

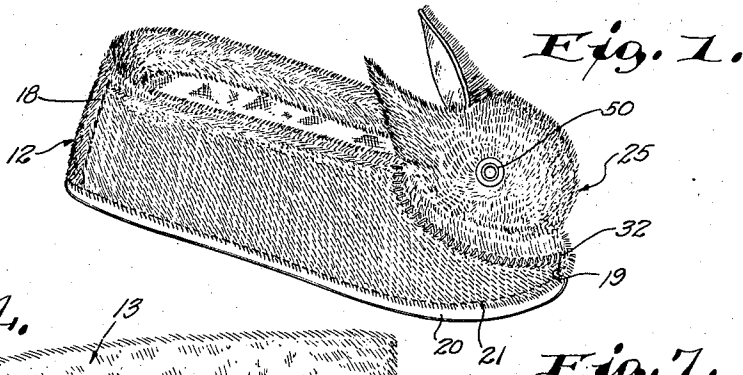
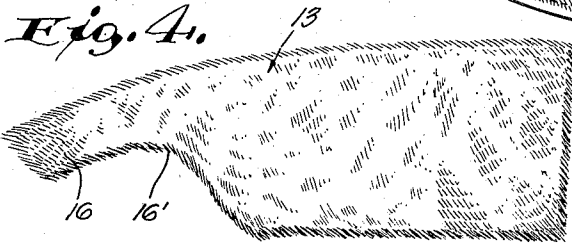
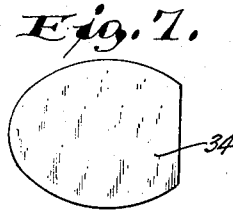
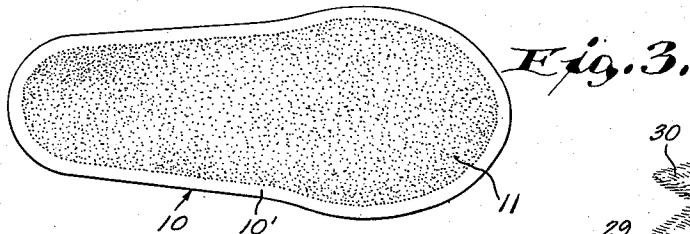
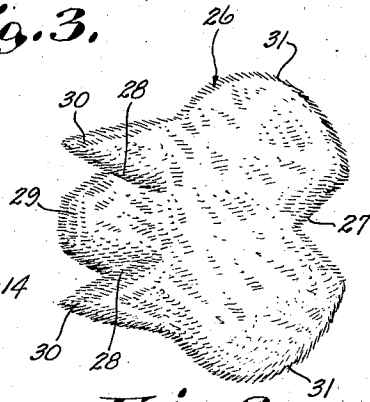
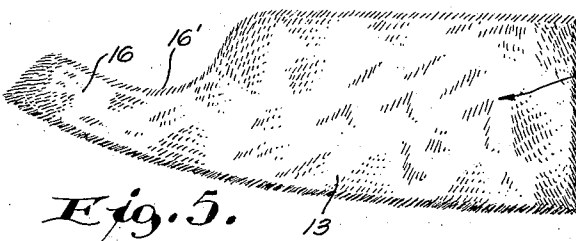
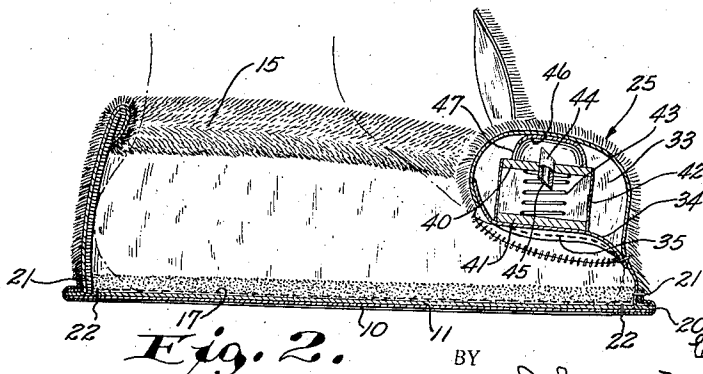
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This invention relates to a novelty slipper of the bunny-shoe type especially designed for use by children.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a slipper of this character which has a squawker, whistle or sounding device incorporated therein in a novel and special way so as to enliven and enhance the bunny effect of the slipper and yet accomplish this while maintaining the comfortable qualities of the article and enhancing its appearance and its attractiveness.

