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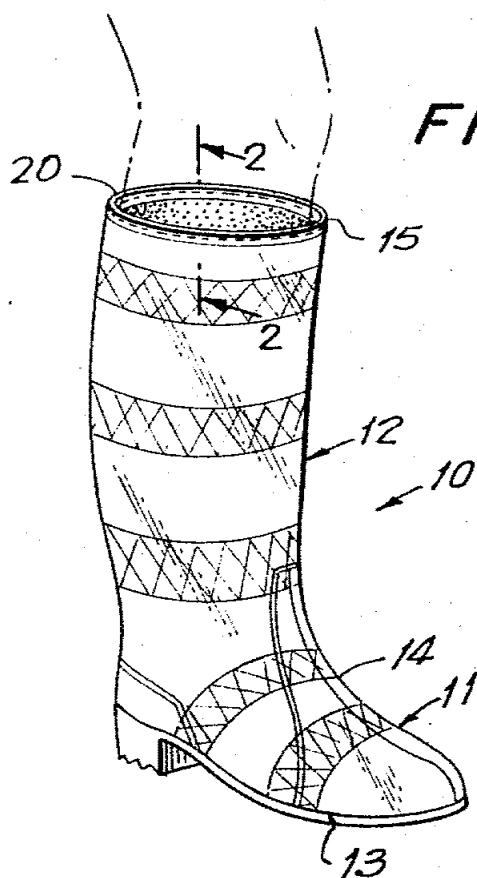


FIG. 1

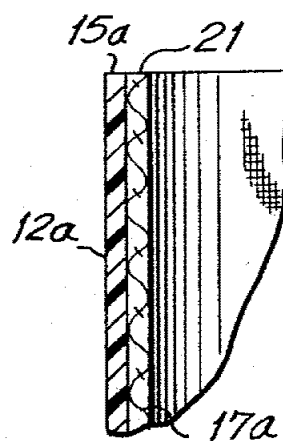


FIG. 4

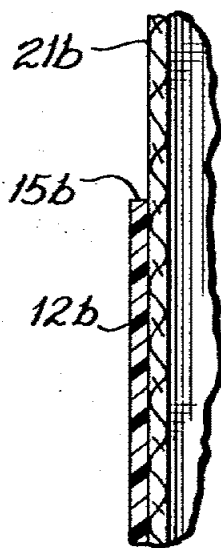


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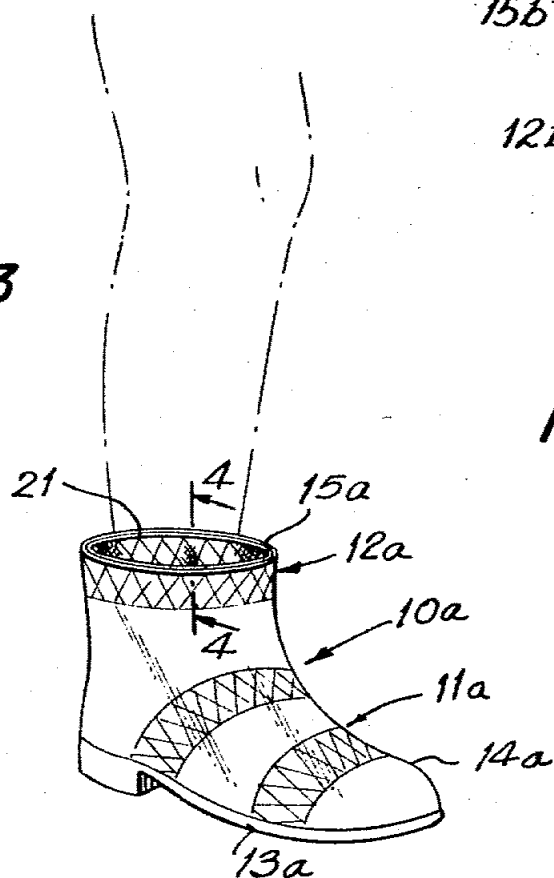
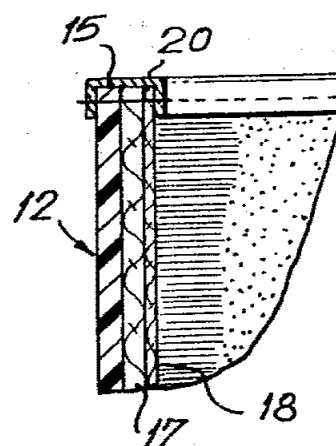


FIG. 2



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This invention relates generally to footwear, and is especially concerned with footwear in the nature of boots.

As is well known to those versed in feminine fashion, it is presently fashionable to wear boots, together with stockings or socks of a design to match other articles of attire.

It is an important object of the present invention to provide a unique article of footwear in the nature of boots, which footwear uniquely incorporates a design adapted to match other articles of apparel, and is completely waterproof.

It is another object of the present invention to provide an article of footwear which includes a stocking-like liner neatly and attractively associated therewith by a unique construction visually exposing the liner through transparent plastic to reveal the decorative effect thereof and its matching relation with other articles of attire.

It is still a further object of the present invention to provide a boot-type article of footwear having the advantageous characteristics mentioned in the preceding paragraphs which is extremely simple in construction, neat and attractive in appearance, and which can be economically manufactured for sale at a reasonable price.

