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Fig. 1.

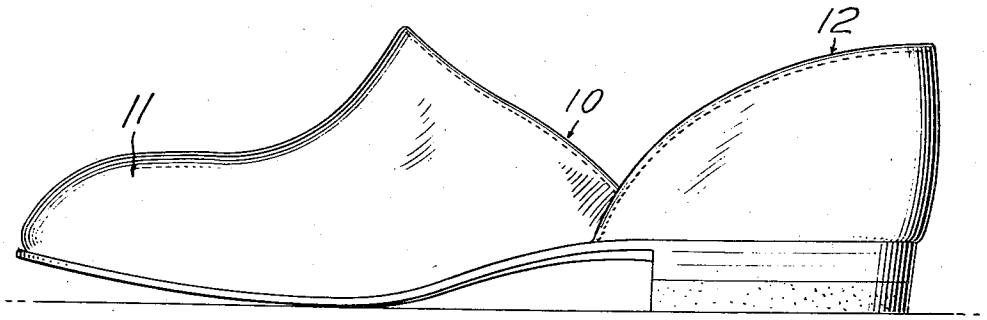


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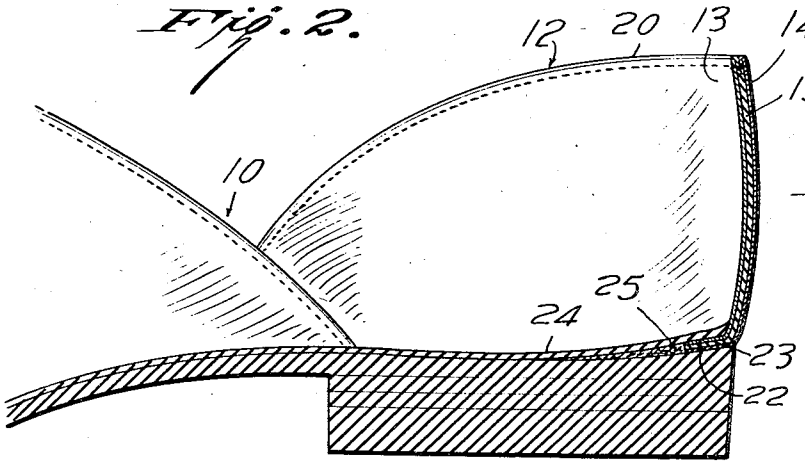
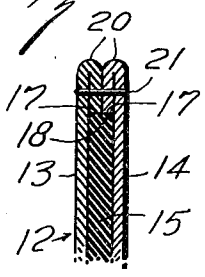


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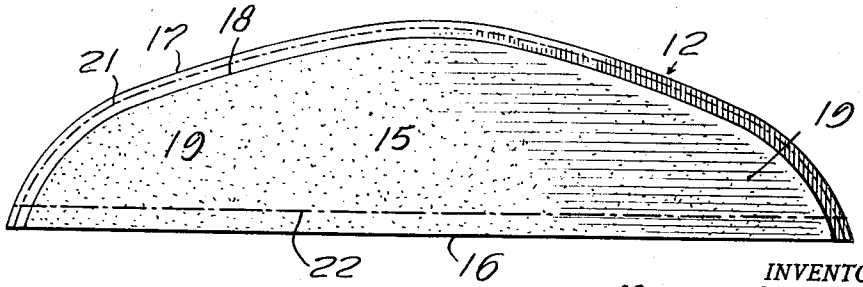


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates, generally, to shoes and has particular reference to a type of slipper which is occasionally worn and usually referred to as a bed-room or house slipper.

Regardless of the apparent comfort with which shoes may be worn, many hours of constant wear, as for example, during business hours and in walking on the usual hard pavements, they will cause varying foot ailments.

Temporary replacing or changing the shoes, with bed-room or house slippers, for however brief a period, is therefore highly beneficial to the feet and provides a very pleasant reaction to the wearer.

The principal difficulty heretofore with slippers of this type is that their counters collapse or become sufficiently distorted, as when placing them upon the feet or removing them, as to impair their serviceability. Although it is highly desirable to place bed-room or house slippers upon the feet without the aid of the hands, this procedure being quite difficult where their counters have been crushed or otherwise mutilated, then, too, since the purpose of a slipper of this nature is to afford comfort and ease to the feet of the wearer, these desired objects may not be had unless the slippers are well-fitting.