A more specific object of the present invention is to provide a special construction in a slipper of this type wherein the front or toe portion of the shoe is constituted to simulate the appearance of the head of a bunny and to provide a chamber for the reception of a whistle, squawker, or sounding device susceptible of operation either by light pressure applied to the head of the bunny or by the user of the slipper wiggling or flexing the toes.

Another object of the invention is to provide a slipper having these advantages and capacities and which is simple and durable in its construction, comfortable and cozy on the feet, and capable of economical production on a large scale.

Other objects and advantages reside in certain novel features of the construction, arrangement and combination of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a slipper embodying the present invention;

Figure 2 is a view thereof in central vertical longitudinal section;

Figure 3 is a plan view showing the sole and insole before they are built into the slipper;

Figures 4 and 5 are views in top plan of the two blanks constituting the two sections of the upper;

Figure 6 is a similar view of the blank which is folded and formed to simulate the head of a bunny; and

Figure 7 is a plan view of the piece of leather or similar material which constitutes the bottom wall of the chamber for the sounding device and the lining for the counter of the slipper and the portions of the toe thereof.

Referring to the drawing, it will be seen that the slipper embodying the present invention includes a sole 10 of suitable material. An insole 11 is applied to the top of the sole 10 and has a fabric base adhesively united to the upper sur-

face of the sole 10 and a fleeced upper surface as shown in the drawing. The insole 11 is the same in outline as the sole 10 but is slightly smaller so that the edge of the sole 10 projects beyond the margin of the insole.

An upper designated generally at 12 is provided and is made up of two similar sections 12 and 13 both of which may be constituted of sheepskin. The sections 12 and 13 are similar in construction and each has a body portion 14, the upper edge portion 15 of which is folded down upon itself as illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 and secured in such position by a suitable adhesive.

When the sections 12 and 13 are built into the shoe their lower edges are stitched to the edge portion 10' of the sole as indicated at 17, the adjacent rear edges of the body portions of these sections are seamed together as at 18 and the meeting edges of the reduced extension 16 are seamed or stitched together as at 19. When so united the body portions of the sections 12 and 13 provide the sides and counter of the upper and the reduced extensions 16 form portions of the vamp and toe of the slipper.

The interconnection of the upper with the sole is reinforced and finished by means of an edge binding 20 which is folded around these portions of the shoe and united thereto by lines of stitching 21 and 22.

Combined with the front portion of the shoe is a bunny head designated generally at 25 and so constituted as to not only simulate the head of a bunny but also provide a chamber for a squawker or sounding device of such nature as to facilitate operation thereof, and to complete and finish the front portion of the shoe both externally and internally.

The bunny head is fashioned from a blank designated generally at 26 and shown to advantage in Figure 6. The blank of the outline shown has a notch 27 and slits 28 so that when folded around and stitched to the curved edges 16' of the extension 16 it will take the form of the head of a bunny, the edges of the notch 27 being brought into engagement and secured together to simulate the nose of the bunny, the tab 29 between the slits 28 being folded back under the head and secured in position and the triangular portions of the blank disposed on the outside of each of the slits projecting rearwardly and upwardly and constituting the ears of the bunny. The edges 31 of the blank are secured to the edges 16' of the reduced extensions of the upper by a seam or line of stitching 32. Co-acting with the blank 26 to complete the inner struc-

ture of the shoe and define a chamber 33 is a wall forming member 34 constituted of leather or suitable material and of such size and shape that it may be stitched as indicated at 35 to the blank 26 inwardly of its edges 31. The tab 29 is adhesively united to the rearward portion of the underside of the wall forming member.

A sounding device such as a whistle or squawker is accommodated in the chamber 33 and is so combined therewith as to be sounded or operated by flexure of the upper or lower walls of the chamber. As illustrated, the sounding device may consist of upper and lower disks 40 and 41 secured to and closing and sealing the ends of a flexible fabric tube 42 which is substantially impervious to air. The fabric tube 42 is maintained extended by a light expansible coil spring 43 the ends of which abut and press outwardly against the disks 40 and 41. In a central aperture of the upper disk 40 a short reed or tube 44 is fastened and has its ends inclined as illustrated. A blade or reed 45 of metal or other suitable material has a portion of its periphery suitably fixed to a portion of the periphery of the inner end of the tube 44 and overlying the aperture thereof so that upon passage of air outwardly past this reed a squawk, chirp or whistle will be sounded. A domed protective cap 46 overlies the tube 44 and has its edge fastened to the upper disk 40, the cap having a suitable aperture 47. In the assembly the lower disks 41 rest flatly on the wall forming member 34 and the convex upper surface of the domed cap 46 is snugly engaged by the inner surface of the body of the blank 26. The frictional engagement is sufficient to secure the squawker in place.

