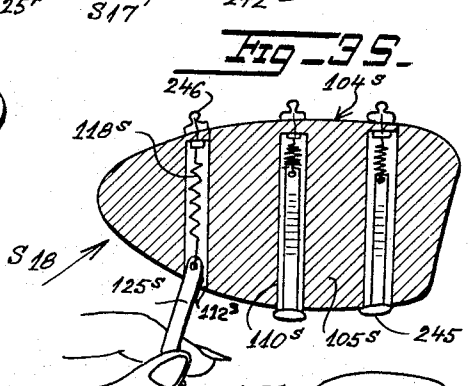


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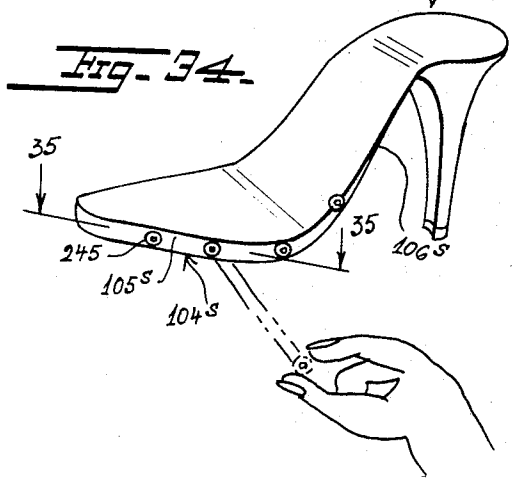
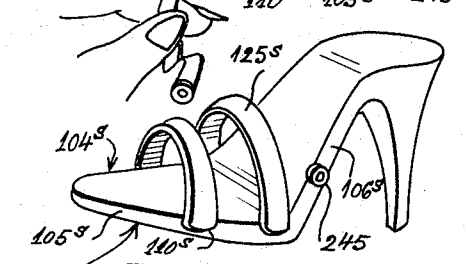


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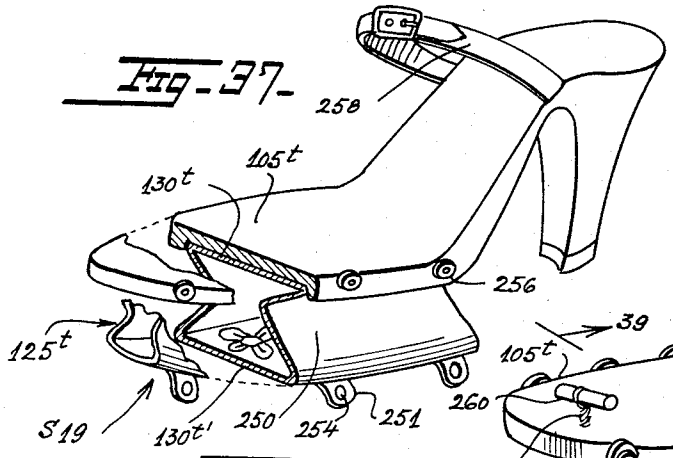


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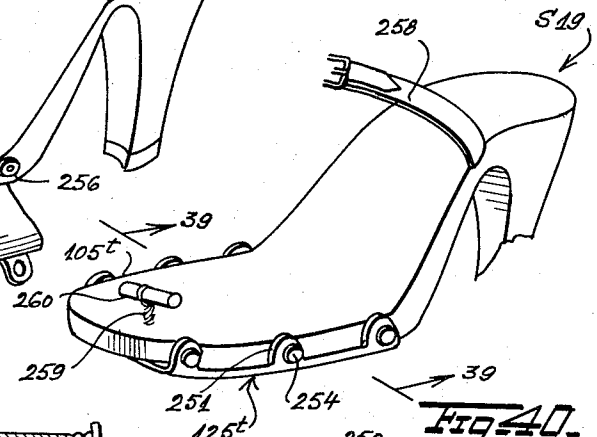


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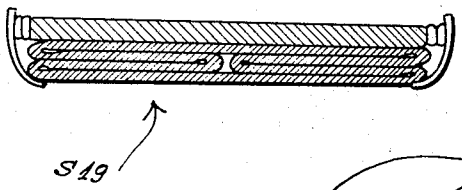


