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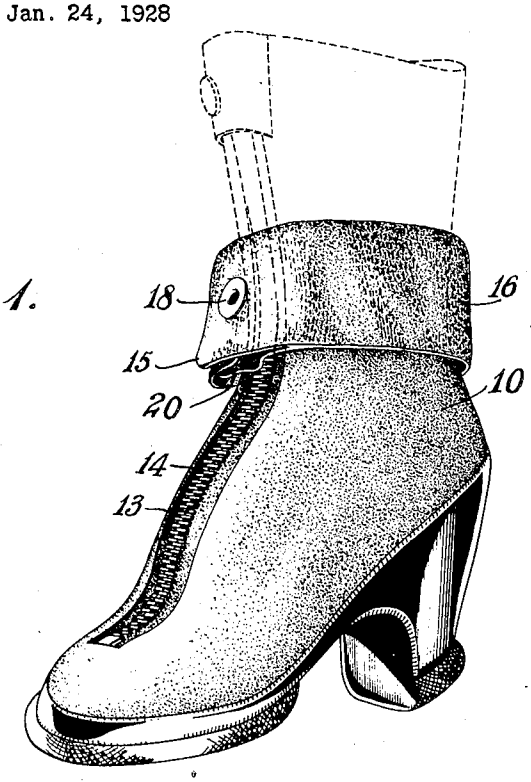

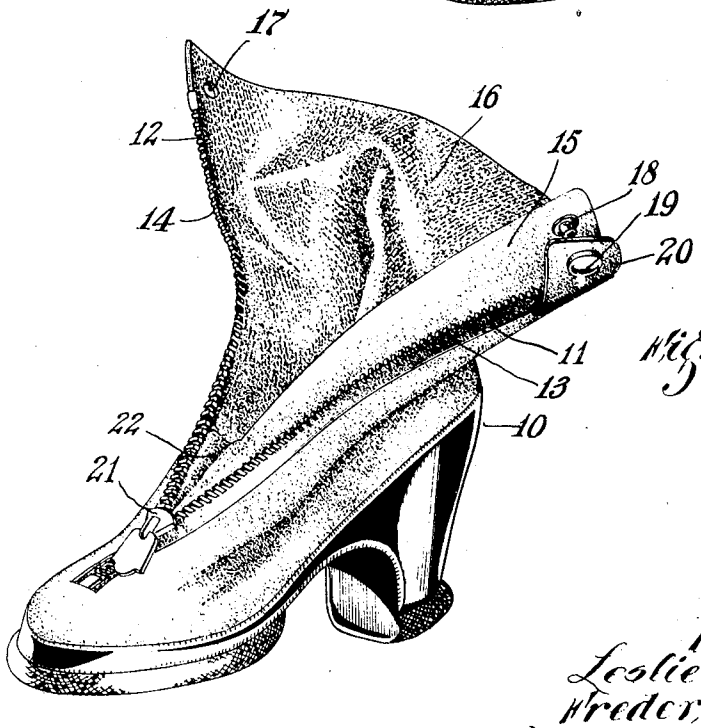

Fig. 2.

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SLIDE-FASTENER OVERSHOE.

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This invention relates to overshoes of the slide-fastener type and its chief object is to provide an overshoe of this type which may be worn either in a turned-down or cuffed condition or in a fully extended condition with neatness of appearance. A further object is to provide a high-top overshoe having a slide-fastener extending substantially to the top thereof which can be turned down, permissibly with the fastener fully closed, without exposing the inner side of the slide-fastener and with, instead, a finished and pleasing appearance of the turned-down portion. Another object is to provide for free running of the slide in a slide-fastener overshoe having these desirable features.

We attain these objects preferably by omitting or by modifying the bellows-type tongue which heretofore commonly has been employed in slide-fastener overshoes, and employing throughout the turn-down portion of the upper a non-folding shield permanently joined to only one of the margins which define the front opening of the shoe, the shield being adapted to guard the stocking of the wearer against being snagged by the actuating slide of the fastener and also adapted, in being of the non-folding type and joined to only one of the margins in the turn-down region, to permit the overshoe to be turned down with easy flexing of the structure and without excessive bunching of material. The employment of this type of shield permits the lining of the overshoe to be continuous over all parts of the turned-down portion of the shoe top that are visible when the top is in turned-down position, so that an attractive appearance is presented, and permits the use of a fastener detachably connecting the shield with the margin of the shoe opposite to that with which it is permanently joined, so that the overshoe may be widely opened out for putting it on or taking it off of the wearer's foot and yet the shield may be neatly anchored down as a part of the cuff portion of the turned-down overshoe.

Of the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an overshoe embodying our invention in its preferred form, in closed and turned-down condition.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same in open and fully extended or turned-up condition.

Referring to the drawings, the overshoe 10 is formed with a front opening defined by margins 11, 12 upon which are mounted respective series of jaw members 13, 14 of a slide-fastener. Secured to the inner face of the margin 11 only in the turn-down region or portion is a shield member 15 and the lining 16 of the overshoe is continuous over the interior of the upper and the inner face of the shield member, so that when the top of the upper is turned down, as shown in Fig. 1, the cuff presents a surface of uniform texture throughout and the shield member is not discernible. The lining and the upper preferably are sufficiently elastic to permit the cuffing down of the overshoe with the front opening completely closed.

The margin 12 is formed with a hole 17 near its top and the shield member 15 is provided near its top with a male snap-fastener member 18 adapted to be stuck through the hole 17 and to mate with a snap-fastener socket 19 mounted in a tab 20 which is mounted upon the margin 11 in position to cover the upper end of the slide-fastener and the fastener slide 21 when the latter is in its uppermost position. The tab and fastener are thus adapted not only to provide a neat appearance of the overshoe when it is in turn-up condition but also to hold the parts in compact condition such as to present a neat appearance when the top is turned down.

In order that the overshoe may be water tight for some distance above the lower end of the slide fastener the shield member is preferably formed at its lower end with a relatively wide folding portion 22 joined to both of the upper's margins and adapted to fold back under the margin 12 when the fastener is closed.

Our invention is susceptible of modification within its scope without sacrifice of all of the advantages set out in the above statement of objects, and we do not wholly limit our claims to the specific structure shown.

We claim:

1. An overshoe comprising an upper having a turn-down portion and having a front opening, slide-fastener members mounted upon the margins defining the said opening, a shield member permanently secured at the said turn-down portion to only one of the said margins, a tab mounted upon the last mentioned margin, a lining continuous over adjacent portions of the upper and the shield member, and a fastener adapted to hold to-

gether the upper portion of the shield member, the opposite margin and the tab.

2. An overshoe comprising an upper having a turn-down portion and a front opening, slide-fastener members mounted upon the margins defining the said opening, a shield member permanently secured at the said turn-down portion to only one of the said margins, and a lining continuous over adjacent portions of the upper and the shield member.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 20th day of January, 1928.

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