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Fig. 1

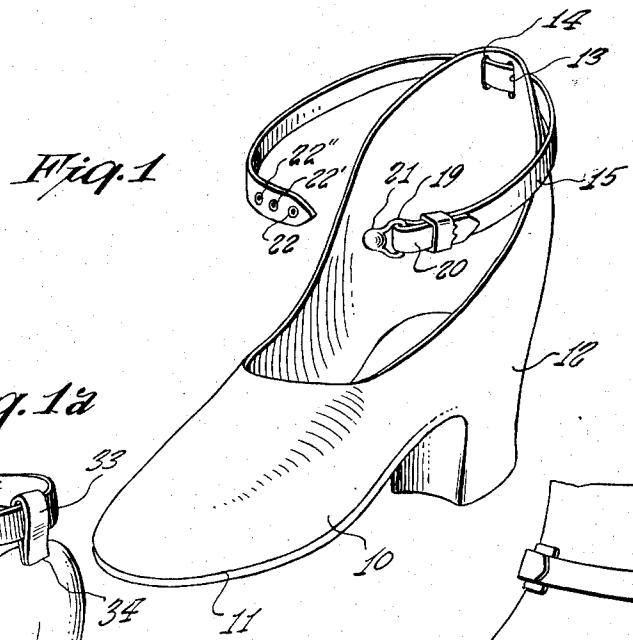


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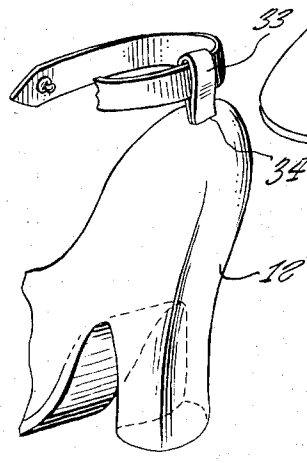


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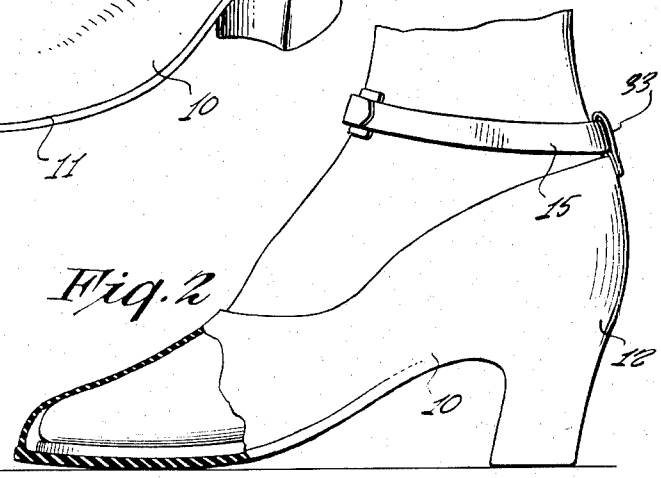


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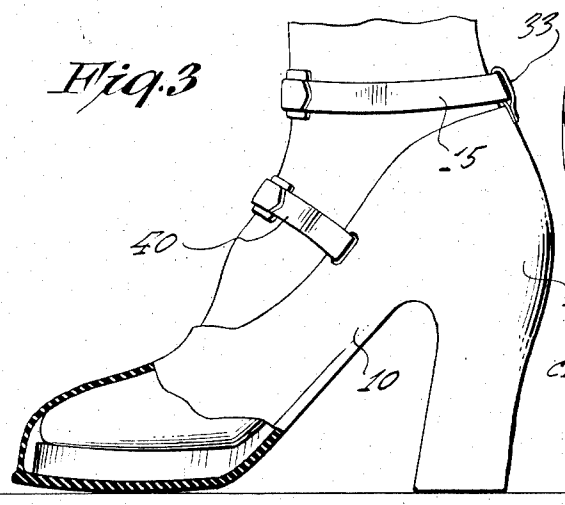
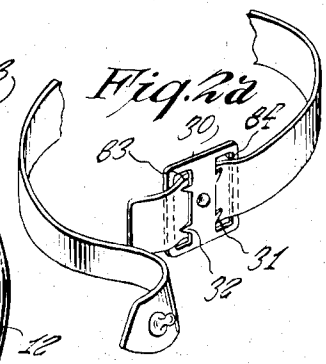


Fig. 3a



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The present invention relates generally to over-shoes of the waterproof variety and has specific applicability to such over-shoes known as the "opera" type worn by women or others and which may be worn with either a single or platform type sole.