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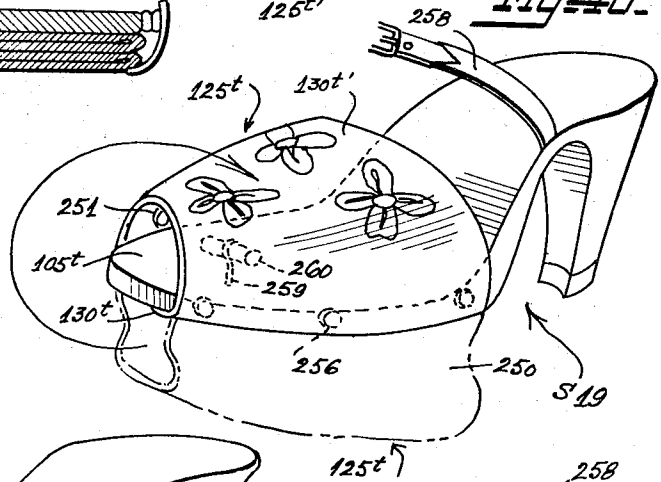


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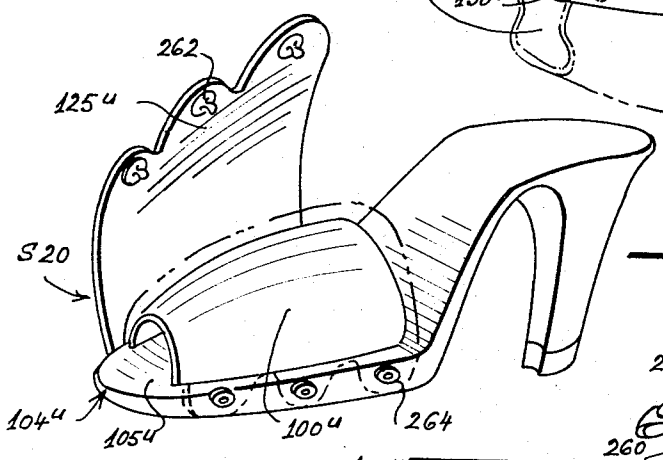


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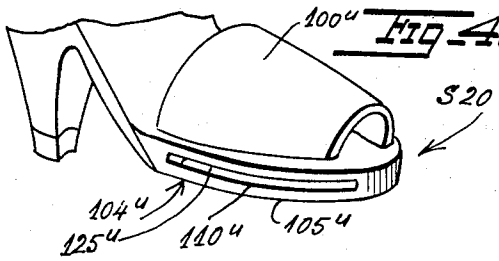
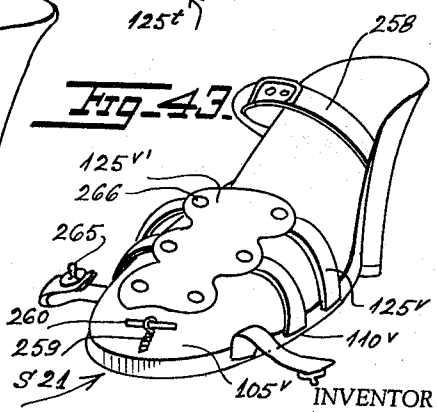


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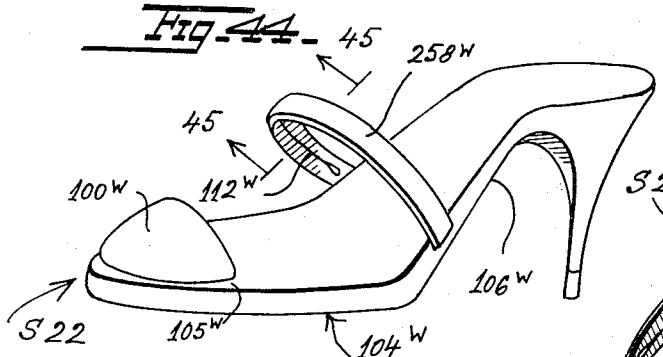


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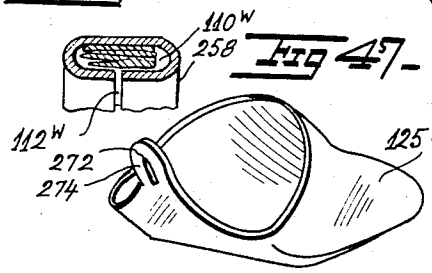


