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BOOTEE

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FIG. 1

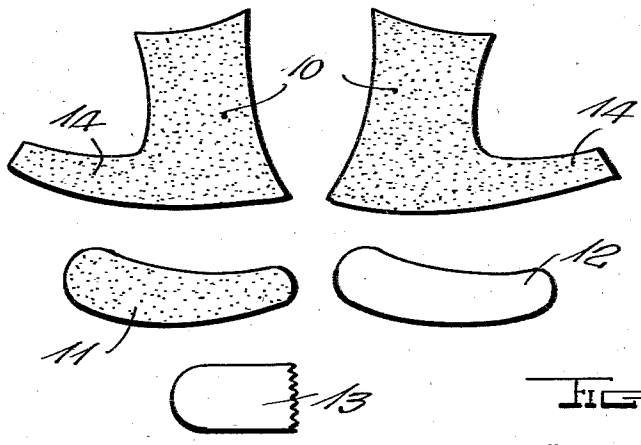


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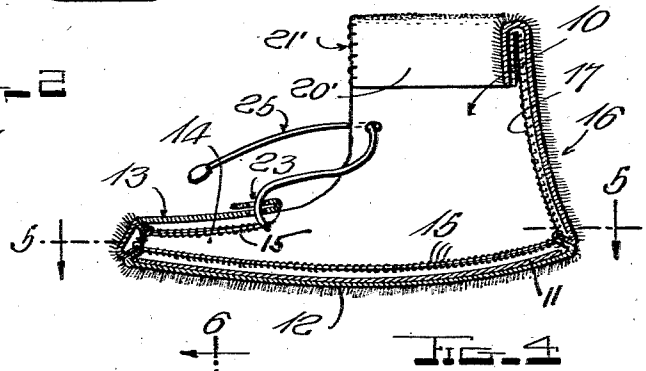
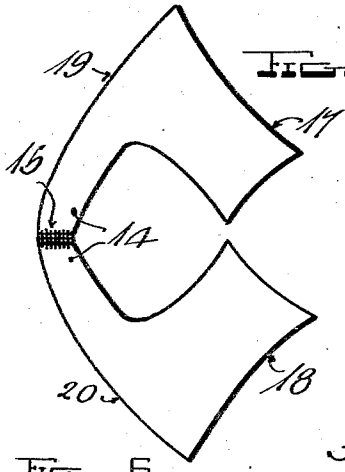


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FIG. 2



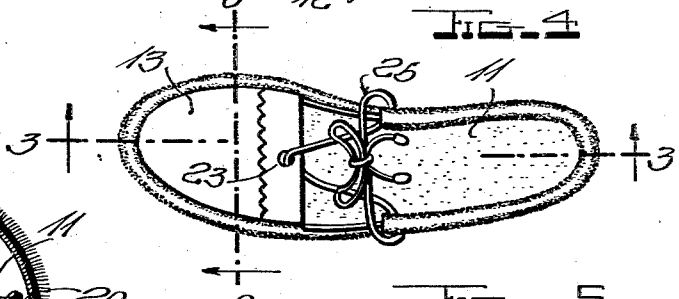
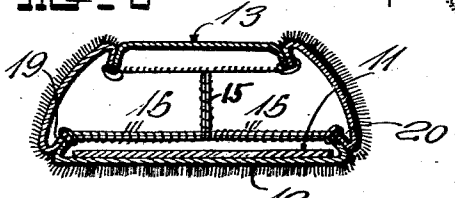
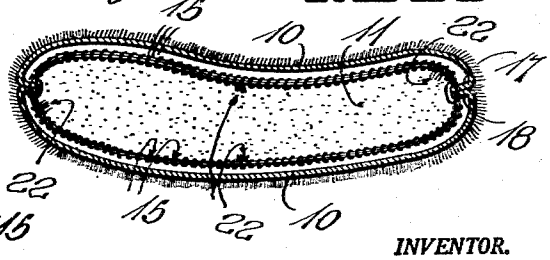
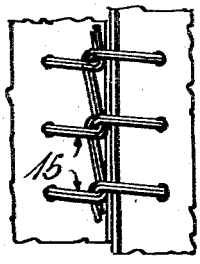


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FIG. 6







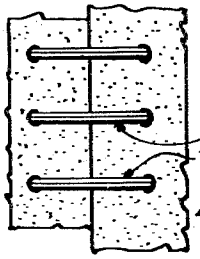


FIG. 7 FIG. 8

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This invention relates to footwear, and more particularly an article which is termed a "bootee," in which preferably lamb hides having the fleece undisturbed are employed in its production; it being desirable that the fleece or wool be long so that a muff-like article is produced, into which the foot may be introduced.