Heretofore, in rubber over-shoes used by women wearing the open-back type of shoe there has been the great problem of maintaining a conventional type rubber on the foot while if the rubber completely covered the back it was found that rubber over-shoe did not cling to the back of the foot but, because of the constant flexing and movement of the heel, the over-shoe continually and progressively slipped down along the heel of the foot. This was, of course, inconvenient and necessitated constant adjustment and resetting of the clothing of the wearer, as well as abrading the clothing and/or stockings of the wearer causing tears and runs therein. Moreover, there was, of course, constant physical irritation of the heel. To avoid this, other types of rubbers have been constructed, some having open backs. These too have had little success inasmuch as other problems of avoiding dirt, mud and splashing have become apparent.

By the present invention, however, these prior difficulties have been substantially overcome and eliminated. The present novel invention of an opera type rubber or over-shoe maintains the snug fit of the over-shoe and conforms it to the heel of a wearer, while maintaining the rubber shoe constantly in place. At the same time, the problem of splash has been overcome by providing a rubber shoe that may be used with all types of shoes, for example, platform soles, as well as single soles.

In addition, the rubber shoe is constructed and designed that it may especially be adapted to the foot of the individual wearer. This makes for true conformance to the foot. Thus, an individually adaptable rubber has been provided which may be readily suited to the varying needs of the wearer. Again, the great novelty inherent in the simplicity of the construction of the present novel over-shoe invention makes the construction and manufacture thereof easily suited to the present inventory and needs of the supplier, and obviates the necessity for considerable change-over of lasts and stock on hand.

Thus, the present invention provides a simple, practical, new and inexpensive rubber over-shoe which may be readily manufactured, yet provides ready and complete adaptability to the type of shoe and foot of the wearer.

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It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a novel rubber over-shoe which may be adapted for use with any type of shoe and foot of a wearer.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a water-proof over-shoe which may be easily converted into a snugly adapted over-shoe that may be comfortably worn by a wearer.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a novel opera type rubber over-shoe that may be worn with single or platform sole shoes.

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a lady's rubber over-shoe of a sandal form which may specifically and snugly fit the foot of the individual wearer.

Again, another object of the present invention is to provide a lady's over-shoe having water-proof characteristics and which may be adapted for use with an improved ankle type retaining member.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a lady's rubber over-shoe of sandal form having a novel ankle type retainer.

And another object of the present invention is to provide a lady's rubber over-shoe of sandal form having a closed back and an adjustable ankle type retainer for snugly conforming the shoe to the foot of a wearer.

The invention in another of its aspects relates to novel features and instrumentalities described herein for achieving the principal objects of the invention and to the novel principles employed in those instrumentalities, whether or not these features and principles are used for the said principal objects or in the said field.

Other objects of the invention and the nature thereof will become apparent from the following description considered in connection with the accompanying figures of the drawing and the scope of the invention is determined from the appended claims.

Referring to the drawing,

Fig. 1 is an illustrative embodiment of the invention useful in showing the novel adjustable, retaining means circumscribing the ankle of the wearer at a point substantially above the instep so as to obtain a snug and adjustable conformity thereto.

Fig. 1A is a modification of the invention shown in Fig. 1, showing a different retaining means.

Fig. 2 is an embodiment of the invention showing how the present over-shoe may be adapted for use with a single sole type of shoe.

Fig. 2A is an illustrative embodiment of a type of adjustable, snap-retaining means adapted for use with an ankle retainer strap.

