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SHOE HEEL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. BURGER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Evergreen, Long Island, county of Queens, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe Heels, of which the following is a specification.

In certain classes of foot wear, for instance, for burial shoes and house slippers, the matter of appearance is of more importance than that of wearing quality.

The objects of this invention are to provide a heel suited to the above or other like uses, which will answer requirements in the matter of appearance, but which will be inexpensive, easy to manufacture and adaptable to different requirements in the matters of color, shape, etc.

These objects are attained by means of a wooden heel turned entirely in one piece, made of the full heel-height as distinguished from ordinary wooden heels, grooved about the lower end to give the impression of an attached top lift and painted in one or more colors to complete the impression of a covered wooden heel with attached top lift.

Other features of the invention will appear as the specification proceeds.

The accompanying drawing forming part of this specification illustrates a practical embodiment of the invention, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view, and

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the completed heel.

As shown in Figure 2, the entire heel consists of but a single block of wood 3, turned to the requisite heel shape and size. This heel block, however, differs from the conventional wooden heel in that it is made of the full heel height instead of being reduced in height an amount equal to the thickness of the usual top lift.

This full height heel block, turned to the requisite shape, is impressed or cut with a groove 4 about the lower end of the same approximately the thickness of a top lift about the bottom. This groove is relatively shallow and may be substantially U-shaped in cross section.

The lower edge or rim of the block is shown formed with an outwardly rounded bead 5 which, with the groove 4, completes the impression of a top lift applied to the bottom of an ordinary wooden heel. The bottom of the block may be punched or

otherwise marked to give the impression of brad or screw heads fastening a top lift in place, as at 11 and 12, or actual nails and screws may be used.

The turning, grooving and beading of the heel block may be effected as separate operations or may be performed with the same machine and as parts all of one general operation.

A covered-heel effect is attained by smoothing the block and painting the same to suit requirements. As an example, the side portion 6 may be painted in one color to resemble a wooden heel covered with the usual leather, celluloid, satin or other covering, the breast portion 7 and the bottom 8 may be painted in a color resembling leather and the edge of the top lift portion 9 may be painted black or suitably colored to match the cover coloring at 6.

The block may be finished with the usual heel seat 10 in the top thereof so that it may be secured after the manner of ordinary wooden heels.

The invention, it will be seen, makes it possible to supply very inexpensively, heels having the appearance of the usual covered wooden heels with leather top lifts and to furnish them on order in practically any desired color combinations. These heels, furthermore, are relatively light and sufficiently durable for the purpose of house slippers and the like. The groove which marks the top lift section of the heel may be varied in depth and width to accentuate or otherwise modify this line of demarkation in accordance with different requirements.

What is claimed is:

1. A shoe heel of the character disclosed, comprising a turned one piece wooden heel of the full finished heel height having a groove about the side of the same positioned above the bottom of the block a distance approximately equal to the thickness of a top lift, said one piece heel block being painted above the groove to resemble a covered wooden heel and below the groove to resemble a top lift attached to a covered wooden heel.

2. A shoe heel of the character disclosed, comprising a turned one piece wooden heel of the full finished heel height having a groove about the side of the same positioned above the bottom of the block a distance approximately equal to the thickness of a top lift, said one piece heel block being

5 painted above the groove to resemble a covered wooden heel and below the groove to resemble a top lift attached to a covered wooden heel and a bead about the lower edge of the top lift section.

10 3. A shoe heel of the character disclosed, comprising a turned one piece wooden heel of the full finished heel height having a groove about the side of the same positioned above the bottom of the block a distance approximately equal to the thickness of a top lift, said one piece heel block being painted
15 above the groove to resemble a covered wooden heel and below the groove to resemble a top lift attached to a covered wooden heel, the groove and painting being extend-

ed across the breast portion of the block to resemble the breast portions of a wooden heel with attached top lift.

4. A shoe heel of the character disclosed 20 comprising a turned one piece wooden heel of the full finished heel height painted to resemble a finished heel and having a marking about the side of the same approximately the thickness of a top lift above the 25 bottom of the block simulating the appearance of a top lift attached to a wooden heel finished according to the usual methods of finishing standard wooden heels.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set 30 my hand this 21st day of September, 1925.

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