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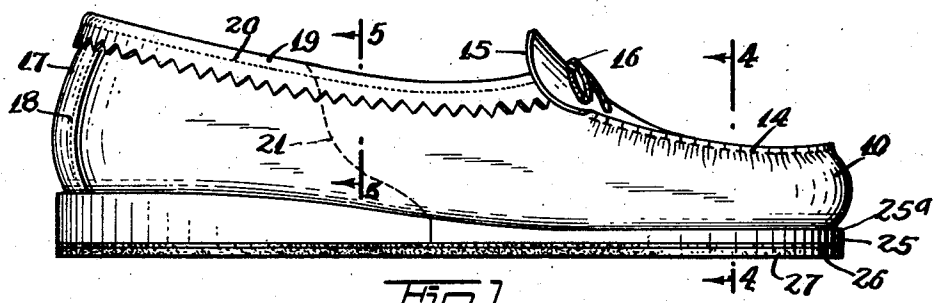


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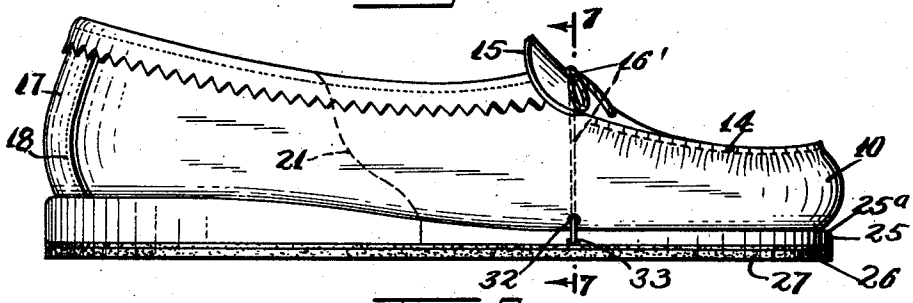


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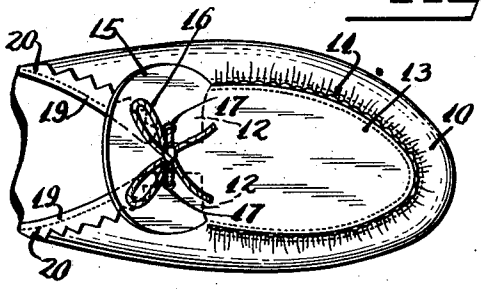


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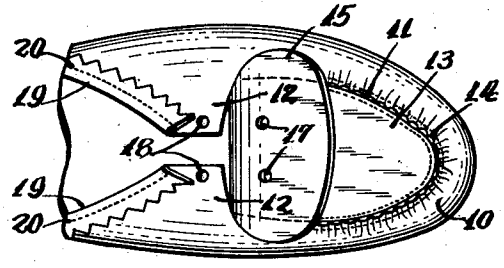


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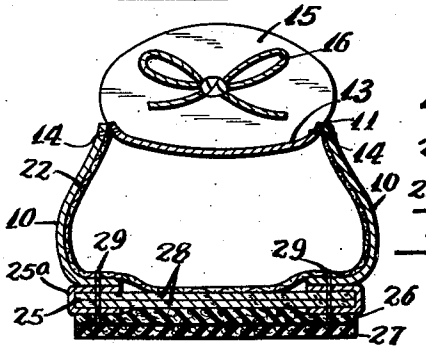


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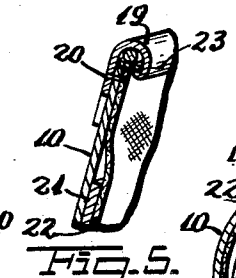


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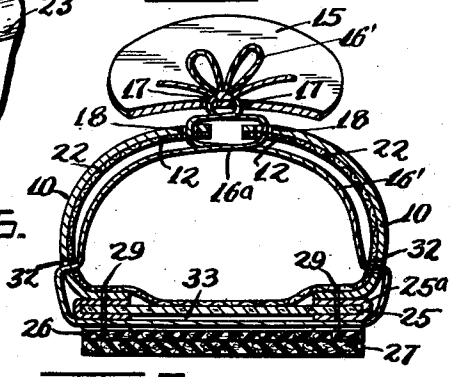


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in moccasins.

The invention proposes the construction of a moccasin which is characterized by a one piece upper extending from the front around the sides to the back and having an open vamp portion located to the front of lapel portions formed at the sides of the top opening, and toe cap attached at its edges to the edges of the open vamp portion and having a rear flap extending over the lapel portions and associated therewith in a novel manner.

