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[54] **GOLF SANDAL**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A golf sandal is worn in combination with a golf shoe for the prevention of damage to a floor by the spike members of the golf shoe. The golf sandal consists of a lower flexible hard rubber sole joined to an upper soft rubber sole, wherein the combination has a forward sole portion, a shank portion, and a rearward heel portion. A top surface of the upper sole has a plurality of recessed openings therein, wherein the spike members of the golf shoe insert downward into the recessed openings as the sole section of the golf shoe engages the upper sole of the golf sandal. A mechanism is provided for securing the golf sandal to the golf shoe.

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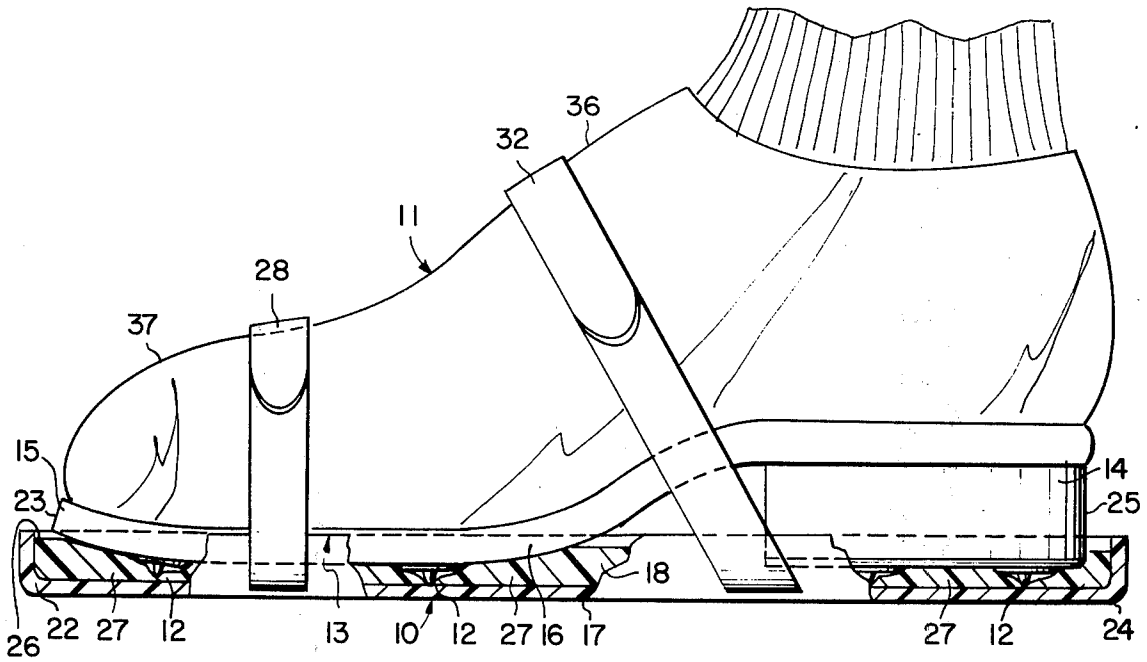
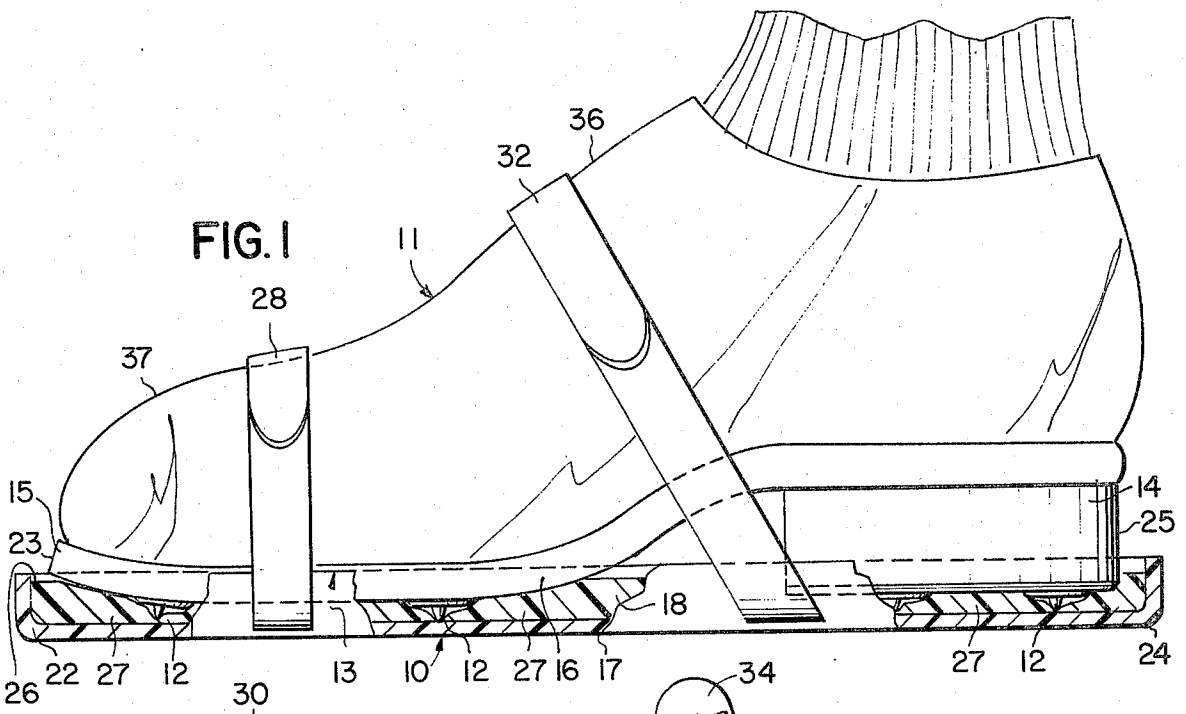