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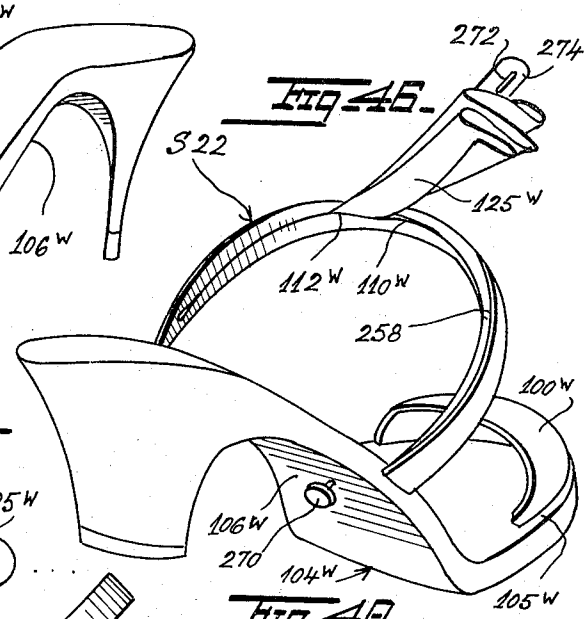


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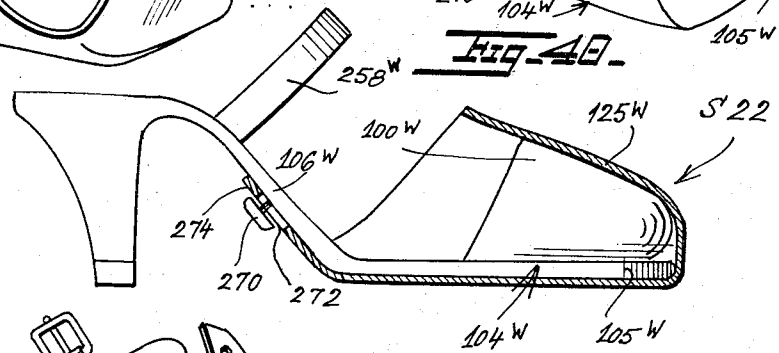


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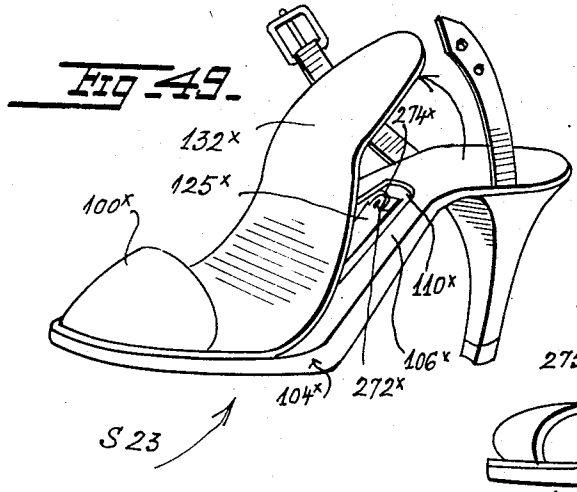
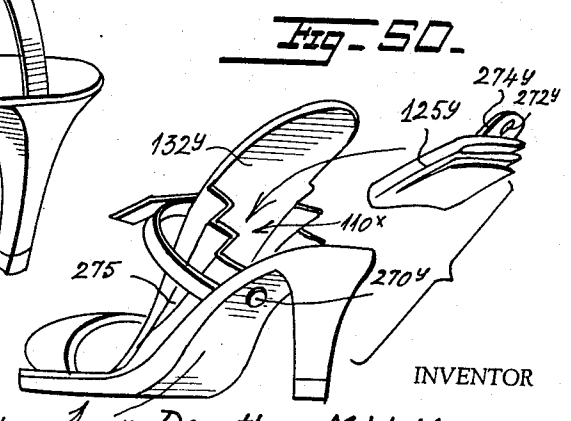


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A shoe having a compartment in the sole thereof for removably storing a sheath for covering the sole and upper of the shoe and held in covering position by a spring.

This invention relates to the art of shoe construction and more particularly concerns shoes having compartments for storing covers, straps and ornaments.

It is one object of the invention to provide a shoe having a sole with at least one compartment formed therein and cover means comprising a sheath, strap, shoe upper or ornament stored in the compartment and removable therefrom for covering at least part of the shoe.

Another object is to provide a shoe as described, wherein a spring in the compartment is connected to the cover means for holding it in the compartment and for holding the cover means in place on the shoe when removed from the compartment and engaged on the shoe.

A further object is to provide snap fastener members or other attachment means for holding the cover means in place on the shoe.

