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SLIPPER

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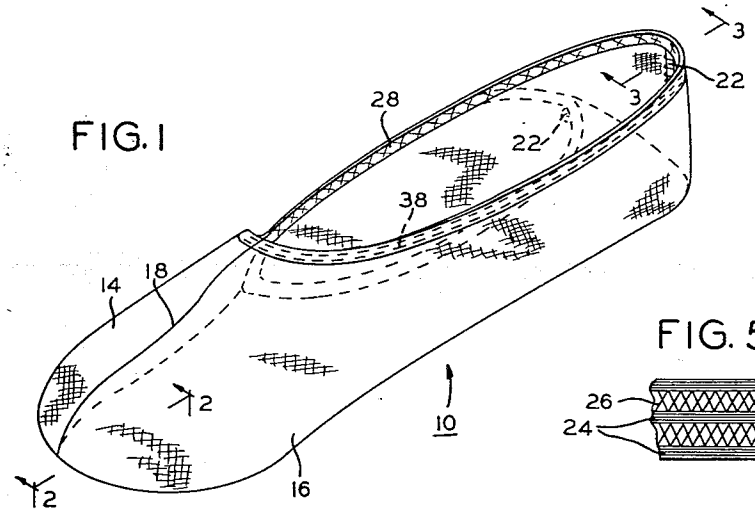
FIG. 1



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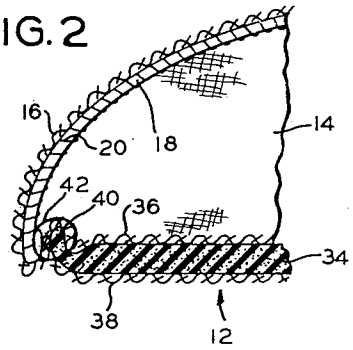

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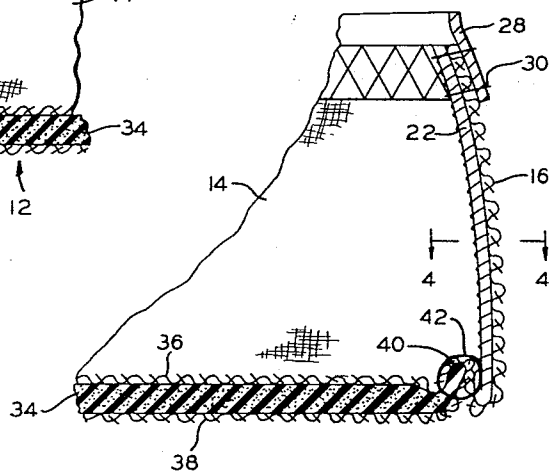

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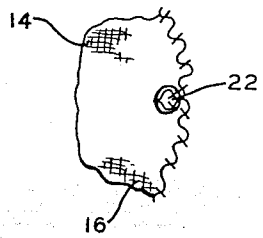

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This invention relates to a slipper, and more particularly, to a stretch-type slipper. It is desirable to have a slipper for wearing around the house which is soft, comfortable, warm, and capable of snugly fitting the foot so as to be retained thereon. The appearance of the slipper both on and off the foot is an important feature of a slipper. Also, the flexibility of a slipper is desirable since it enables the slipper to occupy a minimum amount of space for traveling purposes.

It has been found that a stretch-type slipper has many advantages over other type slippers. A stretch-type slipper will fit various size feet so that the slipper need only be made in a few standard sizes to cover the complete range of sizes of feet. In addition, a stretch-type slipper is most desirable for children since it permits a longer use of the slipper even as the child's feet grow.

The stretch-type of the present invention is preferably made from flexible fabric material knitted so as to have a plurality of spaced parallel rows of open-type mesh extending longitudinally along the body of the slipper from the heel to the toe so that the body of the slipper is stretchable.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a novel slipper.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a novel stretch-type slipper.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a stretch-type slipper which holds its shape on and off the foot.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a novel stretch-type slipper having a body made from fabric material, with the body divided into two halves along the longitudinal axis of the slipper with each half being colored differently.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a novel stretch-type slipper which is light in weight, is soft and maintains the foot warm.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

For the purpose of illustrating the invention there is shown in the drawing a form which is presently preferred; it being understood, however, that this invention is not limited to the precise arrangements and instrumentalities shown.

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view showing the slipper of the present invention in the shape assumed by said slipper when it is being worn.

FIGURE 2 is a cross-sectional view taken along the lines 2—2 in FIGURE 1.

FIGURE 3 is a cross-sectional view taken along the lines 3—3 in FIGURE 1.

FIGURE 4 is a cross-sectional view taken along the lines 4—4 in FIGURE 3.

FIGURE 5 is an enlarged view of the material from which the body of the slipper is made.

Referring to the drawing, wherein like numerals indicate like elements, there is shown in FIGURE 1 a slipper designated generally as **10**.