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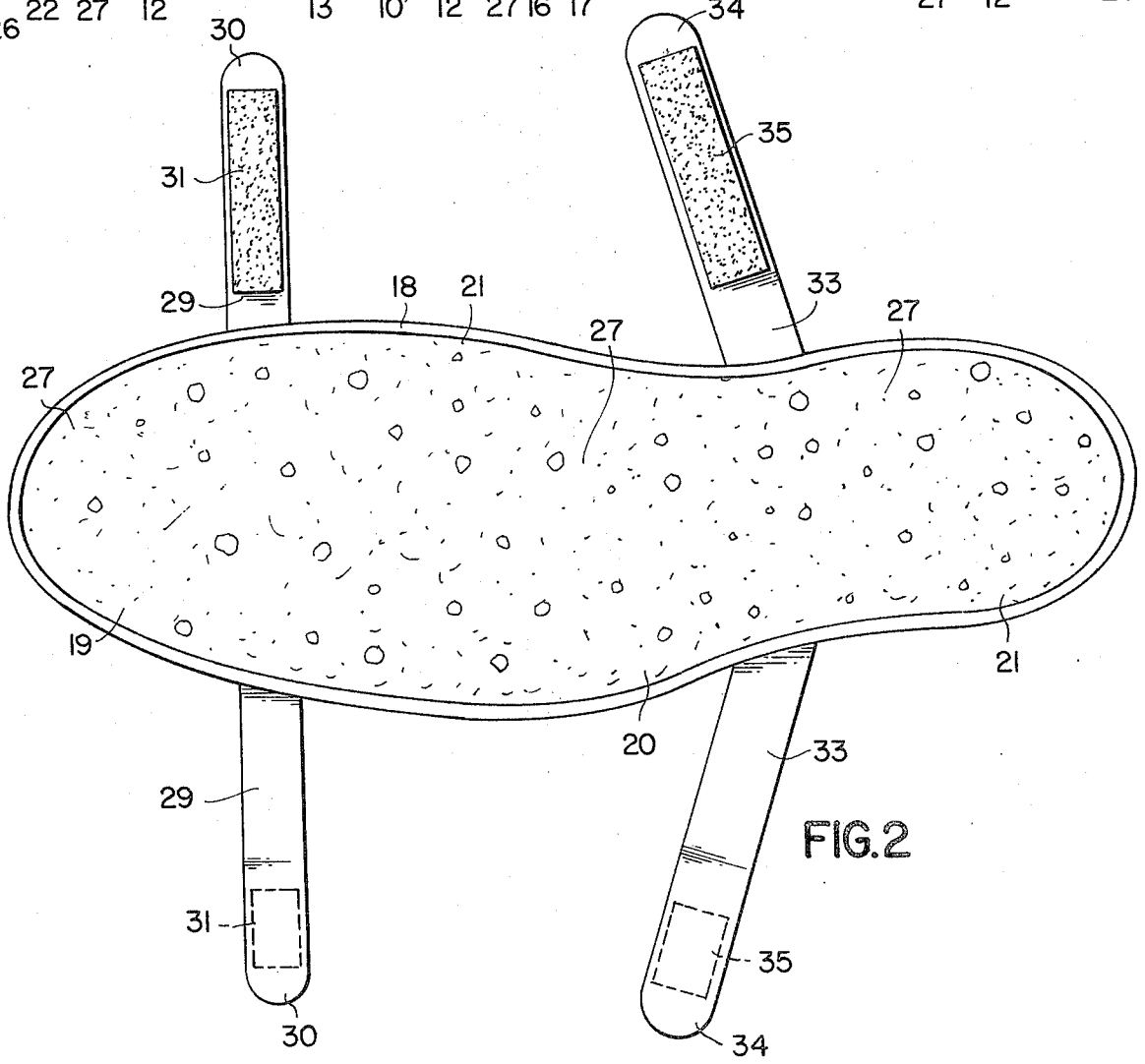