A further object is to provide a shoe having a plurality of compartments formed in a sole thereof, with different cover means comprising sheaths, straps or shoe uppers stored in the several compartments, the cover means being selectively withdrawable from the compartments and engageable in place over parts of the sole.

Still another object is to provide a shoe as last described, with spring means holding the cover means in the compartments.

Another object is to provide a shoe with a compartment for storing a collapsible cover, sheath, strap or ornament for the shoe.

Another object is to provide a shoe strap with a compartment and a collapsible cover for the shoe stored in the compartment.

Another object is to provide a shoe upper with a compartment and a collapsible sheath or cover for the shoe stored in the compartment.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a shoe with an associated shoe cover.

FIG. 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2—2 of FIG. 1, but with the shoe cover shown stored in a compartment in the sole of the shoe.

FIG. 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 3—3 of FIG. 2, with the shoe cover shown in a folded position and removed from the compartment in the sole.

FIG. 3A is a reduced sectional view similar to FIG. 2, with the shoe cover shown mounted on the shoe.

FIG. 4 is a perspective bottom view of the shoe with shoe cover removed from the compartment in the sole.

FIG. 5 is a perspective bottom view of another shoe embodying the invention.

FIG. 6 is a front end view of the shoe of FIG. 5 with sole panels in an open condition.

FIG. 7 is a bottom perspective view of another shoe with shoe cover removed.

FIG. 7A is a reduced perspective view of the shoe of FIG. 7, with shoe cover mounted on the shoe.

FIG. 8 is a sectional view of another shoe with a compartment in the sole.

FIG. 9 is a perspective bottom view of another shoe with sole partially removed, and shoe cover shown entirely removed from a compartment in the shoe.

FIG. 10 is a sectional view taken on line 10—10 of FIG. 9.

FIG. 11 is a bottom view of another shoe embodying the invention.

FIG. 12 is a side view of the shoe of FIG. 11, with a sole panel in an open condition.

FIG. 13 is a perspective view of the sole panel employed in the shoe of FIGS. 11 and 12.

FIG. 14 is a perspective bottom view of another shoe with open sole panel.

FIG. 15 is a bottom perspective view of another shoe with sole panel shown detached from the shoe.

FIG. 16 is a fragmentary, enlarged sectional view taken on line 16—16 of FIG. 15.

FIG. 17 is a perspective view of a further shoe embodying the invention.

FIG. 18 is a sectional view taken on line 18—18 of FIG. 17.

FIG. 19 is a perspective view of another shoe embodying the invention.

FIG. 20 is an exploded perspective view of part of the shoe of FIG. 19 with shoe cover shown removed from a compartment in the shoe.

FIG. 21 is a reduced fragmentary perspective view of a shoe embodying another form of the invention.

FIG. 22 is a side view, partially in section of another shoe with shoe cover shown removed from a compartment in the shoe.

FIG. 23 is a side view of another shoe embodying the invention.

FIG. 24 is an enlarged fragmentary side view partially in section, of another shoe.

FIG. 25 is a fragmentary perspective view of the shoe of FIG. 24 with shoe cover removed from a compartment in the shoe.

FIG. 26 is a reduced perspective view of the shoe of FIG. 25 with shoe cover mounted on the shoe.

FIG. 27 is a reduced side view of another shoe with shoe cover removed from a compartment in the shoe.

FIG. 28 is a fragmentary perspective view of another shoe with a sole panel mounted on the shoe.

FIG. 29 is a sectional view taken on line 29—29 of FIG. 28.

FIG. 30 is a perspective view of another shoe according to the invention.

FIG. 31 is a side view partially in section of the shoe of FIG. 30, with shoe covers shown retracted in compartments in the shoe.

FIG. 32 is a sectional view taken on line 32—32 of FIG. 31, with shoe cover shown removed from a compartment in the shoe.

FIG. 33 is a perspective view of the shoe of FIGS. 30–32 with the shoe cover of FIG. 32 shown mounted on the shoe.

FIG. 34 is a side view of another shoe according ot the invention.

FIG. 35 is a reduced perspective view of the shoe of FIGS. 34, 35 with shoe straps shown mounted in place on the shoe.

FIG. 37 is a perspective view, with parts broken away, of another shoe according to the invention, with compartments in the sole being shown open.

FIG. 38 is a perspective view of the shoe of FIG. 37, with compartment closed.

