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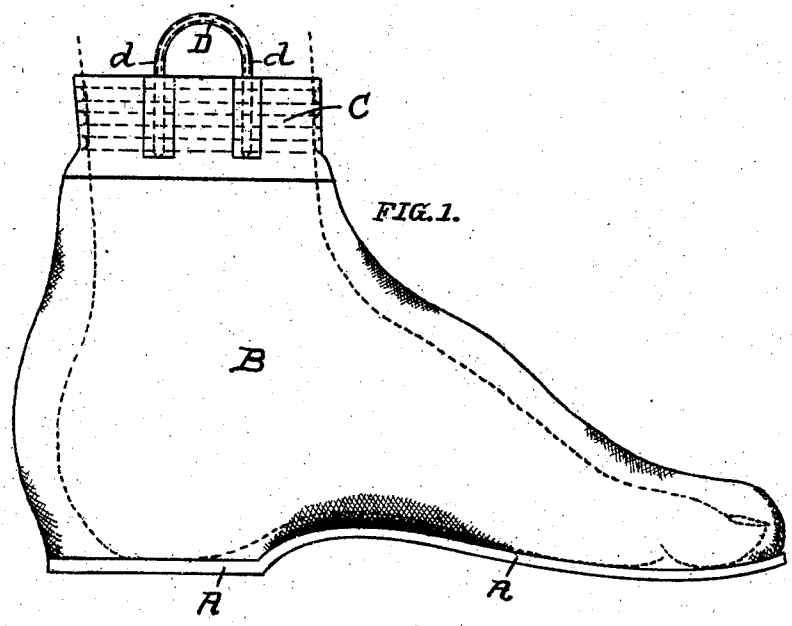


FIG. 1.

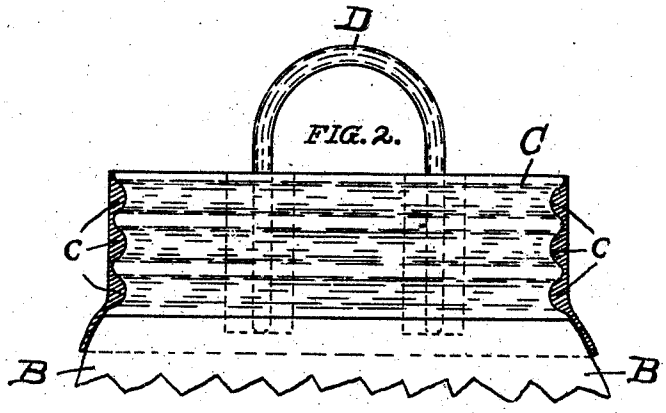


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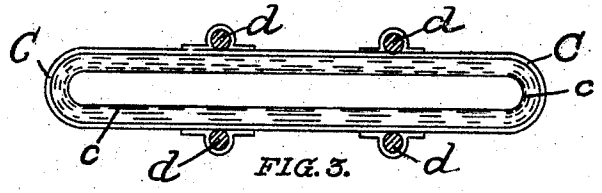


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE REITER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pleasant Ridge, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Slipper for Soaking the Feet, of which the following is a specification.

The desirability of prolonged foot-baths is well recognized, as is also the inconvenience incident to the present methods of taking these baths in an open vessel. These inconveniences include seclusion of the person, replenishing the bath, and exposure of the moist skin to the air.

The object of my invention is to obviate these inconveniences and provide a slipper for the purpose which can be readily put on or taken off, which can be worn about the house, which excludes the air from the feet, and in which the natural warmth of the feet keeps the bath itself warm.

My invention consists in the slipper hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a slipper embodying my invention; Fig. 2, an enlarged section through the upper portion of the slipper, and Fig. 3 a sectional plan view of Fig. 2.

The slipper is constructed of rubber with a comparatively heavy sole A, a light elastic body or upper B, and a heavier ankle portion C. The sole and upper are made considerably larger than the foot, so as to provide room for the bath around the foot. The ankle portion is made smaller than the ankle, so as to closely fit it, and ribs *c* are provided on the inside to contact with the ankle and retain the bath in the slipper or exclude air therefrom. Handpieces D, which are made of a stiff material, such as gutta percha, and have widely-spreading prongs *d*, are secured to each side of the ankle-piece with the prongs *d* passing over ribs *c*, so as to furnish a ready means for opening the ankle portion in putting on or taking off the slipper.

By making the upper or body portion of lighter rubber than the ankle portion the body portion will yield to the internal pressure caused by walking, so as to prevent opening of the ankle portion and consequent leaking. The ribs *c* on the inside of the ankle portion by furnishing several lines of contact also assist in preventing leaking.

By placing a comparatively small quantity of the desired bath in the slipper the wearer may prolong the bath indefinitely without seclusion, replenishing, or exposure to cold air.

It is obvious that any desired liquid-bath, such as plain or salt water or any medical compound, may be used as desired.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation without departing from the spirit of the invention. I therefore do not wish to be limited to the exact construction shown in the drawings; but

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a slipper, the combination of an elastic waterproof body large enough to provide a space about the foot, with an elastic ankle portion provided with ribs adapted to closely contact with the ankle, substantially as specified.

2. In a slipper, the combination of an elastic waterproof body large enough to provide a space about the foot, with an elastic ankle portion of heavier material than the body portion and provided with ribs adapted to closely contact with the ankle, substantially as specified.

3. In a slipper, the combination of sole A; light elastic body portion B; heavier ankle portion C having ribs *c;* and hand pieces D, substantially as specified.

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