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FIG. 2

GOLF SANDAL

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

My invention relates to a unique and novel sandal worn in combination with a golf shoe, wherein the sandal acts as a means of preventing damage to spikes, floors, floor coverings and walkways and as a protective aid against slipping and tripping caused by the spike members of the golf shoe.

U.S. Pat. Nos. **1,811,781** and **2,260,138** have employed overshoes for golf shoes, but these aforementioned patents are non-applicable to my present invention.

An object of my present invention is to provide a golf sandal worn in combination with a golf shoe, wherein the golf sandal protects a floor from damage by the spike members of the golf shoe.

A further object of my present invention is to provide a golf sandal, wherein a hard rubber lower sole of the golf sandal prevents the spike members from piercing through the golf sandal.

A still further object of my present invention is to provide a means of securing the golf sandal to the golf shoe.

Another object of my present invention is to provide a golf sandal of simple design.

Briefly, my present invention comprises a golf sandal having a lower flexible hard rubber sole joined to an upper soft rubber sole, wherein the combination has a forward sole portion, a shank portion, and a rearward heel portion. A top surface of the upper sole has a plurality of recessed openings therein, wherein the spike members of the golf shoe insert downward into the recessed openings as the sole section of the golf shoe engages the upper sole of the golf sandal. A mechanism is provided for securing the golf sandal to the golf shoe.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The objects and features of the invention may be understood with reference to the following detailed description of an illustrative embodiment of the invention, taken together with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. **1** illustrates a side cutaway view of a golf sandal in combination with a golf shoe; and