FIG. 39 is an enlarged cross sectional view taken on line **39—39** of FIG. 38, with shoe cover shown stored in the compartment.

FIG. 40 is a perspective view of the shoe of FIGS. 37–39 with shoe cover removed from the compartment and shown mounted on the shoe.

FIG. 41 is a perspective view of another shoe according to the invention, provided with an auxiliary cover shown in an open position.

FIG. 42 is a fragmentary perspective view of the shoe of FIG. 41, with auxiliary cover stored in a compartment in the sole of the shoe.

FIG. 43 is a perspective view of another shoe embodying another form of the invention.

FIG. 44 is a perspective view of another shoe embodying the invention.

FIG. 45 is an enlarged sectional view taken on lins **45—45** of FIG. 44.

FIG. 46 is a side and rear perspective view of the shoe of FIG. 44 with shoe cover partially removed from a compartment in the shoe.

FIG. 47 is a perspective view of the shoe cover of FIG. 46, shown in an open position.

FIG. 48 is a side view of the shoe of FIGS. 44–47, with shoe cover shown in section and mounted on the shoe.

FIG. 49 is a side view of another shoe with compartment in the sole shown open.

FIG. 50 is a rear and side perspective view of a further shoe with compartment open and shoe cover shown removed from the compartment.

Referring first to FIGS. 1–4, there is shown a lady's shoe **S1** having an upper **100**, heel **102** and outer sole **104**. The sole has a front flat portion **105** and an integral upwardly inclined instep portion **106**. In the flat portion **105** is formed a shallow compartment **110** which extends for substantially the full transverse width of the sole. The compartment has a rear opening **112** located at the rear end of the flat portion **105** and front end of the instep portion **106**. A notch **115** is formed at the upwardly inclined rear end of the sole portion **105** at opening **112**. Secured at the forward end of the compartment **110** by a pin **116** is a contracted spring **118**; see FIGS. 2, 3, 3A; connected to the rear end of the spring is a short flexible strap **120**. Attached to the rear end of the strap is the rear end of a cup-like elastic rubber sheath **125** for enclosing the forward end of the shoe upper and sole portion **105**. A button **122** attached to tongue **124** on the sheath engages at notch **115** when the sheath is folded flat and the spring **118** is retracted in the compartment **110**, as shown in FIG. 2. When the sheath is removed from the compartment and unfolded as shown in FIG. 1, it can be engaged on the front of the shoe as shown in FIG. 3A to protect the shoe from inclement weather. The spring **118** is then tensioned and holds the sheath in place on the shoe.

Upon removal of the sheath from the front of the shoe, the sheath can be folded up as shown in FIG. 3 and can then be inserted flat into the shallow compartment **110** where the spring still under tension will hold the sheath in place while button **122** is engaged at notch **115**.

A men's shoe **S2** is shown in FIGS. 5 and 6. This shoe has a sole **104***a* formed by two panels, **130***a*, **130***b* each pivotally secured to an intermediate sole **132** by hinges **134** at opposite lateral edges of sole **132**. Snap fastener members **136** at corners of the panels engage with corresponding mating fastener members inside compartment **110***a* in the sole **132**. The compartment is open at rear ends of the panels **130***a*, **130***b*. Inside compartment **110***a* is a folded sheath **125***a* connected to a strap **120***a* which in turn is secured to a retracted spring **118***a*.

The panels can be opened at shown in FIG. 6 for removing the folded sheath **125***a* which can then be engaged on the front end of the upper **100***a* and sole **104***a* of the shoe. The panels can then be closed and the strap will extend out of the rear open end of the compartment **110***a* while spring **118***a* is extended and tensioned to hold the sheath on the shoe.

Lady's shoe **S3** shown in FIGS. 7 and 7A has a flexible extension formed at the rear end of sole portion **104***b*. This extension is formed as a pouch **150** with compartment **110***b*. The pouch has a tongue **152** at its open free end provided with a snap fastener member **154**. This member engages with mating fastener member **155** on the instep portion **106***b* of the sole **104***b*. A folded sheath **125***b* for enclosing and protecting the forward end of upper **100***b* and toe end of sole **104***b* is carried in the pouch **150** and can be readily removed from the pouch. The tongue end **152** of the pouch can then be attached to fastener member **155** under the instep portion **106***b* of the sole as indicated by dotted lines in FIG. 7.

