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(54) **MOISTURIZING SLIPPER WITH
REMOVABLE INSOLE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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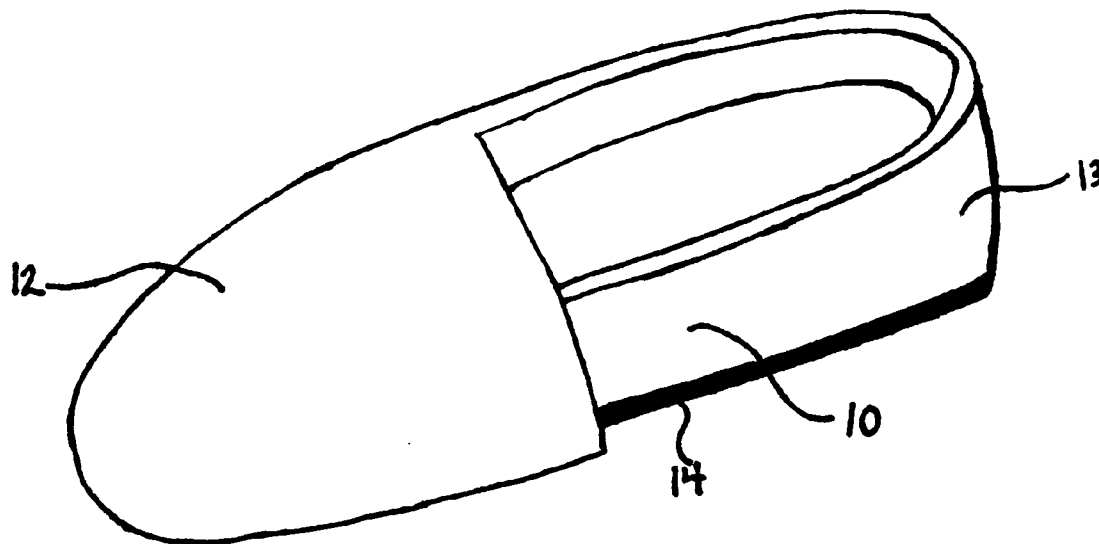
Disclosed is a slipper which enables a cotton-covered removable insole (FIG. 5) with a moisturizing agent (FIG. 5, 17) to be placed into the slipper. The design of the slipper allows the entire inside lower portion (FIG. 4, 16) to be exposed, when the slipper is open, making it easy to place the removable insole and one's foot inside the slipper. Once the wearer places their foot on top of the insole and into the moisturizing slipper, the wearer can then fasten the hook and loop fasteners (FIG. 3, 15) of the upper portion (FIG. 3, 12) of said slipper over the top of the wearer's foot, thus closing the slipper. The wearer's foot will begin absorbing the moisturizing agent. The wearer is then able to move freely throughout their place of residence while at the same time moisturizing their feet. Soon thereafter the wearer's feet will be moisturized and soft.

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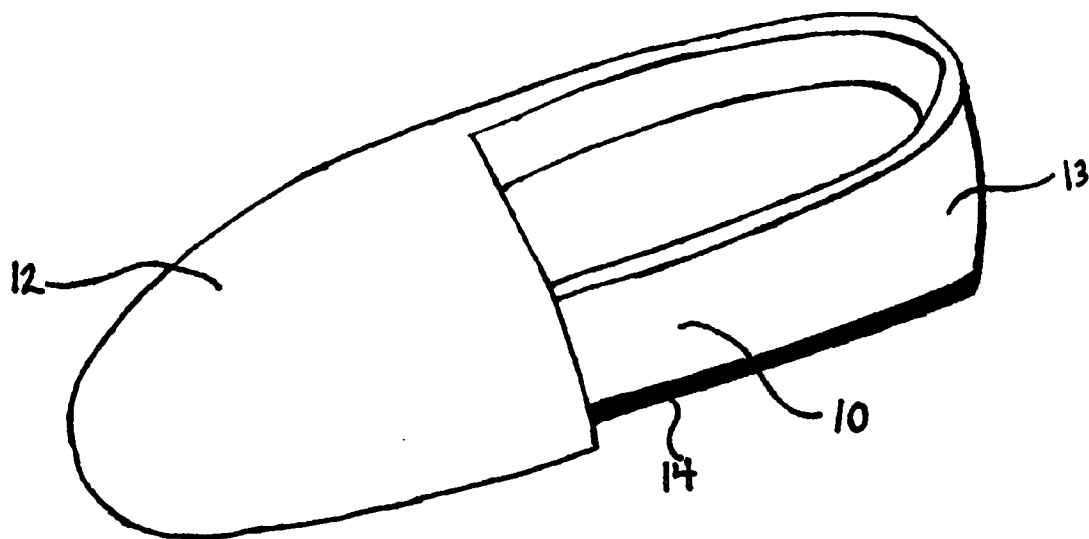