Still further the invention contemplates the use of a lace drawn through openings in the lapel portions and openings in the flap of said toe cap for pulling the sides of the upper tightly against one's foot.

Still further the invention proposes a novel construction of the sole portion of the moccasin. It is contemplated to arrange the sole with a top filler section and an intermediate rubber section, stitched to the edges of the upper, and a bottom rubber section cemented to the intermediate rubber section.

Still further the invention proposes a novel arrangement of lace in a modification thereof, used in conjunction with the vamp portion and engaging through a passage in the sole of the shoe for assisting in tightly holding the moccasin on one's foot.

Another object of the invention is the construction of a device as mentioned which is simple and durable and which may be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of a moccasin constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary plan view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but illustrated with the lace removed and the rear portion of the toe cap bent forwards.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary enlarged vertical sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary enlarged vertical sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a side elevational view of a moccasin constructed in accordance with a modified form of this invention.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged vertical sectional view taken on the line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

The moccasin, according to this invention, includes a one piece upper 10 extending from the front around the sides to the back and having an open vamp portion 11 located to the front of inwardly extending lapel portions 12 formed at the sides of the open vamp portion 11 of the upper. A toe cap 13 is attached by stitches 14 at its edges to the edges of the open toe cap portion 11. This toe cap 13 has a rear flap 15 extending over the lapel portions 12. A lace 16 is drawn through a pair of openings 17 formed in the rear flap 15 of the toe cap 13 and through openings 18 formed in the lapel portions 12. The outer ends of the lace are disposed at the top of the rear flap 15. When the moccasin is worn the lace is tied into a bow, as illustrated in Fig. 2, and serves to draw together the lapel portions 12 for holding the moccasin tightly on one's foot.

The ends of the one piece upper 10 are located at the back of the moccasin and are covered with a strip 17 extended upwards outside of the material of the upper and secured in position by lines of stitches 18. The top edge of the upper 10 is finished with a serrated strip 19 secured in position by a line of stitches 23. The upper 10 has the usual heel stiffening section 21 encased between the outer material and lining 22 of the upper. The strip 19 is bent over the top edge of the upper and the inner edge thereof is held in position by a line of stitches 20.

The moccasin is provided with a sole comprising a top filler section 25, an intermediate rubber section 26, and a bottom rubber section 27. The top filler section 25 is composed of one or more internal layers 28 of cork or other filler material, and an outer sheet covering 25a. The intermediate layer 26, the top filler 25, and the upper 10 are stitched together with a line of stitches 29 extended along the edge portions thereof. The bottom rubber section 27 is cemented to the bottom face of the intermediate rubber section 26.

In Figs. 6 and 7 a modified form of the invention has been disclosed which is very similar to the prior form distinguishing merely in the arrangement of the lace 16'. In this form of the invention the lace 16' is engaged through the openings 17 in the rear flap 15 of the toe cap 13, the openings 18 in the lapel portions 12, and openings 32 in the bottom section of the upper 10. The lace 16' also passes through a passage 33 extended transversely across the top filler

section 25. That section of the lace 16 within the upper 10 is crossed at the point 16a, as illustrated in Fig. 7, so that when the lace is drawn tight there will be a tendency for the lace to draw together the lapel portions 12 as well as to draw the sole portion against the bottom of one's feet.

In other respects this form of the invention is similar to the previous form and like parts are identified by like reference numerals.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. A moccasin having a sole formed with a transverse opening adjacent its arch through which the intermediate portion of a shoe lace extends, a moccasin upper mounted upon said sole, said upper being formed with openings adjacent the top face of said sole through which the ends of said laces may be passed to the interior of said upper, and said upper being formed with openings at the top thereof through which the ends of the laces are adapted to be passed to the exterior of said upper to be pulled and tied together for securely attaching said sole and upper to the foot.

2. A moccasin having a sole formed with a transverse opening adjacent its arch through which the intermediate portion of a shoe lace extends, a moccasin upper mounted upon said sole, said upper being formed with openings adjacent the top face of said sole through which the ends of said laces may be passed to the interior of said upper, and said upper being formed with openings at the top thereof through which the ends of the laces are adapted to be passed to the exterior of said upper to be pulled and tied together for securely attaching said sole and upper to the foot, said lace being crossed before having its ends passed through said topmost openings enabling said ends to be pulled across the top of the foot for securing said sole and upper in position upon said foot.

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