FIG. **2** illustrates a top planar view of the golf sandal.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Turning now descriptively to the drawings, in which similar reference characters denote similar elements throughout the several views, FIGS. **1, 2** show a golf sandal **10** worn on a golf shoe **11** having a plurality of spike members **12** extending downward from the lower section **13** of the golf shoe **11**; wherein the spike members **12** are positioned on the heel portion **14**, the forward sole portion **15** and rearward sole portion **16** of the sole section **13.** The golf sandal **10** broadly consist of a composite of a planar lower flexible hard rubber sole **17** and an upper planar soft rubber sole **18** formed into a shape conforming to the lower section **13** of the golf shoe **11,** wherein the composite has a forward sole section **19,** a shank portion **20,** and a rearward heel portion **21.** The upper **18** and lower **17** soles are joined together by adhesive means, heat seal means or any other conventional used means. The outer peripherial

sidewalls **21** of the golf sandal **11** is formed of flexible hard rubber as an integral extension of the lower sole **17.** The forward edge **22** of the sandal **11** extends forwardly of the forward edge **23** of the golf shoe **11,** and the rear edge **24** of the sandal **10** extends rearwardly of the rear edge **25** of the heel portion **14** of the golf shoe **11.** The top surface **26** of the upper sole **18** has a plurality of recessed openings **27** therein, wherein the spike members **12** insert into the openings **27** as the upper sole **18** of the sandal engages frictionally to the sole section **13** of the golf shoe **11.** The top surface **26** of the upper sole **18** has a non-skid coating deposit thereon, wherein the non-skid coating frictionally engages the sole section **13** of the golf shoe **11** so as to prevent slippage of the golf sandal **10** on the golf shoe **11.** A first strap assembly **28** consists of two strap members **29,** wherein each strap member **29** is affixed to the peripheral sidewall **21** on each side of the forward sole section **19** of the sandal **10.** The free ends **30** of each strap member **29** have first Velcro tab elements **31** allowing the free ends **30** of the strap members **29** to be joined together on the upper toe section **37** of the golf shoe **11.** A second strap assembly **32** consists of two strap elements **33,** wherein each strap element **33** is affixed to the peripheral sidewall **21** on each side of the shank portion **20** of the sandal **10.** The free end **34** of each strap member **33** have second Velcro tab elements **35** allowing the free ends **34** of the strap members **33** to be joined together on the vamp **36** of the golf shoe **11.**

Hence, obvious changes may be made in the specific embodiment of the invention described herein, such modifications being within the spirit and scope of the invention claimed, it is indicated that all matter contained herein is intended as an illustrative and not as limiting in scope.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

We claim:

1. A golf sandal in combination with a golf shoe having spike members extending downward from a sole section of said golf shoe, which comprises:

a. a lower flexible hard rubber sole;

b. an upper planar soft rubber sole;

c. a first means of joining said upper planar soft rubber sole onto said lower flexible hard rubber sole, and said upper and lower soles formed in a shape of a conventional shoe sole having a forward sole portion, a shank portion and a rearward heel portion;

d. a top surface of said upper sole having a plurality of recessed openings therein;

e. said golf sandal having an outer peripherial sidewall of flexible hard rubber integrally joined to said lower sole;

f. said sole section of said golf shoe engaging said upper sole of said golf sandal, wherein said spike members insert downward into said plurality of said recessed openings;

g. a second means of securing said golf sandal to said golf shoe.

2. A combination as recited in claim **1,** wherein said second means comprises:

a. a first strap assembly joined to said golf sandal and engaging an upper toe section of said golf shoe; and

b. a second strap assembly joined to said golf sandal and engaging a vamp of said golf shoe.

3. A combination as recited in claim 2, wherein said first strap assembly further comprises:

a. a strap member joined onto each side of said forward sole portion of said golf sandal on said peripheral sidewall; and

b. a first Velcro tab member contained on each free end of said strap members.

4. A combination as recited in claim 3, wherein said

second strap assembly further comprises:

a. a strap element joined onto each side of said shank portion of said golf sandal on said peripheral sidewall; and

b. a second Velcro tab member contained on each free end of said strap element.

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