FIG. 1

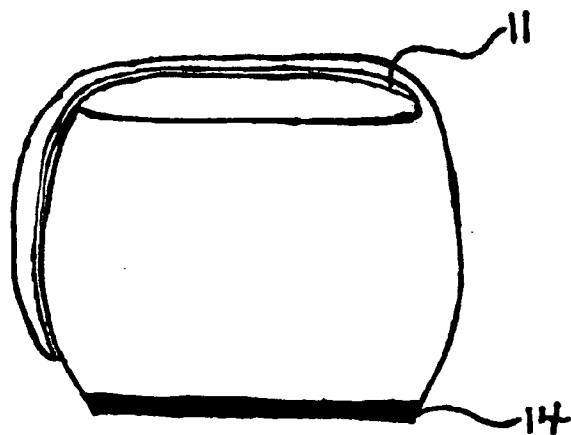


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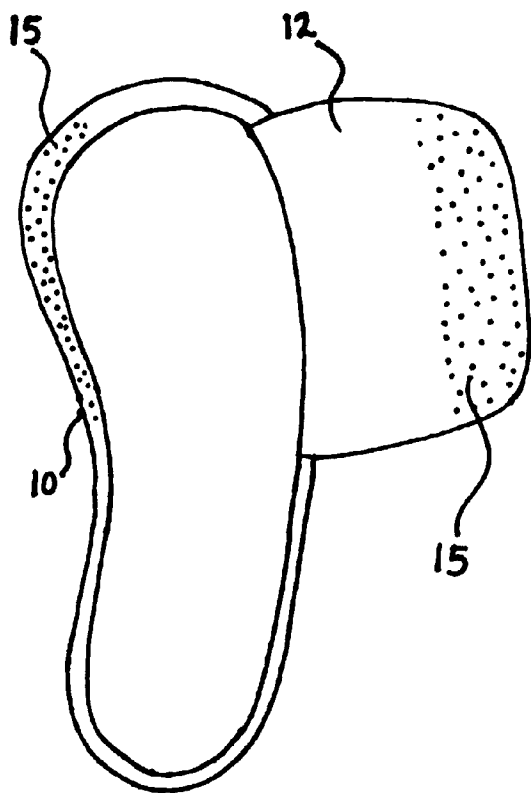


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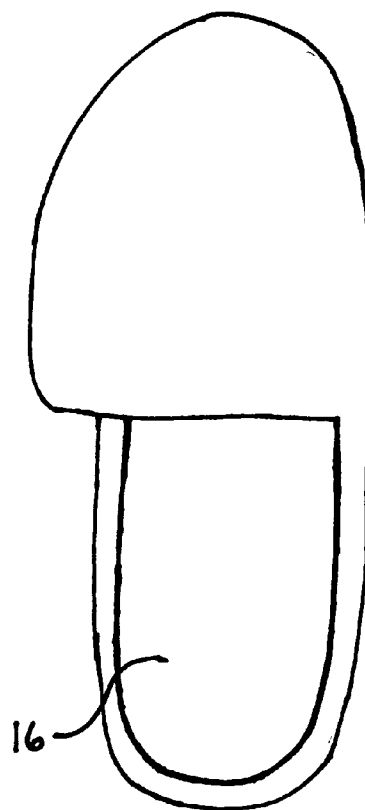