In FIG. 8, lady's shoe **S4** is similar to shoe **S3**. In this shoe, a compartment **110***c* is formed in the instep portion **106***c* of the sole. A flexible flap or tongue **152***c* at the rear end of the compartment has snap fastener member **154***c* engageable with fastener member **155***c*. Folded sheath **125***c* is stored in the compartment **110***c* and can readily be removed for covering and protecting the forward end of the upper **100** and sole **104***c*.

Shoe **S5** shown in FIGS. 9 and 10 has a flexible front sole portion **105***d* attached to intermediate sole portion **170** by snap fastener members **172** disposed around the periphery of sole portion **105***d*. These members are engageable with snap fastener members **174** disposed around the periphery of compartment **110***d* in sole portion **170**. Rubber or plastic sheath **125***d* for protecting the forward end of upper **100***d* and sole **104***d* is stored in compartment **110***d* and can readily be removed by separating the snap fastener members as shown in FIG. 9.

Shoe **S6** in FIGS. 11, 12 and 13 has a sole panel **130***e* pivotally secured to the forward end portion **105***e* of sole **104***e* by a transverse hinge **180**; see FIG. 13. A snap fastener member **182** on tongue **184** of the panel **130***e* engages with fastener member **185** on instep portion **106***e* of the sole. Panel **130***e* closes compartment **110***e* in which is stored folded sheath **125***e*. A pocket or pouch **186** may be formed on the upper side of panel **105***e* in which sheath **125***e* can be placed.

Shoe **S7** shown in FIG. 14 has panel **130***f* pivotally secured to front sole portion **105***f* of sole **104***f* by a lateral hinge **190**. Snap fastener members **192** around the periphery of panel **130***f* engage with fastener members **194** on sole portion **105***f*. Folded sheath **125***f* is stored in the compartment **110***f* defined in the sole portion **105***f* and closed by panel **130***f*.

In FIGS. 15 and 16 is shown shoe **S8** having a removable panel **130***g*. The panel has a compartment **110***g* formed therein in which is stored folded sheath **125***g*. Snap fastener studs **200** are secured around the front portion **105***g* of sole **104***g*. Female snap fastener members **202** around the periphery of panel **130***g* can engage with studs **200** in either of two positions. In one position the compartment **110***g* is uppermost and the sheath is concealed in the compartment. In the reversed position the compartment faces downwardly. The sheath can then be unfolded and turned over around the toe end of the upper **100***g*. The sole part **125***g'* of the sheath is secured by a suitable cement to panel **130***g* at the inner side of the compartment. The expanded sheath effectively covers and protects the front end of the shoe.

FIGS. 17 and 18 show a shoe **S9** which is provided with a front panel **130***h* to which is attached sole portion **206** of a shoe cover **125***h*. A drawstring **204** enables the cover to be drawn up and around the upper **100***h* of the shoe. The cover **125***h* is reversible so that the panel **130***h* can be located under the sole portion **206** of the cover with sole portion **206** abutting sole portion **105***h* of sole **104***h*.

The opposite sides of the cover **125***h* may have different colors so that different decorative effects are provided by reversing the cover **125***h* on the shoe.

Shoe **S10** shown in FIGS. 19 and 20 have a flat pouch **210** secured to the upper **100***i* of the shoe. Pouch **210** has a flap **212** provided with a snap fastener member **214** which engages with fastener member **215** on the pouch. On the cover is an ornament **216**. A folded sheath **125***i* can be stored in the compartment **110***i* defined by the pouch. The sheath can be unfolded and placed over the front of upper **100***i* and sole **104***i* of the shoe to protect the same.

Shoe **S11** shown in FIG. 21 has a cylindrical case **220** in the form of an ornament on the upper **100***j*. In the case is a compartment **110***j* which receives rolled up sheath **125***j*. The sheath can be removed from the case and unrolled. It can then be engaged on the shoe for covering and protecting the same.

Shoe **S12** shown in FIG. 22 has a compartment **110***k* formed in the sole **104***k* of the shoe. The compartment is open at the front end of the sole. A cord **118***k* is attached to a flexible sheath **125***k*. The rear end of the cord is engaged on a shaft **222** in compartment **225** in the heel **102***k* of the shoe. The cord passes through compartment **110***k* which communicates with compartment **225** in the heel. A knurled knob **226** on shaft **222** enables the shaft to be turned for rolling the cord up on the shaft. One end portion of the knob extends outwardly through a slot **227** in the heel. When the cord is rolled up on the shaft, the sheath **125***k* is stored in compartment **110***k*. The rolled or beaded free end **228** of the sheath can be manually grasped for pulling the sheath out of the compartment **110***k*.

