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Fig. 1.

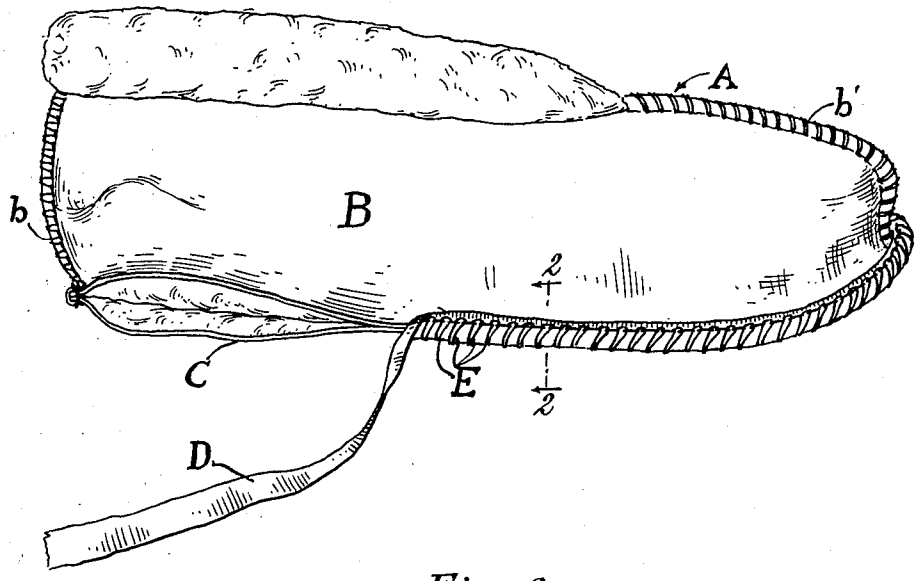
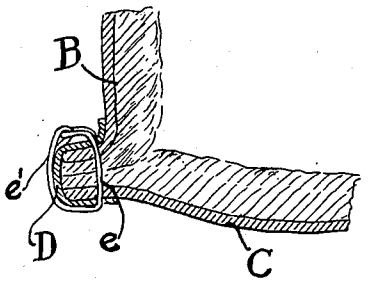


Fig. 2.



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The present invention relates to footwear and the method of making the same, and aims to provide certain improvements therein. More specifically, it relates to footwear having a flexible upper and a flexible sole, for example, a slipper, and provides a novel means of securing the parts thereof together in an economical and practicable manner.

According to the present invention I secure the edges of the constituent parts of the slipper together with a binding element in a single operation by what is known as over and over stitching, which provides a strong and durable seam and at the same time gives to the bound edge a strikingly ornamental appearance. The invention also embodies other features of novelty, which will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

A preferred embodiment of my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a slipper embodying my invention showing the manner in which the upper, sole and binding element are secured together.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged section taken along the plane of the line 2—2 in Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, let A indicate a slipper which comprises an upper B which may be formed of two or more parts suitably seamed together as shown at *b* and *b'* and a sole C connected to the lower edge of the upper through the medium of a binding element D and stitching E. The upper, sole, and the binding element of the slipper are all preferably formed of flexible material; the upper and the sole as herein shown being of sheepskin with the woolly side on the interior of the slipper and the hide side on the exterior.

Heretofore, in the manufacture of slippers of the character set forth, the upper and sole were secured together without any form of binding material other than the stitching, and where a binding material was used this was applied after the initial stitching together of said upper and sole as a separate operation.

According to the present invention I unite the upper and the sole together through the medium of a binding element in a single operation. This I accomplish by taking a sole C and an upper B having a bottom edge of the same perimeter as the sole and a binding element D, applying said binding element in straddling relation around the edges of said upper and sole and simultaneously securing said parts in such relation by stitching E, which passes through said parts as shown at *e* and around the edges of all three elements as shown at *e'*. The relationship of the parts when thus united will be clearly understood from an inspection of Figure 2. In said figure it will be noted that the bottom of the upper is turned outwardly in the form of a flange which seats against the sole adjacent its perimeter and that the binding element is of substantially U-shape in cross section with the arms of the U seating respectively against the flange of the upper and the outermost portion of the sole with the bight of the U straddling the edges of both the upper and the sole. The over and over stitching E which passes around the arms and bight of the binding element it will be apparent gives to the slipper the appearance of having an extension sole which is ornamented about its edge.

From the foregoing description considered in conjunction with the drawings it will be apparent that I have provided a character of footwear which is practical, ornamental and which can be cheaply produced.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that I do not wish to be limited to the precise construction and method of procedure outlined, but deem it within the scope and spirit of my invention to depart therefrom within the limitations of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. Footwear, comprising a flexible upper and a flexible sole, the bottom edge of the upper being turned outwardly in the form of a flange having a perimeter to coincide with the perimeter of the sole and seating against the inner face of said sole adjacent its perimeter, a binding element of substantially U-shape cross section straddling said contact-

ing portions of the upper and the sole, and stitching extending through the binding element, the flange of the upper and the sole, and in over and over fashion around the arms and bight of the U-shaped binding element.

2. The method of making footwear having a flexible upper and a flexible sole which comprises forming a sole and an upper having a bottom edge of the same perimeter as the sole and a binding element, and simultaneously applying said binding element in straddling relation around the edges of said upper and sole and securing said parts to each other in such relation with stitching which passes through and around the edges of all three elements.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name.

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