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Fig. 1.

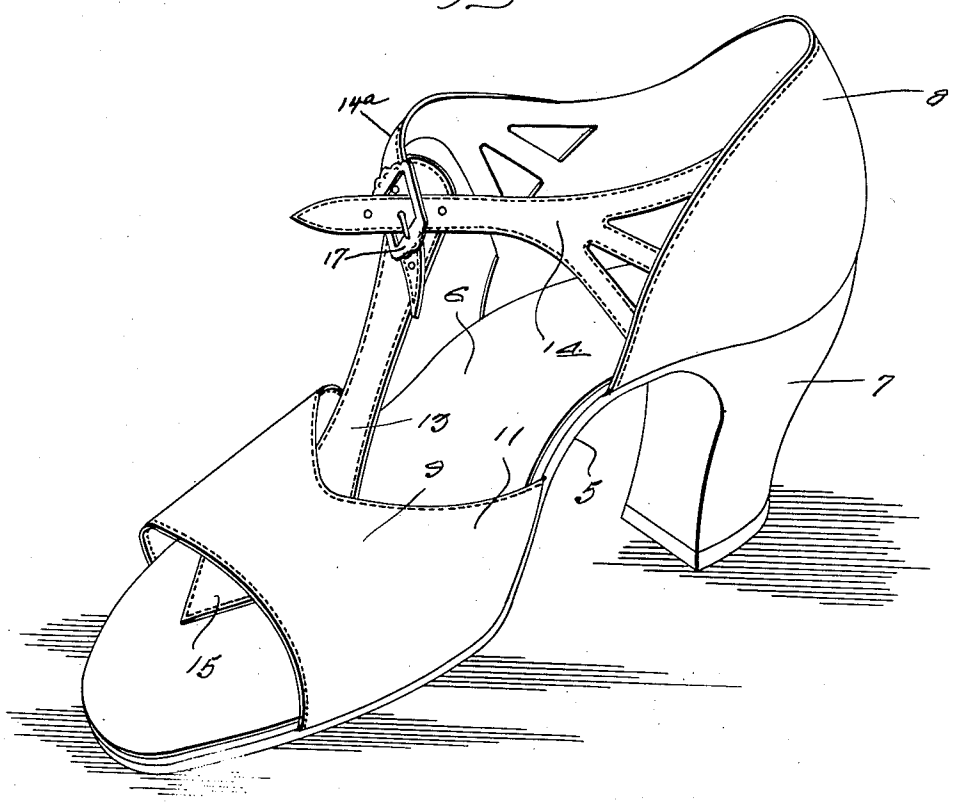
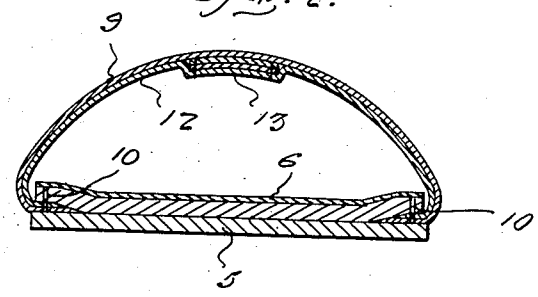


Fig. 2.



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The present invention relates to footwear and more particularly to women's slippers.

The principal object of the invention is to provide an article of footwear of this character in which the toe portion of the upper of the slipper is cut away so as to prevent crowding or squeezing of the toes of the wearer and thus insure the maximum amount of comfort while wearing the slipper.

A further object of the invention is to provide a slipper in which the sole portion extends forwardly of the cutaway portion of the upper, so that the entire foot will rest upon the sole in the usual manner and in which the upper serves to snugly and comfortably support the sides of the foot from a point rearwardly of the toes to the arch of the foot.

A still further object is to provide an article of this character which is neat and attractive in appearance, which is of extremely simple construction and permits manufacture thereof at a relatively low cost.

