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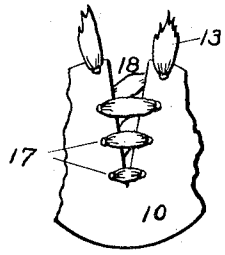

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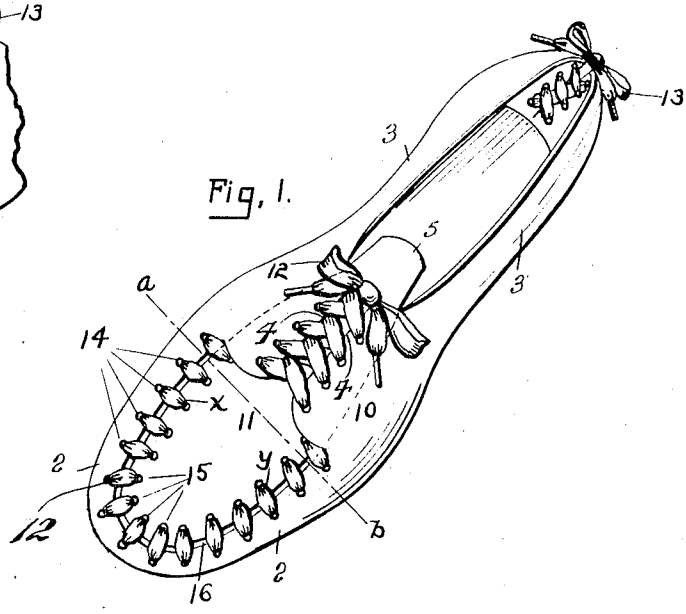
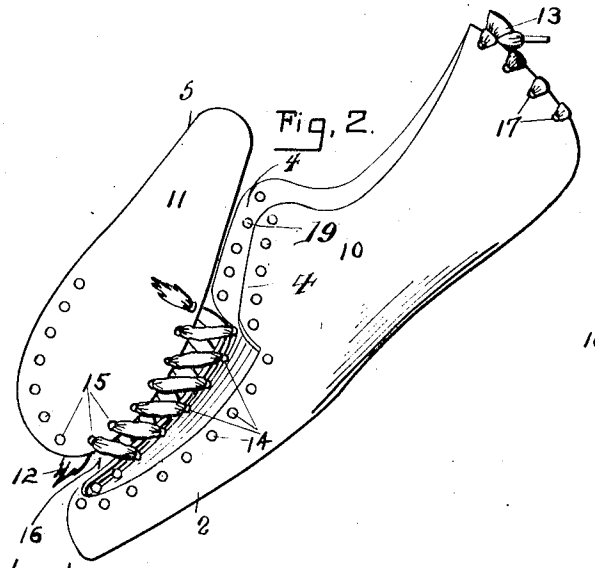


Fig. 1.



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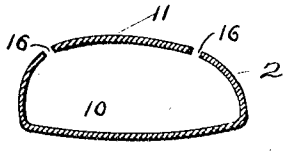

Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR S. SAUNDERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brockton, in the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Slipper, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention has for its object to devise a novel form of shoe of the variety commonly designated and known as a slipper, which will involve a light, cheap and open construction, and which will admit of adjusting the slipper to the foot, both as regards length and width, to secure comfort and prevent annoying movement of the slipper upon the foot.

In accordance with this invention the slipper or like form of shoe has a removable vamp portion and a vamp extension surrounding the vamp space, both being spaced, and fastening means for connecting the parts and admitting of their relative adjustment, whereby the length and width of the slipper may be varied. The quarters of the slipper have extensions projected beyond the edge of the said vamp extension and adapted to overlap an upper extension of the removable vamp, the quarters' extensions adapted to be secured. A lace is the preferable form of fastening for the parts.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of the specifications: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a slipper embodying the invention; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the slipper having the removable vamp disconnected at one edge and end and turned upward; Fig. 3 is a detail view of the rear portion of the slipper, the lace being loosened; and Fig. 4 is a cross section of the slipper on the line *a*—*b* of Fig. 1.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The body of the slipper is designated by the numeral 10 and as shown the sole and upper are preferably constructed of the same piece of material, it being understood that the slipper may be soled and heeled in the accustomed manner, if so desired; however, for general usage the construction illustrated is preferred. The front portion of the upper is open and the space receiving the removable vamp 11 has a continuous vamp extension 2, which surrounds the toe and the side portions of the upper adjacent to the toe and at each side of the vamp space. The quarters 3 have forward extensions 4 which project beyond the edge of the vamp extension 2 so as to overlap the upper extension 5 of the vamp 11.

A series of openings 14 are provided along the edge of the vamp extension 2 and a corresponding series of openings 15 are formed in the edge portion of the vamp 11, said openings 14 and 15 being adapted to receive a lace 12 by means of which the vamp 11 and the vamp extension 2 are adjustably connected together. A space exists between the removable vamp and the vamp extension, thereby providing for variation in the width and length of the slipper within certain limits without producing a welt or overlapping of the edge portions of the parts 11 and 2 which would result in annoying and painful pressure upon the foot. The removable vamp 11 is formed with an upper extension 5 which tapers in width and is adapted to underlap the extensions 4 of the quarters, said extensions being provided along their edges with openings 19 to receive end portions of the lace 12 by means of which they are connected when the slipper is worn.

The quarters 3 are separated at the rear by means of an opening 18, and openings 17 are provided near the ends of the quarters to receive a lace 13 employed as fastening means for connecting the quarters after the shoe has been slipped upon the foot. The lace 13 and the separation of the quarters at the rear of the slipper provide for adjusting the slipper to the foot of the wearer so as to snugly fit about the heel and prevent movement of the slipper upon the foot when the wearer is moving about.

By having the quarters' extensions 4 overlap the extension 5 of the removable vamp, the said extension 5, which is tapered as shown and of less width than the removable vamp is confined to the foot and gives to the slipper or shoe a neat and comfortable appearance at the instep and prevents the knot and the upper forward portion of the quarters pressing into the foot.

By means of the construction above described, it is obvious that the portion of the lacing which connects the extensions of the quarters together over the reduced extension of the removable vamp, may be unlaced in order to take the slipper off, without disturbing the remaining portion of the lacing which may be permanently secured to

the slipper to hold the removable vamp thereon, after said vamp has been once properly adjusted.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A slipper having its front portion open and provided with a continuous extension surrounding the vamp space and having the quarters extending past the edges of said vamp extension, a removable vamp fitting the vamp space of the slipper and having its edges normally spaced therefrom and having an upper reduced extension adapted to underlap the extension of the quarters, the vamp extension and the inner extensions of the quarters having eyelets along their edges, the vamp extension being devoid of eyelets and a continuous lace adjustably connecting the vamp and said vamp extension to admit of varying the width and length of the slipper and also adapted to be passed through the inner extensions of the quarters to secure the same over the reduced extension of the vamp.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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