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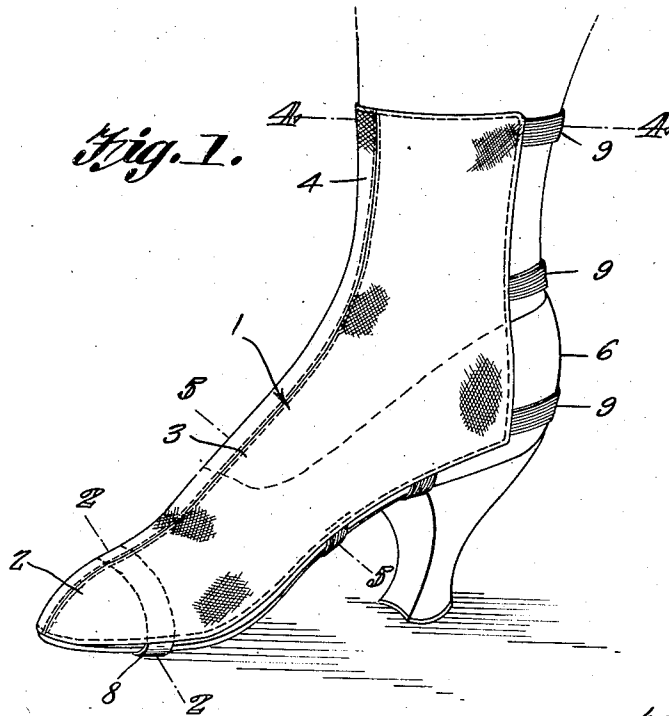


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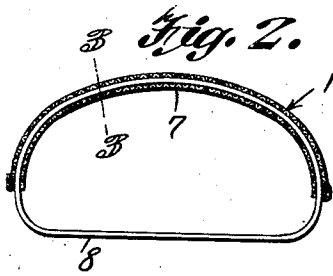


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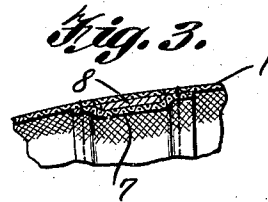


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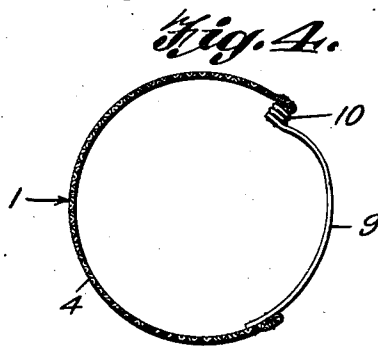


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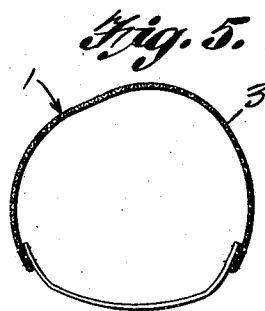


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My present invention has reference to a protective covering for shoes and stockings of women in the performance of house hold duties of such characters as to permit of the shoes and stocking becoming soiled by water, dust and from other causes, and the object of the invention is the provision of a protector for this purpose which is of an extremely simple nature, which may be cheaply manufactured and commercialized and which is adjustable to permit of the same being worn by women who require different size of shoes.

A further object is the provision of a protector for this purpose whose body is constructed of rubber, canvas, or some other cheap material and which body is shaped to correspond with the shape of the front of a shoe and which has its rear portion of a height to cover a determined length of the stocking above the shoe and which is provided with elastic straps connecting the lower edges thereof to engage with the instep of the shoe, an outer band that is slidably arranged in the toe portion of the cover through which the toe of the shoe passes, the said band being arranged for ground contact, serving not only to hold the toe portion of the protector upon the shoe but to prevent the accidental slipping of the user of the improvement, the improvement being also provided with rear straps of elastic material which have one of their ends fixed to one of the rear sides of the protector and their other ends connected by snap fasteners to the second side of the protector and whereby the elastic straps, as well as the band hold the protector tightly upon the shoe and upon the foot portion of the stocking of the user and render the protector adjustable so that the same will be of a snug fit regardless of the size of the shoe worn by the user.

To the attainment of the foregoing the invention consists in the improvement hereinafter described and definitely claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement in applied position.

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view

through the improvement approximately on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a detail sectional view approximately on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a sectional view approximately on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a sectional view approximately on the line 5—5 of Figure 1.

The body of the protector may be constructed of any desired water-proof material and the material is preferably of a cheap nature but will not detract from the appearance of the user. The protection 1 is substantially arched or U-shaped in cross section throughout its length and is shaped to correspond with the toe and top of the shoe and has its rear portion extended a suitable distance above the shoe to be arranged upon the front of the stocking of the user. Thus the protector includes a toe portion 2, of an arched portion 3 and a rear extension 4 which is vertically directed. The protector, at the edges of the arched portions thereof have stitched thereto the ends of elastic straps 5 which underlie the instep portion of the shoe 6 when the protector is in applied position. The toe portion 2 of the protector has stitched on its inner face the edges of a fabric strip or piece 7 that provides the same with a groove or pocket through which is passed an endless band 8. The band is designed to receive the toe portion of the shoe 6 there-through. The band may be of leather, metal or any other desired material, and as the outer portion of the said band is arranged to contact with the sole of the shoe at the toe portion thereof, the band not only holds the toe end 2 of the protector against the said toe end of the shoe but affords a gripping element which will prevent the user of the protector from slipping on water covered floors. One of the rear edges of the protector has stitched thereto the ends of any desired number of elastic straps 9, the outer ends of each of the straps being provided with a fastening element to engage with the second element of a snap fastener 10, the said last named elements of the fastener being attached to the second rear end of the protector.

The part 4 of the improvement, as stated, 100

may be of any desired height so that the stocking of the user will be amply protected thereby. With the improvement the user will have her shoes and stockings protected from
5 dust and moisture and likewise the same will be protected from other material that are liable to fall or flow onto the shoe or stockings of the user to soil or inflict injury there-
10 to. As stated, the device is designed to be cheaply constructed and is intended for indoor use. The elastic straps as well as the band 8 tightly hold the protector on the shoe and on the leg of the user, so that protectors of a single size may be employed by
15 housewives wearing different size shoes.

It is believed the foregoing description when read in connection with the accompanying drawing will fully and clearly set forth my improvement and its advantages so
20 that further detailed description will not be required.

Having described the invention, I claim:

A shoe and stocking protector for the purpose set forth, comprising a fabric body of
25 water-proof material, shaped to include a toe portion, an arched portion and a rear portion which extends upwardly from the arched portion and the lower edges of the protector being arranged approximately in the same
30 plane and the protector being arched or U-shaped in cross section throughout the length thereof, the toe portion of the protector having an inner continuous pocket, a band guided
35 through the pocket and movable to adjusted positions, the lower edges of the arched portion of the protector being connected by spaced elastic straps, the rear of the protector having secured to one of its edges a
40 plurality of spaced elastic straps and snap fasteners between the free ends of the straps and the second edge of the protector.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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