Fig. 3 is an illustrative embodiment of the invention utilizing dual retaining means and as adapted for use with platform sole inner shoes.

Generally speaking, the present invention comprises a water-proof lady's over-shoe of sandal form having an ankle retaining means circumscribing the ankle of the wearer so as to obtain complete conformity of the rubber over-shoe at all times. The ankle strap is readily adjustable so that it may be moved to circumscribe the ankle of the wearer and to aid in the practical application thereof. In order to readily effect the utility of the rubber, the ankle strap may be removed without damaging the integral structure of the foot and replaced as desired, and with any width that may be desired. Hence, the inventory needs of the shopowner and manufacturer are maintained substantially constant and with little need for added expense and increased stock. Moreover, an additional retaining strap may be provided if greater conformity is deemed necessary.

Referring to Fig. 1, there is shown a lady's over-shoe of sandal form 10 which may be constructed of any water-proof material, for example, rubber, which is shaped to cover both the toe portion 11 and the heel portion 12 thereof. The heel and back portion, as shown, is integrally formed and completely closed so as to encompass the entire counter portion of the shoe, thus eliminating the possibility of mud or other debris from clinging to the stocking of the wearer, no matter what the shoe type being worn under the over-shoe.

The back portion of the over-shoe has two slots 13 and 14 formed therein to form a loop channel through which may be passed an ankle strap 15 which is adapted to circumscribe the ankle of the wearer at a point substantially above the instep. Ankle strap 15 may be made of any desired material, for example, rubber, or made of variegated patterns for ornamental effect, and may be of any desired width, such as ½''. Ankle strap 15 is adjustable, having one end enclosing a buckle including the ring 19 having a stud 21 at its far side to be engaged selectively and in locking engagement with eyelets 22, 22', and 22'' in the opposite end of the strap, or as in Fig. 2A by means of a toothed buckle 30 having teeth 31 and 32 and slots 83 and 84.

In Fig. 1A there is shown means for containing the retaining strap comprising a loop 33 which may be tacked to heel 12 at a top-most point 34 and/or may be integrally formed therewith.

As shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the lady's rubber over-shoe may be adapted for use as an opera type rubber with either single or platform sole shoes, as the vogue may be. Moreover, the rubber may be used in a dual capacity, both with and without the straps, provision being made for easy insertability thereof.

Moreover, should tighter conformation of the over-shoe be necessary, then a second retaining member 40 may be provided, which may be adapted to circumscribe the instep of the wearer.

In the use of the rubber, the discomfort engendered by the use of a loose and sliding over-shoe, when wearing a backless shoe, is completely eliminated. The wearer is able to completely conform the rubber over-shoe to the foot by bringing the ankle strap about the ankle and snap locking it in adjustable manner. Thus, the over-shoe never slips about the heel of the wearer to abrade the stocking and/or to irritate the heel.

The lady's rubber over-shoe of sandal form and opera type having a novel retaining means therefore, as described above, is merely illustrative and not exhaustive, and since many changes could be made in the above construction, and since many apparently widely different embodiments of the invention may be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawing shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

What is claimed is:

1. In combination, a rubber overshoe comprising completely closed toe and heel sections for snug adaptation of said overshoe upon the shoe and about the heel of the wearer, the top-most portion of the back of said heel portion of said overshoe being provided with spaced vertically disposed slots, a removable rubber strap of a width substantially equal to the length of said slots slidingly inserted through said slots to form means for adjusting the heel conformation of said heel portion of said overshoe, and shiftable snap fastener means for securing the ends of said strap about the ankle of said wearer at a point substantially above the instep of the wearer so that further adjustability of the overshoe to the heel of the wearer may be obtained while effectively preventing the heel portion of the shoe from slipping.

2. A rubber overshoe as set forth in claim 1, in which the slots constituting a pair and the strap extends through the same to pass in front of that portion of the overshoe between the slots.

3. A rubber overshoe as set forth in claim 1, in which there is provided additional retaining means extending across the overshoe from side to side which are adjustable.

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