Eyelets 50, of which one is shown in Figure 1, are riveted to opposed portions of the bunny head to simulate the eyes of a bunny or rabbit and to vent the chamber 33 thereby improving and enhancing the action of the sounding device. Moreover, the sounding device, due to the action of its spring 43 and the engagement of the disks 40 and 41 on which the spring bears, with the top portion of the bunny head and the wall 34, maintains the bunny head in its proper shape and against collapse while of course, allowing the desired flexure thereof.

The venting action of the eyelets 50 aids the spring 43 and disks 40 and 41 in maintaining the bunny head in the proper shape, that is, against retention in a collapsed or partially collapsed condition.

With this construction a downward pressure exerted on the head of the bunny or upward pressure exerted on the under side of the wall forming member 34 will compress the flexible tubular body 42 of the squawker and force the air therein out past the reed 45 thereby sounding the squawker. As soon as the pressure is relieved the spring 43 returns the parts to their normal position as shown in Figure 2. Hence the slipper may be made to make a sound to increase the effect of its bunny appearance by pressure from the inside or outside thereof. The wall forming member 34 not only provides a lining for the vamp of the shoe but also partakes in the support and the operation of the sounding device. Similarly the bunny head gives the slipper an attractive and novel appearance, completes the structure of the front part of the shoe, and takes part in the enclosure of the sounding device and also in its operation. With possessing these advantages the head will not detract in the

least from the comfort of the shoe or from its desirable qualities.

While I have shown and described one construction in which the invention may be advantageously embodied, it is to be understood that the construction shown has been selected merely for the purpose of illustration or example and that various changes in the size, shape and arrangement and particularly in the specific locating of the sounding device or in the details of its construction may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

The invention claimed is:

1. A slipper of the character described comprising a sole, an upper secured to the sole, an animal head of flexible material secured to the forward portion of the upper and coacting therewith to complete the external portion of the forward end of the slipper, said animal head including an outer flexible wall forming member simulating the face of an animal, and an inner flexible wall forming member providing the internal structure of the forward end of the slipper and co-acting with the outer wall forming member to form a chamber within the animal head, and a resiliently expansible sounding device disposed in said chamber and bearing against the inner side of the outer wall forming member and the inner side of the inner wall forming member and serving to yieldably distend the chamber walls to maintain the shape of the animal head while providing for operation of the sounding device upon inward flexure of either of said wall forming members.

2. A slipper of the character described comprising a sole, an upper secured to the sole, a bunny head of flexible material secured to the forward portion of the upper and coacting therewith to complete the external portion of the forward end of the slipper, a flexible wall forming member disposed within the bunny head and providing the internal structure of the forward end of the slipper and co-acting with the bunny head to form a chamber, and a resiliently expansible sounding device disposed in said chamber and bearing against the underside of the bunny head and the wall forming member and serving to yieldably maintain the shape of the bunny head while providing for operation of the sounding device upon flexure of said bunny head or said wall forming member, and eyelets fastened to opposed portions of said bunny head to simulate the eyes of a bunny and to provide vents for the chamber and thereby facilitate and improve the operation of the sounding device and the normal maintenance of the bunny head in its proper shape.

3. A slipper of the character described comprising a sole, an upper made up of a pair of similar sections having their lower edges secured to the sole, their rear edges secured together and their forward portions constituted of reduced extensions, with curved upper edges and with their front edges secured together, a bunny head forming member of flexible material having curved side edges, a notched front edge and spaced inclined slits in its rear edge, the curved side edges of said member being secured to the curved edges of said extensions, the edges of the notch being engaged and secured together to simulate the nose of the bunny, the portions of said member on the outsides of said slits being extended rearwardly and upwardly to simulate the ears of the bunny, a flexible wall forming mem-

ber disposed in the slipper and having portions of its edge secured to the bunny head forming member adjacent to and around the curved side edges thereof, said wall forming member constituting the interior structure of the vamp of the slipper, and yieldable means between said wall forming member and the underside of the bunny head forming member to retain said bunny head forming member in proper shape.

