

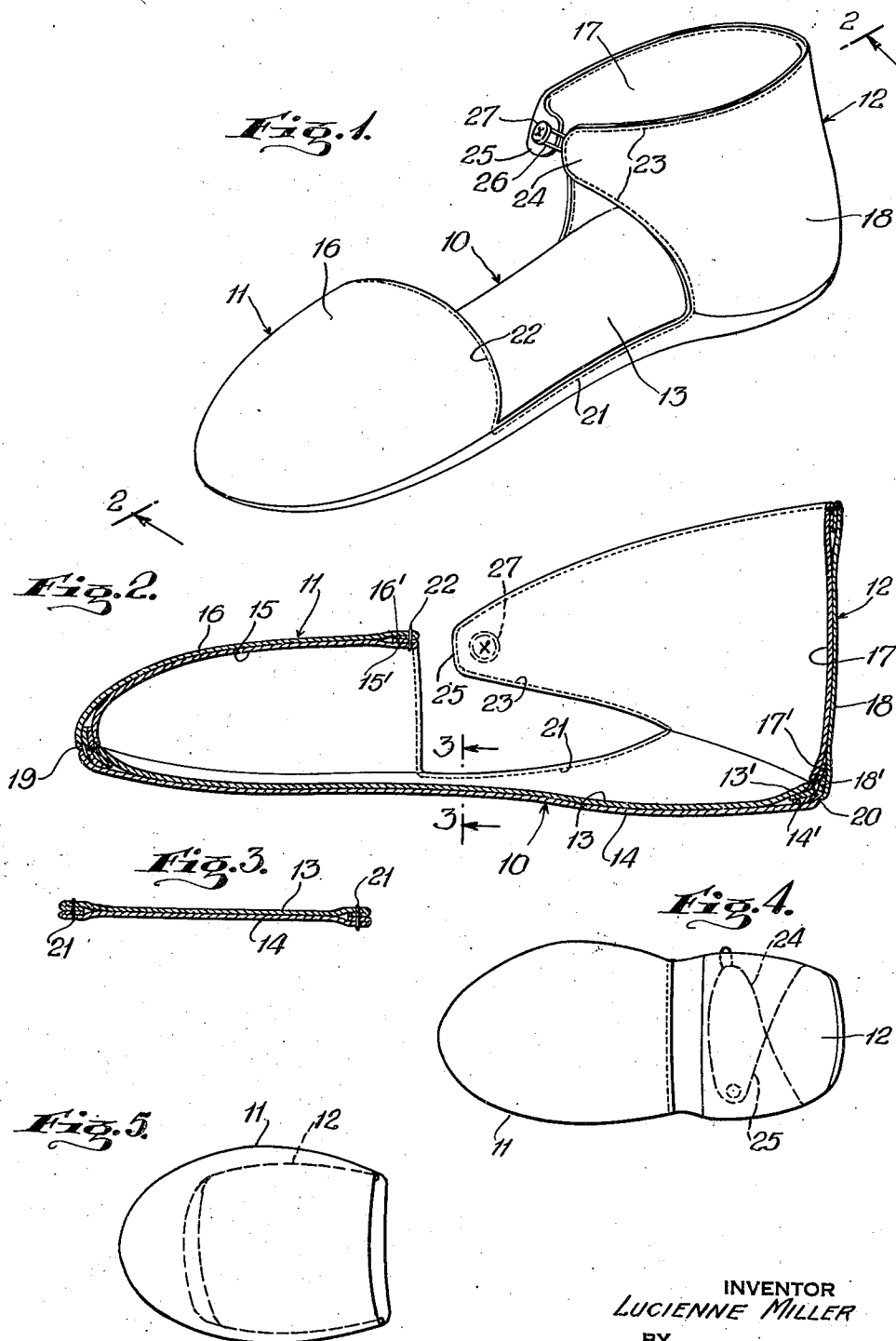
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This invention relates to footwear in the form of a slipper or sandal where the entire structure of the footwear, aside from fastener means employed, is composed of freely flexing material so as to facilitate compact folding, rolling or otherwise packaging of the footwear for shipment or storage. Still more particularly, the invention deals with footwear of the type and kind having inner and outer facings contrasting as to color, and/or material, thus providing reversible use of the footwear, and still further wherein all seams of the several parts have finished edges.