To overcome the above and other disadvantages incidental to all types of slippers of this nature with which we are familiar, we provide a slipper with its counter constructed in such a novel manner as to render it flexible at all times. Although the counter may be stepped on or otherwise temporarily gotten out of shape, it will immediately return to its original contour and retain its natural shape and remain in its well-fitting form.

It is one of the principal objects of our invention therefore to provide an extremely flexible and resilient counter which is formed and mounted in such a novel manner as to always maintain its predetermined and normally erect position regardless of the abuse to which the counter is subjected.

A further object of the invention is to provide a counter in this type of shoe which will permit the ready insertion of the foot into the shoe while it is resting on the floor, the assurance of its snugly fitting the foot while being worn, and which will allow the withdrawal of the foot therefrom with the least amount of effort.

Another object of the present invention resides in an extremely simple and highly effective counter associated with shoes of this type which readily lends itself to manufacture on a high production basis and at a comparatively low cost.

Other objects of this invention will hereinafter be set forth, or will be apparent from the description and the drawing, in which is illustrated an embodiment of the device for carrying out the invention.

On the drawing, in which the same reference characters refer to the same parts throughout, and in which is disclosed the preferred embodiment:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a bed-room or house slipper constructed in accordance with our invention;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view on a slightly enlarged scale taken through the heel portion thereof;

Figure 3 is a detail sectional view on a still further enlarged scale, illustrating the upper edge of the counter, and

Figure 4 is a face view of a pair of the layers, shown in superimposed position of the elements comprising the counter.

This invention, in the form or embodiment shown in the drawing and briefly described, comprises a bed-room or house slipper indicated generally as at 10, having a toe portion 11 and a heel portion or counter shown at 12.

With particular reference to Figures 2, 3 and 4 in which are illustrated in detail the construction of our novel counter, it will be noted that we employ an inner and outer layer of leather shown at 13 and 14 which are placed upon either side of a sheet of rubber or other yieldable material indicated at 15. As will be noted by referring to Figure 4, the sheet of rubber 15 is slightly smaller than the adjacent layers 13 and 14, comprising the counter 12. The lower edge 16 of the superimposed layers of leather and rubber are cut in a substantially straight line, whereas the upper edges 17 and 18 of the leather and their associated rubber strip are formed substantially semi-elliptical. The apex of these layers will obviously be located at the extreme rear portion of the heel or counter, whereas the reduced or tapered ends 19 will form the side portions of the counter 12.

The upper edges of each of the layers of leather 13 and 14 are bent back upon themselves as at 20, extended downwardly for a relatively short distance and stitched together as shown at 21. The extreme edges 17 form an abutment or limit for the upper edge 18 of rubber strip 15, as is clearly indicated in Figure 3. These several layers or thicknesses of leather and rubber may be

stitched together as diagrammatically indicated in Figure 4, as at 24, or they may be stitched or nailed directly to the adjacent portion of the heel in any manner well known in this art.

The counter is provided with an inwardly bent portion or leg 23 which is preferably covered by the inner sole 24. The space between the upper surface of the heel and the lower surface of the inner sole 24 may be filled with any suitable packing material 25, thereby providing a well rounded form to that portion of the heel.

It will now be appreciated that a bed-room or house slipper formed in accordance with our invention, due to its well fitting and yieldable counter, will be extremely comfortable in service and will not become mutilated when accidentally stepped upon, since the yieldable nature of the rubber will immediately return the counter to its normal contour and position.

The invention, however, is not intended to be restricted to the particular construction nor to the particular applications of such construction, herein shown and described, as the same may be modified in various particulars or be applied in many varied relations without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, the practical embodiment herein illustrated and described attempting merely to show one of the various forms and modifications in which the invention might be embodied.

What we claim is:

In a shoe of the type which is adapted to be readily placed upon the foot and easily removed therefrom, having a yieldable counter portion comprising a pair of spaced coverings of leather having backwardly and inwardly bent portions, stitches extending through the said bent portions, and a rubber counter completely filling said space formed between the pair of leather coverings, said counter portion being of uniform thickness.

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