Title: REMOVABLE OR REVERSIBLE LINING FOR FOOTWEAR

Abstract: The present invention relates to removable and/or replaceable liners (32) for use in a wide variety of footwear (10). Liners (32) may be permanently connected to the collar (22) of the shoe (10), or may be semi-permanently attached for easy removal from the collar (22). The liners (32) can be quickly removed from the interior (24) of the shoe (10) using any number of disengagement devices (40). Removing the liner (32) from within the shoe (10) permits rapid drying of the liner (32) when it becomes wet due to moisture generated by the foot within the shoe (10) or from external environmental conditions. Semi-permanently attached liners (32) can be detached for cleaning or for replacement by another liner (32) depending on the needs of the wearer. Disengagement means (40) can be provided in conjunction with the liner (32), which enable the wearer to easily pull the liner (32) out of the shoe (10).
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