It is an object of the invention to produce an article of the character indicated which can be worn when unusual warmth and protection of the foot is desired and, in the production of the bootee, comparatively few seams are necessary to join the parts together, since the shape of the uppers comprising the main portions of the bootee lends itself to the formation of the bootee by the employment of two rows of stitching, one at the toe and one at the heel portion of the bootee.

Furthermore, it is an object of the invention to have the stitching of the seams or joined portions of such a character that the skins may be assembled with the fleece inside or outside without the stitching being conspicuous, it being shown that a double-thread stitch connecting the parts affords the flexibility, to which reference has been made.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this application, wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which:

Figure 1 illustrates in plan the component parts of the bootee;

Figure 2 illustrates a plan view of the upper portions connected together at the toe of the bootee;

Figure 3 illustrates a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 4;

Figure 4 illustrates a top plan view of the bootee;

Figure 5 illustrates a sectional view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3;

Figure 6 illustrates a sectional view on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4;

Figures 7 and 8 illustrate details of the double-thread stitching on the inner and outer surfaces of the skins respectively.

In the drawing 10 denotes the two halves of the upper portions of the bootee, 11 a plan view of the fleece side of the insole, 12 a plan view

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of the plain side of the outer sole, and 13 a plug interposed at the top or upper edges of the upper at the toe portion of the bootee and secured at its edges to the upper by stitching.

It is seen from an inspection of Figure 2 that the toe portions 14 of the upper are connected edge to edge by double-thread stitching 15 so that one toe portion 14 may be hinged on the other portion in order that the skin may be turned with the fleece inwardly or outwardly. The sections of the upper are then secured by stitching of like character at the counter portion 16 along the edges 17 and 18 and thereafter the outer sole 12 is secured to the edges 19 and 20 of the upper by similar double-thread stitching and the plug 13 is secured, also by conventional stitching 15, after which the bootee is turned outside out. Preferably the top edges of the two halves of the upper are turned inwardly and downwardly as at 20' with the fleece side exposed to form an internal cuff, and the edges of the inwardly turned portions are stitched to the edges of the upper as conventionally shown at 21', and this produces a finished effect to the top of the upper. Since it is difficult to show the double-thread stitching on reduced scale of the drawing, the said stitching is more or less conventionally shown, but it is understood that it will approximate the stitching shown on an enlarged scale in Figures 7 and 8.

When the bootee is shaped to approximately that shown in Figure 3, the insole 11 is introduced and it has its fleece exposed inside the bootee; to prevent its being dislodged by the insertion or removal of the foot, it is anchored at its edges by stitching to the outsole at appropriate locations such as illustrated at 22, Figure 5, and when so assembled it will have the appearance of the inner and outer soles as shown in Figure 3.

The plug 13 is provided with apertures or eyes 23, and the upper at each side is provided with an aperture or eye 24 through which appropriate lacing 25 may be threaded for holding the bootee on the foot. The plug spans the space between the two uppers and has its edges secured to the uppers by the conventional stitching 15.

When constructed of skins having thick and somewhat curly fleece the bootee is attractive.

I claim:

A bootee comprising two sections of leather having fleece on the outer surfaces, said sections each forming half of an upper and a foot portion, a seam connecting the edges of the sections

together at their rear edges and a front seam connecting the toe edges of the foot portion, the tops of said uppers being inturned to form cuffs with the fleece exposed on the inside, each cuff being stitched at its ends to the upper, an outer sole having fleece with the fleece on the outer surface of the sole, said sole being stitched to the lower edge of the aforesaid sections of

leather, an insole superimposed on the bottom sole having fleece on its upper side within the bootee, a plug secured at its edges to the top edges of the foot portion of the upper, the said upper on each side and the plug having apertures, and a lacing threaded through said apertures.

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