Other objects and advantages reside in the special construction, combination and arrangement of the various elements forming the invention as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view and

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view through the vamp portion of the slipper.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration I have disclosed the invention embodied in one style of footwear, the numeral 5 designates an outer shoe sole having an inner sole 6 disposed in superposed relation thereupon and secured in position thereon in any manner well known in the art, such as for instance by glueing or the like. At the rear portion of the sole is secured the conventional heel 7, above which is provided the usual counter 8.

At the forward portion of the sole is arranged a piece of material, preferably light weight leather constituting the vamp 9 which extends transversely of the sole and in spaced relation above the inner sole with the opposite side edges of the vamp material inserted between the side edges of the inner and outer soles and secured in position by stitching 10, more clearly shown in Figure 2 of the drawings.

The forward edge of the vamp 9 terminates rearwardly of the extreme forward portion of the sole so that the sole of the slipper is entirely open to avoid cramping or crowding of the toes of the foot of the wearer within the slipper.

The rear edges of the vamp section 9, at each side of the slipper extends rearwardly in the form of an arc, as designated at 11 so that the rear edge of the vamp, at the extreme sides of the slipper are connected to the sole at a point adjacent the arch of the foot.

Thus it will be seen that the length of the vamp at the side edges is substantially greater than the length at the center of the slipper. The vamp material 9 may also be provided with an inner lining 12 of relatively soft material for contact with the foot of the wearer.

At the center of the vamp is a longitudinally extending strap 13, which has its forword end inserted between the vamp material 9 and the lining 12 and suitably secured thereto, as by sewing, and has its rear end extending rearwardly in a manner to rest upon the instep of the foot corresponding to the tongue of a shoe and is secured in position by straps 14 and 14*a* which extend forwardly from the counter 8.

The strap 13 may extend entirely through the vamp 9 with its forward tip 15 protruding forwardly of the front edge of the vamp to add an ornamental appearance to the article.

The outside strap 14*a* extends across the

upper face of the strap 13 and may terminate beyond the same. The strap 14*a* is secured in this position to strap 13 by sewing or other means, and by this same means or by separate means, a buckle 17 is secured in position on the strap 14*a* over the point of juncture with the strap 13.

The strap 14 is provided with conventional buckle engaged means whereby the shoe is rendered susceptible of easy and expeditious removal and replacement on the foot without disturbing the relative arrangement of the various straps.

While I have illustrated the preferred embodiment of the invention it is apparent that other types of footwear such as high shoes may also be constructed in accordance therewith.

It is obvious that my invention is susceptible to various changes and modifications in construction without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claims, and I accordingly claim all such forms of the device to which I am entitled.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

1. A high heeled shoe of the type described comprising inner and outer soles, a heel counter, a strap projected forwardly from an intermediate portion of the forward edge portion of each side of the counter; and a vamp having its edges secured between the soles, said vamp extended from the shank to a point short of the tip of the shoe, an instep strap secured on the underside of the vamp and extended rearwardly, one of said straps on the counter being extended across the upper portion of the instep strap and secured thereto, a buckle mounted at the juncture of the said straps, and the other of said straps in the counter being adapted to be extended across the upper portion of the instep strap and said one strap and adjustably secured by said buckle, said juncture of the straps being over the center of the instep of the foot.

2. A high heeled shoe of the type described comprising inner and outer soles, a heel counter, a strap projected forwardly from an intermediate portion of the forward edge portion of each side of the counter; and a vamp having its edges secured between the soles, said vamp extended from the shank to a point short of the tip of the shoe, an instep strap secured on the underside of the vamp and extended rearwardly, one of said straps on the counter being extended across the upper portion of the instep strap and secured thereto, a buckle mounted at the juncture of the said straps, and the other of said straps in the counter being adapted to be extended across the upper portion of the instep strap and the said one strap and adjustably secured by said buckle, said juncture of the straps being over the center of the instep of the foot, said counter being sharply sloped at its forward edges from the top of the rear of the heel engaging portion forwardly to an intermediate portion of the shank of the shoe, and said vamp having its upper rearward edge curvedly cut so as to rest the marginal portion of said edge upon the instep of the foot slightly rearwardly of the juncture of the toes with the instep portion of the foot, without binding and chafing.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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