Shoe **S13** shown in FIG. 23, has a panel **130***m* secured to the front portion **105***m* of sole **104***m* by a transverse hinge **230**. A folded sheath **125***m* is stored in compartment **110***m* in the sole portion **105***m*. A snap fastener member **232** at the front end of panel **130***m* engages with a mating member **234** in the front end of the compartment **110***m*.

Shoe **S14** shown in FIGS. 24–26 has a flexible sheath **125***n* stored in compartment **110***n* formed in front sole portion **105***n* of sole **104***n*. A spring **118***n* is secured to the sheath and holds it in the compartment which is open at the front end of the sole **104***n*. A bead **235** on the front, closed end of the sheath serves as a stop member and as means for grasping the sheath to pull it out of the compartment against tension in spring **118***n*. After the sheath is pulled out it can be engaged on the upper **100***n*, sole portion **105***n*, and heel **102***n* of the shoe. The spring will hold the sheath in place on the shoe.

Shoe **S15** shown in FIG. 27 has flexible sheath **125***p* with a tongue **236** held at one end by a spring **118***p* and at its other end by a spring **119***p* in compartment **110***p* formed in the front sole portion **105***p* and instep portion **106***p* of the sole **104***p*. The open end **112***p* of the compartment is at the upper end of the instep portion **106***n* just forward of heel **102***p*. The tensioned spring will hold the sheath in place covering the front of the shoe.

Shoe **S16** in FIGS. 28 and 29 has a tapered sole plate or panel **130***q* provided with flanges **238** which engage around lateral edges of sole portion **105***q* of sole **104***q*. A compartment **110***q* is defined between the panel and sole portion **105***q* in which folded shoe cover or sheath **125***q* can be stored. The panel can readily be removed by pulling it forwardly as shown in FIG. 28 for exposing the sheath. The sheath can then be unfolded and mounted on the front end of the shoe for protecting the same. The sheath will cover and enclose the front end of upper **100***q* and the panel **130***q*.

Shoe **S17** shown in FIGS 30–33 has two compartments **110***r* and **110***r'* located one above the other in front sole portion **105***r* of sole **104***r*. A strap **240** extends across the instep of the shoe from one side of instep portion **106***r* to the other. On strap **240** are buttons **242**. The buttons are

spaced apart. Buttons **242'** are on edges of sole **104***r*. On these buttons can engage button holes **243** formed in ends of a strap assembly **125***r'* which forms an ornamental upper for the shoe. The strap assembly fits into lower compartment **110***r'* where it is held retracted by spring **118***r'* as shown in FIG. 31. In the upper compartment **125***r* is stored a flexible cover or sheath **125***r* which can be pulled out as shown in FIG. 32 against tension in spring **118***r* for engagement of button holes **243'** on buttons **242** and **242'**. Spring **118***r* will hold the cover **125***r* taut over the front of the shoe. The user can selectively change the appearance of the upper of the shoe by withdrawing either the strap assembly **125***r'* or the cover **125***r* at will.

Shoe **S18** shown in FIGS. 34–36 has a plurality of transverse compartments **110***s* formed in sole portion **105***s* and instep portions **106***s* of sole **104***s*. Snap fastener members **245** are provided on ends of straps **125***s* which are held retracted in the compartments by springs **118***s*. When the free ends of the straps are retracted from open ends **112***s* of the compartments at one lateral edge of the sole the straps can be extended over the shoe and the fastener members **245** can be engaged with fastener members **246** at the other lateral edge of the sole **104***s*. The springs will hold the extended straps taut over the foot of the wearer.

Shoe **S19** shown in FIGS. 37–40 has a panel **130***t* attached to the bottom of front sole portion **105***t*. Integral with lateral edges of the panel are accordion pleats **250**. Tabs **251** at lateral edges of panel **130***t'* carry snap fastener members **254** which engage with snap fastener members **256** at lateral edges of sole portion **105***t*. The shoe has an instep cross strap **258**. The shoe can be worn as a sandal with cord **259** engaging between toes of the wearer's foot while pin **260** overlays the toes. The panels **130***t*, **130***t'* and pleats **250** define an elastic cover which can be opened by disengaging the snap fastener members, reversed and turned over the front of the sole **105***t* to form an ornamental upper for the shoe as shown in FIG. 40.