The slipper **10** comprises a sole **12** and a body formed of two identical body halves **14** and **16**. The body halves **14** and **16** are joined together at the seam **18** by the stitching **20** adjacent the toe of the slipper **10**.

The body halves **14** and **16** are also joined adjacent the heel of the slipper **10** by stitching to form a seam **22**. The seams **18** and **22** are coincident with one another and lie along the longitudinal axis of the slipper **10**.

As shown more clearly in FIGURE 5, each of the body halves **14** and **16** are made from a single layer of fabric having a plurality of spaced substantially parallel rows **24** of tightly knit thread. The rows **24** are interconnected with rows **26** of open mesh knitting. The rows **24** and **26** extend longitudinally from the heel to the toe of the slipper **10**. Thus, the body halves **14** and **16** are stretchable because of the nature of the fabric knit. When the slipper **10** of the present invention is not being worn, it will assume the position as shown in phantom in FIGURE 1. When the slipper **10** of the present invention is being worn, it will assume the position shown in solid lines in FIGURE 1.

The body halves **14** and **16** are preferably made from different colored material so as to enhance the aesthetic appearance of the slipper **10**. The upper portion of the body halves **14** and **16** are provided with an elastic tape **28**. The elastic tape **28** is stitched to the body halves **14** and **16** by a stitching **30**. The tape **28** is provided with a color which corresponds to the color of one of the body halves **14** and **16**.

As seen more clearly in FIGURES 2 and 3, the sole **12** comprises a layer **34** of elastic material, such as foam rubber or foam plastic. A separate layer **36** of knitted material is bonded to the upper surface of the layer **34**. A separate layer **38** of knitted material is disposed against the lower surface of the layer **34**. The layer **36** of knitted material is bonded to the layer **34** of foam rubber so as to prevent slippage between these layers by the sliding action of a person's foot when the slipper **10** is being worn. There is no direct bond between the lower surface of the layer **34** and the layer **38** of knitted material.

The sole **12** is of a shape to cover the entire bottom of the foot. The layer **34** of foam rubber or foam plastic is substantially thicker than the knitted layers **36** and **38** so that the layer **34** provides a cushion for the foot.

The entire bottom edge of the body halves **14** and **16** is folded inwardly, and is secured to the upwardly folded edge **40** by the overlock stitching **42**. The ends of the seams **18** and **22** are also turned inwardly with the lower edge of the body halves **14** and **16** and the stitching **42** extends through the seams **18** and **22**. Thus, no loose ends subject to unraveling are presented on the slipper **10** of the present invention. It will be noted that the overlock stitching **42** penetrates the layers **36** and **38** of knitted material, layer **34**, and the lower edges of the body halves **14** and **16**. The seam formed by overlock stitching **42** extends around the entire periphery of the sole **12**.

In use of the slipper **10** of the present invention, the elastic tape **28** permits stretching of the top edge of the body halves **14** and **16** to permit a foot to be easily inserted into the slipper **10**. When a foot is inserted into the slipper **10**, the body halves **14** and **16** will stretch longitudinally to correspond with the size of the foot. The stretching of the body halves **14** and **16** results from the manner in which the body halves are knitted. The elasticity of the tape **28** holds the upper edge of the body halves **14** and **16** snugly around the foot below the ankle. Thus, the slipper **10** will not slide off a foot. Since the sole **12** is comprised of knitted fabric and a layer of foam material, the sole **12** will stretch longitudinally to correspond with the size of a foot. When the slipper **10** is removed from the foot, the slipper **10** will return to its normal size as shown in phantom in FIGURE 1.

The present invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential attributes thereof and, accordingly, reference should be made to the appended claims, rather than to the foregoing specification as indicating the scope of the invention.

I claim:

1. A slipper comprising a sole having a relatively flat layer of foam rubber covered on each side by a knitted material layer, said sole being of a shape corresponding to the bottom of a foot, a pair of body halves, said body halves being of knitted material of different colors, said body halves being joined by a seam extending from the toe portion of the sole and a seam extending from the heel portion of the sole, said seams being coincident with one another and extending along the longitudinal axis of said sole, the bottom edge of said body halves being turned inwardly and sewn to the edge of said sole by a line of overlock stitching, said line of stitching extending through all of the layers of the sole to secure said layers together, the knitted material layer on the upper surface of said sole being bonded thereto, and an elastic tape extending around the free edges of said body halves thereby defining an opening through which a foot may extend, said tape being stitched to said body halves, said tape having a color corresponding to one of the body halves, said body halves being knitted in a manner which permits said body halves to stretch.

2. A slipper in accordance with claim 1 wherein the body halves are knitted with a plurality of spaced substantially parallel rows of tightly knitted thread interconnected with rows of open-mesh.

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