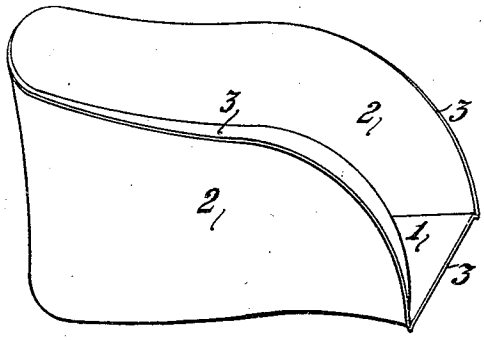
Sept. 25, 1923. 1,469,010

F. PALADINO

SOCK OR STOCKING PROTECTOR

Filed Oct. 21, 1920



Inventor:
Federico Paladino,

by Lawrence Langner

Att'y.

Patented Sept. 25, 1923. 1,469,010

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

FEDERICO PALADINO, OF NAPLES, ITALY.

SOCK OR STOCKING PROTECTOR.

Application filed October 21, 1920. Serial No. 418,474.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FEDERICO PALADINO, a subject of the King of Italy, and residing at 264 Posillipo, Naples, Italy, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sock or Stocking Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is a protector intended to be arranged within the rear or heel part of the boot or shoe so as to separate said part from the heel part of the sock or stocking or other covering of the foot.

This protector is shaped in accordance with the heel of the foot so as to fit exactly the rear part of the shoe or boot and it comprises a bottom part in contact with the rear part of the sole of the boot or shoe, and a suitably curved top of appropriate height which fits the counter of the boot or shoe. The edges of the bottom part and of the top are slightly bent outwardly so as to engage the corresponding parts of the inner surface of the sole and of the top of the boot or shoe and to secure an easy sliding motion of the foot.

The protector has a smooth hard surface and when arranged between the shoe and the sock or stocking prevents abrasion between these parts so as to reduce the wear of the socks or stockings and prevents the foot being blistered or otherwise irritated by any unevenness or ruptures in the lining of the boot or in the sock. It also keeps the foot cool and comfortable.

The protector may be made of any suitable material and preferably of such material as will be conducive to a thin, light and flexible appliance which is perfectly smooth inside and not affected by variations of temperature.

The appliance may be provided with small holes or channels so as to set up a current of air where this is desirable.

The sole part of the protector may be prolonged to extend along the whole surface of the sole of the boot or shoe and this extension may be made integral therewith or attached or applied thereto in any suitable way.

A constructional form of the invention is shown in the figure of the annexed drawing, in which 1 indicates the bottom or sole part of the heel protector and 2 the top part which fits the heel part of the boot or shoe, the borders 3 of the bottom and of the top parts being slightly bent outwardly to form flanges so as to engage the inner surfaces of the boot or shoe.

What I claim is:

1. A sock or stocking protector adapted to be placed within a shoe and comprising a bottom portion shaped to conform to the bottom of the heel portion of a shoe, upwardly extending side and rear portions integral with the bottom portion and shaped to conform to the counter of the shoe, and outwardly bent flange portions on the side and rear portions adapted to engage with the top of the counter of the shoe to hold the protector properly positioned in the shoe.

2. A sock or stocking protector adapted to be placed within a shoe and comprising a bottom portion shaped to conform to the bottom of the heel portion of a shoe, upwardly extending side and rear portions integral with the bottom portion and shaped to conform to the counter of the shoe, outwardly bent flange portions on the side and rear portions adapted to engage with the top of the counter of the shoe to hold the protector properly positioned in the shoe, and means on the bottom portion for assisting said flange portions in holding the protector properly positioned.

In testimony whereof I have signed at Rome this 8th day of September 1920 in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

FEDERICO PALADINO.

Witnesses:

ANGELO CAVATTORI,

TORELLO FONTANI.