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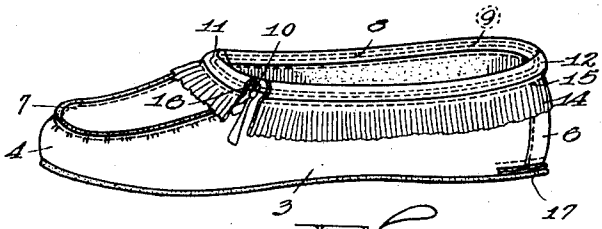


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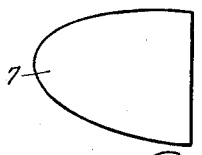


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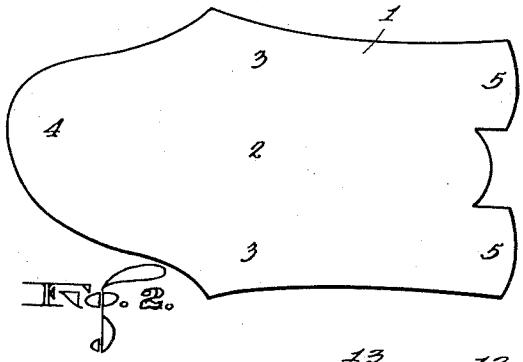


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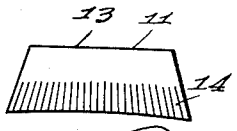


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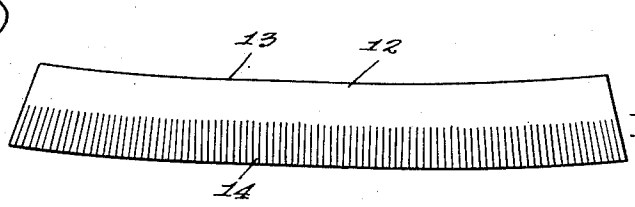


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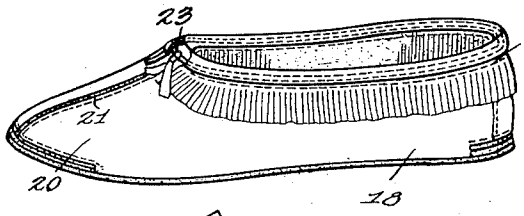


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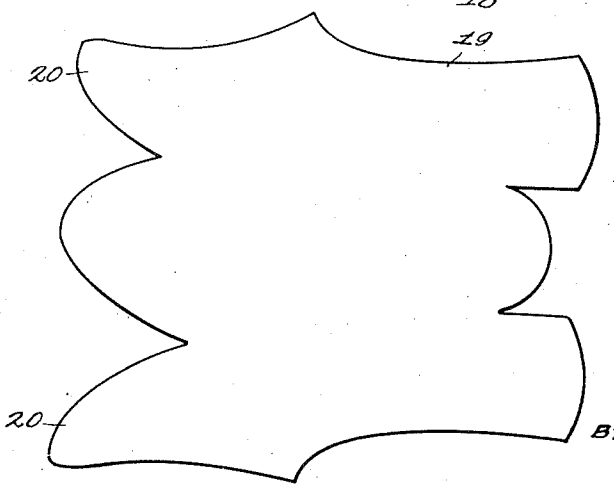


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The present invention relates to improvements in moccasins or slippers, and its principal object is to provide a moccasin with means allowing the moccasin opening to be adjusted for insuring a neat fit around the foot of the wearer and for allowing any slack developing through use to be taken up.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a moccasin that is very attractive in appearance and in which the tightening or adjusting means for the opening are concealed in the moccasin material and are combined with the latter so as to enhance the artistic appearance of the moccasin.

A further object of the invention is to provide a simple way of constructing a moccasin, a single blank making up practically the entire moccasin with a few finishing or trimming pieces added thereto.

Further objects and advantages of our invention will appear as the specification proceeds.

The preferred forms of our invention are illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 shows a perspective view of one form of our moccasin,

Figure 2 a blank sheet of material used in the manufacture of the moccasin shown in Figure 1,

Figure 3 a blank for a toe cap,

Figure 4 a blank for a binding over the toe cap,

Figure 5 a blank of a binding for the side edges and the back of the moccasin shown in Figure 1,

Figure 6 a perspective view of a modified form of moccasin, and

Figure 7 a blank out of which the latter moccasin is made.

While we have shown only the preferred forms of the invention, we wish to have it understood that various changes or modifications may be made within the scope of the claim hereto annexed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The preferred form of our invention is illustrated in Figures 1 to 5. The blank 1 shown in Figure 2 provides a central section 2 adapted to form the bottom of the moccasin, and side sections 3 adapted to be turned into upright position so as to form the sides of the moccasin, while a front section 4 is made to form the toe as shown in Figure 1, and two rear flaps 5 are joined to form the back of the moccasin, which latter may be reinforced by means of a heel strap shown at 6. A toe cap 7 shown in detail in Figure 3 is used to fill in the space left between the toe and the two sides, and the upper edge of the toe cap combines with the upper edge of the sides and back in defining the opening of the moccasin.

All around the opening we provide a tubular channel 8 adapted to receive a drawstring 9, the two ends of which may be tied into a knot as shown at 10 or fastened in any manner so as to adjust the opening of the moccasin to make a nicer fit around the foot of the wearer. The tubular channel 8, in the form shown in Figure 1, is made in two pieces, the blanks of which are shown in Figures 4 and 5. The binding strip 11 shown in Figure 4 is intended for the upper edge of the toe cap, while the binding 12 shown in Figure 5 is used to run along the sides and the back of the moccasin. The binding is preferably fastened to the upper edge by first placing the binding inside of the moccasin with one edge 13 running parallel to the upper edge of the moccasin and a fringed portion 14 pointing downwardly into the shoe. When in this position, the binding is stitched to the moccasin, and thereupon the fringed edge is thrown over the upper edge of the moccasin so as to form a tubular finish for the upper edge, and an intermediate section of the binding is stitched to the moccasin material from the outside as indicated at 15, while the fringed portion 14 is loosely suspended. The second stitching is below the first so as to hide the latter. A small opening is left in the all-around tubular channel as shown at 16 to accommodate the knot 10 previously referred to.

An extra sole 17 may be added to the moccasin if desired.

The moccasin 18 shown in Figure 6 differs slightly from that shown in Figure 1 insofar as in this case the extra toe cap is eliminated. This moccasin is made from the blank 19 shown in Figure 7, which substantially corresponds to the blank of Figure 2 with the one exception that the front end is formed with wings 20 which, when the sides are turned upward to form a moccasin, may be joined along the center line of the moccasin as at 21 so as to form a complete front section without necessitating the provision of a special toe cap. In this form a single binding 22 is used, and the opening for the knot is preferably formed at the center as shown at 23. In other respects, this form does not differ from that shown in Figure 1.

The advantages of the moccasin shown in the drawing will be readily understood by those familiar with the art. The construction is made very simple and enduring, and the adjustment of the upper edge always insures a neat and comfortable fit around the foot of the wearer.

We claim:

A low moccasin of the character described having an upper edge with a continuous curve in a horizontal plane defining the opening of the moccasin, a strip of material stitched to the inner upper edge of the moccasin and folded over the edge and stitched to the outside of the moccasin below the inner stitchings so as to form a continuous tube around the upper edge with a small opening in the outer face of the tube and a drawstring extending through the tube and having its free ends project though the opening so as to allow a bow to be tied adjacent the opening.

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