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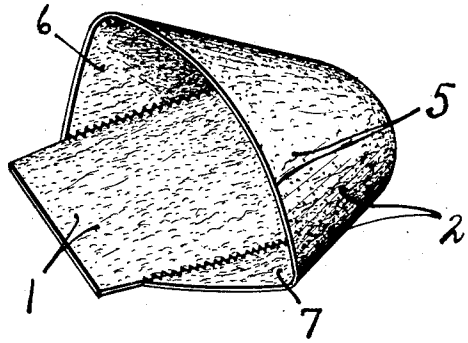


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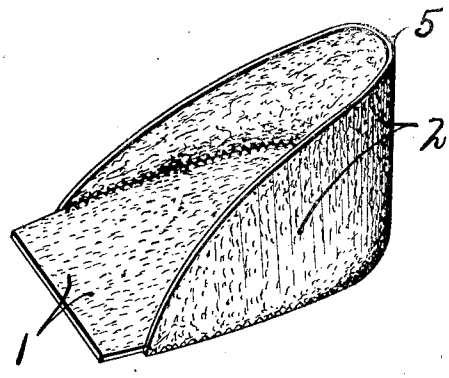


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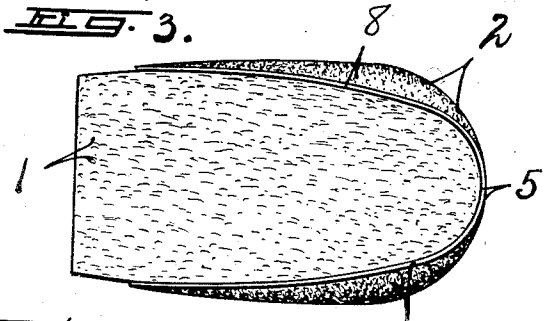


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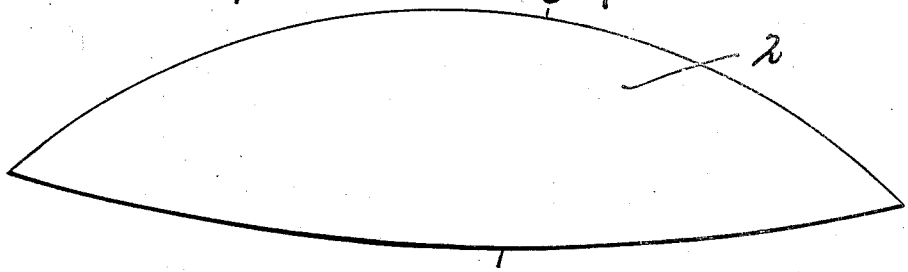
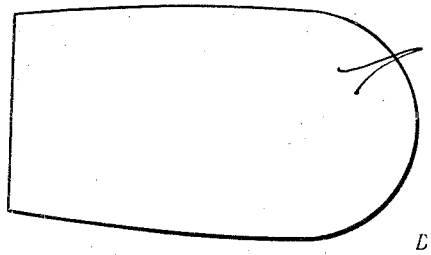


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This invention relates to a new stocking protector.

The main object of the invention is the production of a stocking protector that by reason of its shape and form tightly grips and clings to the heel of the wearer thereby protecting the stocking against wear and when a shoe is placed upon the foot tends to prevent the shoe from slipping.

Other objects and advantages relate to the details of the structure, all as will more fully appear from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the stocking protector in the form that it normally assumes.

Figures 2 and 3 are views showing the side wall of the protector brought up into a position that it will assume upon the heel of a wearer and illustrating the manner in which the upper edge turns inwardly, and grips the heel.

Figures 4 and 5 are plan views of the side wall and base respectively of the protector.

The stocking protector of this invention is preferably as shown formed of two pieces of material such as leather, the base or bottom —1— being shaped to conform substantially with the bottom of a heel and being rounded at its rear end.

The side section —2—, illustrated best in Figure 4, is of elongated form and tapers from the central portion along curved lines to its opposite ends where the opposite edges intersect and meet in points.

The upper edge —3— is curved throughout its length and the lower edge —4— which is to be stitched to the outer edge of the bottom section —1—, is also curved throughout its length but the curvature of the bottom edge —4— is on a somewhat longer radius than the curvature of the upper edge —3—, both curvatures are, however, continuous and uniform throughout their entire length.

When the edge —4— of blank —2— is stitched to the outer edge of the bottom section —1—, the stocking protector normally takes the form illustrated in Figure 1 with the rear portion —5— of its upper edge inclined forwardly so as to force the portions —6— and —7— outwardly.

When the stocking protector is placed upon a heel and rear portion —5— of upper section —2— is rocked about the rear end of base —1— to which it is stitched until it is brought into a substantially vertical position, the portions —6— and —7— are drawn inwardly until both sides of the upper edge —3— of section —2— are turned inwardly as shown at —8— and —9—, Fig. 3, so as to firmly grip and cling tightly to the heel of the wearer.

This result is accomplished by reason of the fact that the lower edge —4— of section —2— which is stitched to the edge of the flat section —1—, is curved as shown, so that the rear portion —5— is normally drawn forwardly and overlies section —1—, as illustrated in Figure 1, and then when the portion —5— is moved upwardly and rearwardly in a manner similar to movement about a pivotal axis, the upper edge —3— of the section —2— is turned inwardly so that it overlies the bottom section —1— and forms a gripping edge which clings tightly to the heel of the wearer.

We claim:

1. A stocking protector comprising two pieces of flexible material secured together, one constituting a base and the other a side wall of an article in which the rear of the side wall normally inclines forwardly and overlies the base and the lateral portions of the side wall bow outwardly from the base and when the rear portion of the side wall is moved to a substantially vertical position about its line of attachment to the base, the lateral portions of the side wall are drawn upwardly and their upper edges turn inwardly so as to overlie the base for tightly gripping the sides of the heel of a wearer.

2. A stocking protector comprising two pieces of flexible material secured together, one constituting a base and the other a side wall, of an article in which the rear of the side wall normally inclines forwardly at an angle of substantially 45 degrees and overlies the base and the lateral portions of the side wall bow outwardly from the base and when the rear portion of the side wall is moved to a substantially vertical position about its line of attachment to the base the lateral portions of the said wall are drawn upwardly and their upper edges turn inwardly so as to overlie the base for tightly gripping the sides of the heel of a wearer.

3. A stocking protector comprising a base substantially conforming to the bottom of a

heel of a wearer, and a lateral section having an upper and a lower edge, both of which are curved, the lower edge being stitched to the edge of the base to produce an article in which the rear portion of the side section normally inclines forwardly and overlies the base and the lateral portions of the side section bow outwardly away from the base.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 1st day of October, 1926.

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