Shoe **S20** shown in FIGS. 41 and 42 has a plain upper **100***u* on the front sole portion **105***u* of sole **104***u*. Stored in compartment **110***u* in the sole portion **105***u* is an ornamental cover **125***u* which can be retracted from an opening in one lateral edge of the sole. The free edge of the cover has snap fastener members **262** which can be engaged on snap fastener members **264** on the other lateral edge of the sole so that cover **125***u* covers the plain upper **100***u*. When not needed cover **125***u* can be retracted into compartment **110***u*.

Shoe **S21** shown in FIG. 43 has lateral straps **125***v* which can be retracted into lateral compartments **110***v* in the sole portion **105***v*. Snap fastener members **265** on ends of the straps can be engaged with snap fastener members **266** on ornamental cover portion **125***v'*. When the straps are retracted and cover portion **125***v'* is removed, the shoe can be worn like a sandal as explained in connection with shoe **S19**. Shoe **S21** has a cross strap **258**, cord **259** and pin **260** like corresponding parts of shoe **S19**.

Shoe **S22** shown in FIGS. 44–48 has a cross strap **258***w* connected to opposite edges of sole **104***w*. The cross strap is formed with a compartment **110***w* having an opening **112***w* extending lengthwise of the strap on its inner or under side. A folded cover or sheath **125***w* for protecting the shoe can be stored in this compartment. A button **270** is provided at the instep portion **106***w* of sole **104***w*. A buttonhole **272** on tongue **274** of the sheath engages on the button **270** as clearly shown in FIG. 48. The sheath overlays a toe cap **100***w* secured to the upper side of sole portion **105***w*. This cap supports the sheath. When not in use, the sheath can be folded up and concealed in the cross strap.

Shoe **S23** shown in FIG. 49 has a compartment **110***x* formed in the instep portion **106***x* of sole **104***x*. A folded cover or sheath **125***x* for the shoe can be stored in this compartment. Inner or upper sole **132***x* covers sole **104***x*

and closes the compartment. The compartment is exposed by lifting the rear end of the upper sole as shown in FIG. 49. A toe cap **100***x* is provided on the forward end of sole **132***x* for supporting the sheath when it is mounted on the shoe. A button on instep **106***x* engages buttonhole **272***x* on tongue **274***x* of the sheath.

Shoe **S24** shown in FIG. 50 has a compartment **110***y* formed under the upper sole **132***y*. This sole has lateral accordion pleates **275** defining the compartment in which folded sheath **125***y* is stored. The sheath has a tongue **274***y* provided with button hole **272***y* for engaging on button **270***y* under the instep portion **106***y* of the shoe when the sheath is in place on the shoe, in a manner similar to that shown in FIG. 48 for shoe **S22**. The compartment **110***y* is opened by lifting the rear end of the upper sole **132***y* to expose the sheath.

In all forms of the invention described, it will be noted that a compartment is provided for storing a shoe cover or sheath. The soles, upper and straps can be made of leather or plastic. The sheaths and covers are preferably made of flexible, elastic rubber or plastic.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A shoe comprising an upper, a sole attached to said upper, said sole having a front flat horizontal portion and an instep portion inclined upwardly from a rear end of said front portion, said front portion of the sole having a shallow compartment formed therein, said compartment being closed at one end of said front portion and being open at the other end thereof; a contracted spring-like means anchored at one end in said compartment at the one end thereof; a strap attached to the other end of the spring, and a collapsed flexible sheath for covering said upper and sole disposed in said compartment and connected to said strap, said sheath being removable from the open other end of the compartment and engageable on the sole and upper while said spring is stretched in tension and holding the sheath in place on the sole and upper.

2. A shoe comprising an upper, a sole attached to said upper, said sole having a front flat horizontal portion and an instep portion inclined upwardly from a rear end of said front portion, said front portion of the sole having a shallow compartment formed therein, said compartment being closed at the front end of said front portion and being open at the rear end thereof; a contracted spring anchored at one end in said compartment at the closed front end thereof; a strap attached to the other end of the spring, and a collapsed flexible sheath for covering said upper and sole disposed in said compartment and connected to said strap, said sheath being removable from the open rear end of the compartment and engageable on the sole and upper while said spring is stretched in tension and holding the sheath in place on the sole and upper, said sole having a notch formed at the rear end of the front flat portion thereof, and a button on said sheath engaged in said notch and exposed outside of the sole for grasping to facilitate removing the sheath from the compartment.

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