4. A slipper of the character described comprising a sole, an upper made up of a pair of similar sections having their lower edges secured to the sole, their rear edges secured together and their forward portions constituted of reduced extensions, with curved upper edges and with their front edges secured together, a bunny head forming member of flexible material having curved side edges, a notched front edge and spaced inclined slits in its rear edge, the curved side edges of said member being secured to the curved edges of said extensions, the edges of the notch being engaged and secured together to simulate the nose of the bunny, the portions of said member on the outsides of said slits being extended rearwardly and upwardly to simulate the ears of the bunny, a flexible wall forming member disposed in the slipper and having portions of its edge secured to the bunny head forming member adjacent to and around the curved side edges thereof, said wall forming member constituting the interior structure of the vamp of the slipper, said bunny head forming member having a tab integral therewith in between said slits and folded back under and secured to said wall forming member, and yieldable means between said wall forming member and the underside of the bunny head forming member to retain said bunny head forming member in proper shape.

5. A slipper of the character described comprising a sole, an upper made up of a pair of similar sections having their lower edges secured to the sole, their rear edges secured together and their forward portions constituted of reduced extensions, with curved upper edges and with their front edges secured together, a bunny head forming member of flexible material having curved side edges, a notched front edge and spaced inclined slits in its rear edge, the curved side edges of said member being secured to the curved edges of said extensions, the edges of the notch being engaged and secured together to simulate the nose of the bunny, the portions of said member on the outsides of said slits being extended rearwardly and upwardly to simulate the ears of the bunny, a flexible wall forming member disposed in the slipper and having portions of its edge secured to the bunny head forming member adjacent to and around the curved side edges thereof, said wall forming member constituting the interior structure of the vamp of the slipper, said bunny head forming member having a tab integral therewith in between said slits and folded back under and secured to said wall forming member, and a resiliently expansible sounding device disposed between said members to maintain the shape of the bunny head and to be operated by flexure of either of said members.

6. A slipper of the character described comprising a sole, an upper made up of a pair of similar sections having their lower edges secured to the sole, their rear edges secured together and

their forward portions constituted of reduced extensions, with curved upper edges and with their front edges secured together, a bunny head forming member of flexible material having curved side edges, a notched front edge and spaced inclined slits in its rear edge, the curved side edges of said member being secured to the curved edges of said extensions, the edges of the notch being engaged and secured together to simulate the nose of the bunny, the portions of said member on the outsides of said slits being extended rearwardly and upwardly to simulate the ears of the bunny, a flexible wall forming member disposed in the slipper and having portions of its edge secured to the bunny head forming member adjacent to and around the curved side edges thereof, said wall forming member constituting the interior structure of the vamp of the slipper, said bunny head forming member having a tab integral therewith in between said slits and folded back under and secured to said wall forming member, and a resiliently expansible sounding device disposed between said members to maintain the shape of the bunny head and to be operated by flexure of either of said members, and eyelets secured to and penetrating the bunny forming member to simulate the eyes of the bunny and vent the space in which the sounding device is enclosed.

7. A bunny head for use upon an article of attire comprising a head forming member of flexible material having side edges, a notched front edge and spaced inclined slits in its rear edge, the edges of the notch being engaged and secured together to simulate the nose of the bunny, the portions of said member on the outside of said slits being extended rearwardly and upwardly to simulate the ears of the bunny, a flexible wall forming member having its edge portion secured to the side edges of the head forming member, said wall forming member being adapted to be disposed adjacent the article of attire when the bunny head is secured thereto, said head forming member having a tab integral therewith in between said slits and folded back under and secured to said wall forming member, and a resiliently expansible sounding device disposed between and concealed by said members to maintain the shape of the bunny head and to be operated by flexure of the head forming member from the outside of the article or by flexure of the wall forming member from the inside of the article of attire.

8. A slipper including a sole, an upper secured to the sole, said upper including a flexible portion positioned to overlie the fore part of the foot, a sheet of flexible material overlying said flexible portion of the upper and secured thereto about the edges of said sheet, a resiliently expansible sounding device mounted in the space between said sheet and the underlying portion of the upper and bearing at its opposite ends against the under surface of the sheet and the flexible portion of the upper, respectively, whereby to maintain the unsecured portions thereof distended and out of contact with each other, said sheet of flexible material and said sounding device being disposed on the upper at a point to substantially overlie the fore part of the wearer's foot whereby flexure of the wearer's foot serves to actuate the sounding device.

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