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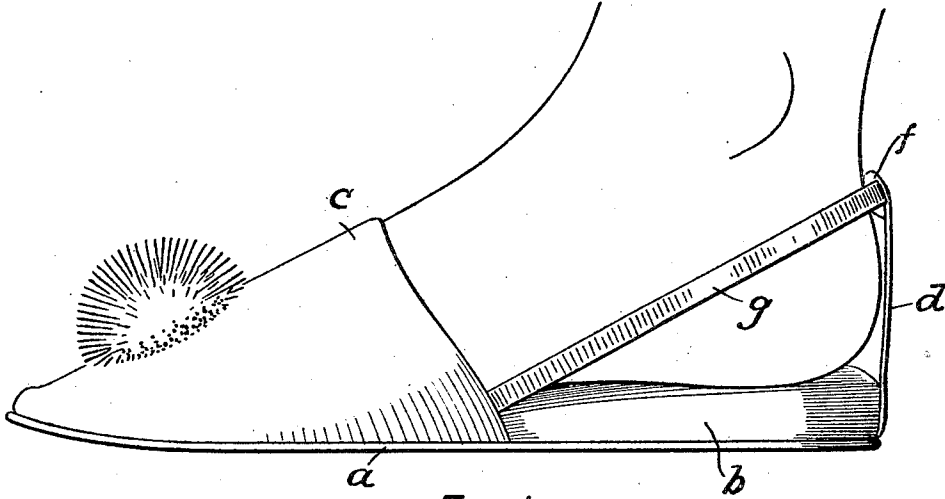


FIG. 1.

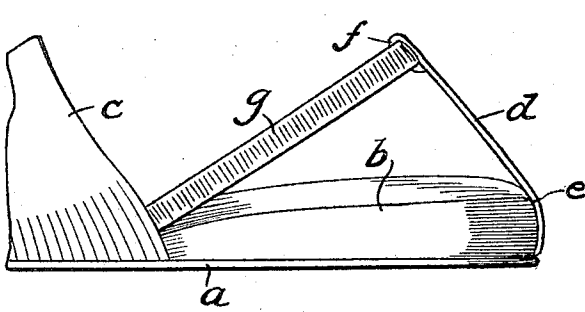


FIG. 2.

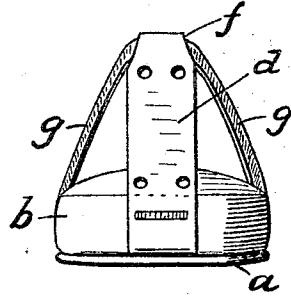


FIG. 3.

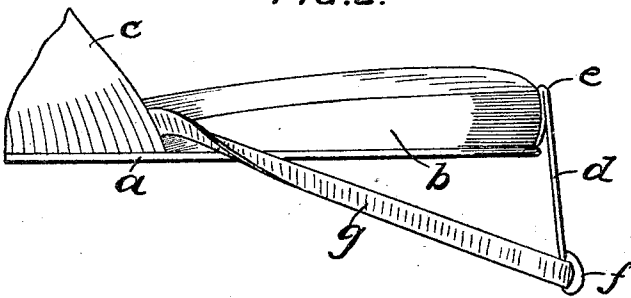


FIG. 4.

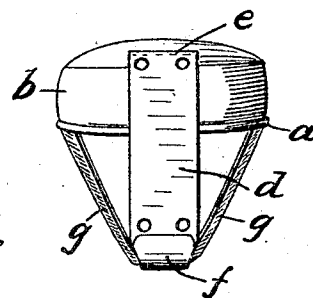


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHAN GARFINKLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Slippers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to slippers and more particularly to bedroom slippers of the type generally known as "mules."

The type of slipper having a complete upper is difficult to put on and the rear or heel-engaging portion of the upper is quickly injured by failure of the wearer to position the foot completely within the heel portion.

The type of slipper known as a "mule" has the heel portion of the upper eliminated and this style is readily put on, but unless the foot is shuffled in walking the "mule" becomes displaced and falls off the foot.

The object of my invention is to provide a slipper of the "mule" type which will have all the advantages of the "mule," but at the same time will be retained firmly upon the foot.

A further object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive construction which will be efficient and at the same time in no way detract from the comfort of the wearer.

I will now describe in detail a preferred embodiment of my invention with reference to the accompanying drawing in which I have illustrated a slipper constructed in accordance with my invention, and in which—

Fig. 1 is a side view of a slipper embodying my invention with a diagrammatic illustration of a foot in place.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the rear portion of the slipper with the heel piece extending upwardly.

Fig. 3 is a rear view of the slipper as shown in Figure 2.

Fig. 4 is a side view of the rear portion of the slipper with the heel piece extending downwardly.

Fig. 5 is a rear view of the slipper as shown in Figure 4.

The sole *a* of the slipper is padded on its upper side as at *b*, and a partial upper or toe-cap *c* adapted to cover the toes and forward portion of the foot is secured to the

edges of the sole. The rear or heel portion of the sole is uncovered as in the "mule."

A relatively stiff heel piece *d* is secured to the rear end of the sole by means of one of its ends which is flexible and forms a hinge as at *e*, permitting the piece to extend upward or downward from the sole, as shown in Figures 2 and 4. The upper end of piece *d*, which is adapted to engage the heel of the wearer as shown in Figure 1, is padded and provided with a loop as at *f*. An elastic band *g*, adapted to tend to hold piece *d* in the position shown in Figure 2, is passed through the loop *f* and secured at its ends to the edges of the sole at points on opposite sides and at about the middle of the sole.

In operation, the piece *d* is drawn downward into the position shown in Figure 4 and with the slipper on the floor the toes are inserted into the upper or toe-cap *c*. Downward pressure on the rear portion of the sole then causes the piece *d* to turn upwardly under the influence of the elastic *g* until its upper end engages the heel and is held against it by the elastic, thus maintaining the slipper in place on the foot.

When it is desired to remove the slipper, it need only be pulled forward off the foot and as the sole moves forward the heel of the foot will cause the piece *d* to bend backward until it is drawn downward by the elastic *g* and assumes the position shown in Figure 4, leaving the foot free of the slipper and the slipper ready to be again put on, as above described.

It will be noted that the slipper is securely held to the foot, but that since only the end of piece *d* engages the heel there can be no rubbing or chaffing of the heel in walking.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

A mule comprising a sole, a toe cap, a stiff heel piece hinged to the rear end of the sole portion, elastic tension means extending along each side of the mule connected to the sides of the sole intermediate the ends of the sole and to the heel piece at its outer end to draw the outer end of the heel piece downwardly and forwardly when in one position and upwardly and forwardly when in another position, the arrangement being such that when the mule is placed on the floor with the heel piece drawn down-

wardly, it can readily be put on the foot, by first inserting the foot and then rocking the foot and mule about the heel to throw the outer end of the heel piece above a plane
5 extending through the hinge of the heel piece, the points at which the tension members are attached to the sole are located in

such a manner as to cause said tension members to draw the heel piece upwardly and forwardly against the heel of the wearer. 10

In testimony of which invention, I have hereunto set my hand, at Philadelphia, Pa., on this 3rd day of January, 1921.

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