The novel features of the invention will be best understood from the following description when taken together with the accompanying drawing, in which certain embodiments of the invention are disclosed, and in which the separate parts are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a footwear made according to my invention.

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3-3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a plan view showing the footwear partially collapsed; and

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4, showing the device completely collapsed.

In footwear of the type and kind under consideration, it has been a conventional practice to employ materials of a relatively stiff or rigid nature, particularly in sole and heel portions, to provide a tread or wearing surface. The purpose of my invention is to provide an all-flexible footwear which will readily conform to the foot and provide a means of foot coverage in the several uses to which footwear of this type and kind can be applied. In other words as a slipper or sandal which can be used in the home, or as a foot-covering used in clubs, hotels and other places in tramping about. Still more particularly I provide a foot-covering which can be used with either facing arranged outwardly so that different materials or materials having different characteristics can be exposed, and particularly when it is desired to expose a color in harmony with, or suitable for use in conjunction with the color of a gown or robe that might be worn by the user. It is also preferable to employ materials which can be easily cleaned, and/or laundered, after each use so as to have the footwear available for reversible uses at all times. It will also be apparent that a foot-covering of this type and kind may be employed in conjunction with various types of boots, ski-shoes, hiking-shoes and the like for protection of the foot and for adding warmth to the foot.

My improved footwear may be said to comprise a slipper or similar type of foot-covering, and comprises sole and heel bottom portions 10, a toe portion 11 and a back heel and strap portion 12.

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The combination sole and heel portion or bottom of the footwear is composed of an inner sheet or facing 13 and an outer sheet or facing 14 having inturned peripheral edges, as at 13'-14'. The toe portion comprises an inner facing 15, an outer facing 16 and this also has peripheral inturned flange portions 15'-16'. The back strap or heel covering portion 12 comprises an inner facing 17 and an outer facing 18 which also has inturned peripheral flange portions 17'-18'.

In certain uses of the footwear, all of the inner facings 13, 15 and 17 will be formed of one material, and preferably of one color, whereas the outer facings 14, 16 and 18 will be of a similar material, of a different color, or of a different material, and also preferably of a different color. On the other hand, it will be apparent that several color combinations can be employed in the different parts of the device, suitable for the reverse use of the footwear.

The peripheral edges of the bottom sole and heel part 10 is attached to edge portions of the toe part by stitchings, as seen at 19 and to the strap and heel portion 12, as seen at 20. Whereas the other or free flanged edge portions of the part 10 is stitched, as seen at 21 and of the part 11, as seen at 22, and of the part 12, as seen at 23.

The part 12 includes forwardly extending and reduced strap ends 24 and 25, note Fig. 1. These ends have any suitable means for coupling the same together. In the present construction, a flexible loop 26 is provided on the end 24 and a button 27, at the other end 25. In the reverse use of the footwear, the button will be disposed inwardly instead of outwardly, as seen in Fig. 1.

In Figs. 4 and 5 of the drawing, I have indicated a method of collapsing the entire footwear. The strap ends 24-25 are first folded around the heel portion of the bottom 10 and then said heel portion with the remainder of the parts folded thereon is tucked into the toe portion 11 producing the result substantially similar to that shown in Fig. 5.

It will be apparent that the stitchings at 19 and 20 are invisible in reverse uses of the slipper, thus producing finished seams between the several parts.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In reversible footwear, an all flexible body comprising a bottom sole-heel portion, a front toe portion and a rear heel and strap portion, each of said bottom, front and rear portions comprising inner and outer facing sheets having finished edges, the front toe portion and rear heel and strap portion joining the bottom sole-heel portion in seams invisible in both uses of the footwear, the inner facings of said bottom, front and back portions being contrasting to those of the outer

facings, and the invisible seams and finished edges being formed by inturned flanges at peripheral edges of the respective portions arranged between the facing sheets thereof.

2. A reversible slipper of the class described 5 comprising three primary parts, namely a sole part, a toe part and a strap part, all of said parts being formed of inner and outer flexible facings, the peripheral edges of both facings of each part being turned inwardly to be disposed between 10 the facings, predetermined inturned edges of the second and third parts being stitched to part of the inturned edges of the first part in forming seams between said parts invisible in both uses of the slipper, the other edges of all of said parts being stitched to form finished free edges thereon, said strap part comprising a heel covering 15 portion terminating in forwardly contracted strap ends, and means detachably coupling said strap ends.

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