Other objects of the present invention will become apparent upon reading the following specification and referring to the accompanying drawings, which form a material part of this disclosure.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangements of parts, which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope will be indicated by the appended claim.

In the drawings:

FIGURE 1 is a top perspective view illustrating a high-boot constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention.

FIGURE 2 is a partial sectional view taken generally along the line 2-2 of FIGURE 1.

FIGURE 3 is a top perspective view illustrating a slightly modified boot constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention.

FIGURE 4 is a partial sectional view taken generally along the line 4-4 of FIGURE 3.

FIGURE 5 is a view similar to FIGURE 4, but with the sock-like liner extending upwardly beyond the upper edge of the leg covering.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, and specifically to FIGURES 1 and 2 thereof, an article of footwear is there generally designated 10, and may include a foot-covering part 11, and an upstanding, tubular leg-covering part 12.

The foot-covering part 11 is provided with a sole 13 for bearing the wearer's weight, and an upper 14 over the sole for covering the wearer's foot. The leg-covering part 12 extends upwardly from the upper 14 and receives the wearer's leg, terminating at its upper end 15 just below the wearer's knee, in the illustrated embodiment.

In accordance with the instant invention it is desirable that the sole 13, the upper 14 of the foot covering and the upstanding, tubular leg-covering part 12 be fabricated of waterproof transparent plastic material, as, for instance, polyvinyl chloride or other suitable material. In practice, it has been found advantageous to integrally mold, of such waterproof transparent plastic material, the entire foot covering 11 and leg covering 12.

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A sock-like liner 17 is disposed interiorly of the unitary foot and leg coverings 11 and 12, and may be of a knit fabric, such as conventionally employed in stockings, and is desirably provided with a multicolor design pattern for visual presentation through the foot and leg coverings.

More specifically, the stocking-like liner 17 may be of cotton, wool, synthetic or other suitable yarn, and is adherently secured in conforming facing engagement with the entire inner surfaces of the foot and leg coverings 11 and 12. This adherence may be achieved by suitable adhesive, or by thermoplastic welding or heat-sealing of the outer foot and leg coverings to the liner. By this intimate adherence the design of the liner is assured complete and uniform visual exposure through the transparent material of the foot and leg coverings.

In addition, for increased comfort and warmth to the wearer, an inner layer 18, as of a pile material or fleece lining, may be adhesively or otherwise secured to the inner surface of the liner 17, see FIGURE 2. The inner layer 18 may completely cover the inner surface of the liner 17, or extend circumferentially about the interior adjacent to the upper end 15. A binding 20 may be adhesively secured or stitched over the upper ends of the leg covering 12, liner 17 and inner layer 18.

As best seen in FIGURE 1, the design pattern of the liner 17 is exposed through the foot and leg coverings 11 and 12, while the inner layer 17 is effectively concealed by the liner.

Referring now to the embodiment of FIGURES 3 and 4, an article of footwear is there generally designated 10a, and includes a foot covering 11a and leg covering 12a. The foot and leg coverings 11a and 12a may advantageously be integrally molded of transparent, thermoplastic material, as in the first-described embodiment, or otherwise formed, it being preferable that at least the foot-covering upper 14a and leg covering 12a be of transparent material, so long as the entire article is completely waterproof.

In the instant embodiment, the leg covering 12a terminates at its upper end 15a just above the ankle of a wearer, in the manner of a low-cut boot.

A liner 17a, in the nature of a stocking, say of knit or other suitable fabric of a desired design, is conformably engaged in the foot and leg coverings 11a and 12a and is adherently secured to substantially the entire interior surfaces of the foot and leg coverings. The liner 17a is advantageously heat-sealed in its conforming facing engagement with the interior surfaces of the foot and leg coverings 11a and 12a, but may be otherwise secured. It is essential, however, that the interface securement of foot and leg coverings 11a and 12a with liner 17a be such that the design of the liner is uniformly and clearly exposed through the foot and leg coverings.

In this embodiment, the upper end 15a of the leg covering 12a may be left exposed, and the upper end of the stocking may be finished as at 21 substantially flush with the upper leg covering end 15a. Also, the embodiment of FIGURES 3 and 4 illustrates the absence of an inner layer of pile, or the like.

If desired, a binding like that used in FIGURE 2 may be used around the top of boot shown in FIGURE 3.

In the embodiment of FIGURE 5, the sock-like liner 21b is extended upwardly beyond the top edge 15b of the leg covering 12b.

From the foregoing it is seen that the present invention provides an article of footwear which fully accomplished its intended objects and is well adapted to meet practical conditions of manufacture and use.

Although the present invention has been described in some detail by way of illustration and example for purposes of clarity of understanding, it is understood that certain changes and modifications may be made within

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the spirit of the invention and scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

An article of footwear comprising a foot covering including a sole, an upper, and a leg covering extending upwardly from said upper, at least said upper and leg covering being fabricated of waterproof transparent plastic material, and a fabric liner in said upper and leg covering and extending adherently to substantially the entire inner surfaces of said upper and leg covering, whereby said liner is visually exposed through said upper and leg covering for a unique decorative effect, said liner comprising a stocking having a design exposed through said upper and leg covering, said stocking including an additional tubular part extending upward beyond the upper

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end of said leg covering and free of the latter for fitting about a wearer's leg, said liner being heat-sealed to said upper and leg covering.

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