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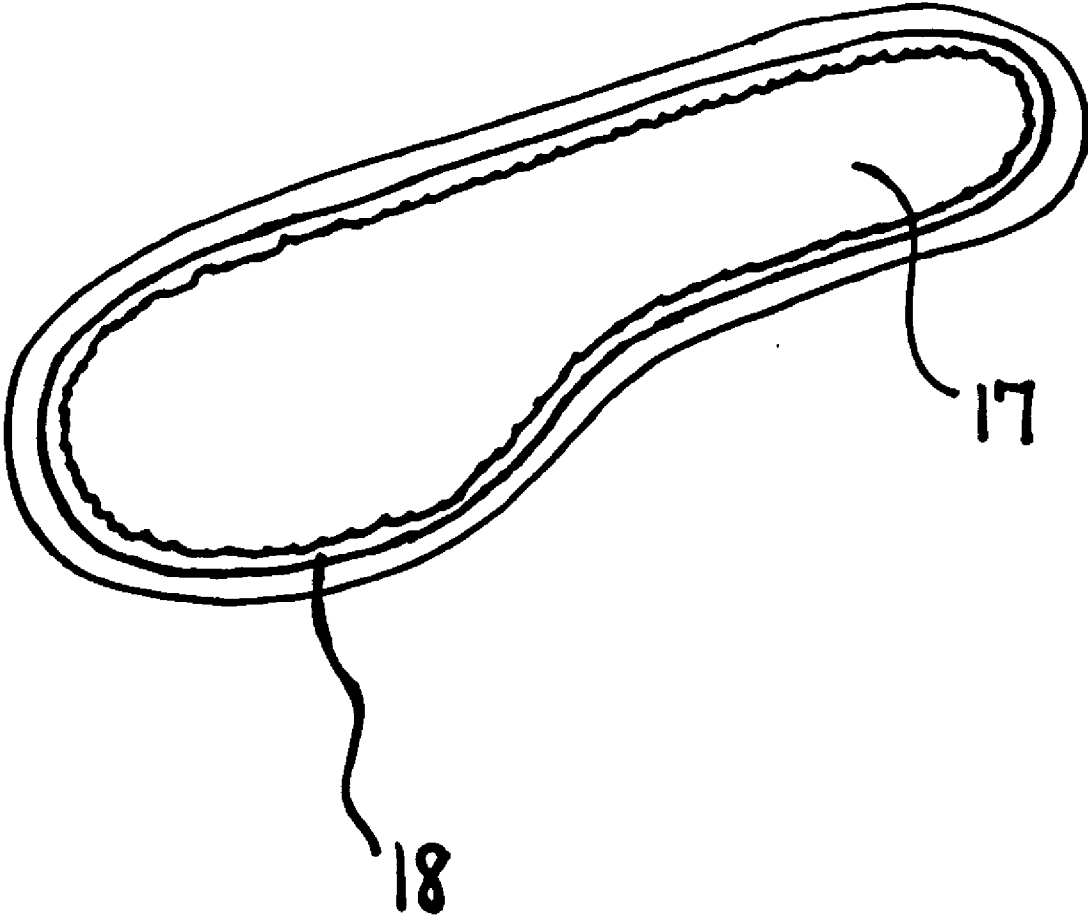


FIG. 5

MOISTURIZING SLIPPER WITH REMOVABLE INSOLE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] None.

FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH

[0002] None.

SEQUENCE LISTING

[0003] None.

BACKGROUND

[0004] 1. Field of the Invention

[0005] The invention relates to a slipper having a removable insole that contains a moisturizing agent, said insole has a breathable/liquid impervious back sheet, a cotton overlay, and a core that is flexible, but yet slightly firm, possibly made of foam or a foam-like material.

[0006] 2. Background of the Invention

[0007] Most slippers attempt to provide a soft and cushioned feel for the foot. None focus on moisturizing the foot. There have not been many attempts made to moisturize the foot; however there is the moisturizing sock of Abrams, et al., U.S. Pat. No. D419,286, the footwear for feet beautification of Hollis-Lorent, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,874,253, and the footwear product for therapeutically treating the skin of Ruffini, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,792,701.

[0008]

[0009] The moisturizing slipper also utilizes a removable insole, however not for the purpose of providing comfort or for eliminating odor and absorbing perspiration as do the removable insoles of David, U.S. Pat. No. 4,580,356. The purpose of the removable insoles for this invention is for fitting into the moisturizing shoe and moisturizing the wearer's foot when placed between the lower portion of the moisturizing shoe and the wearer's foot. The wearer's foot is able to be moisturized by absorbing the moisturizing agent that is on the removable cotton-covered insole.

SUMMARY

[0010] The present invention provides a novel and unobvious slipper, which allows the wearer to moisturize their foot by inserting the removable insole with the moisturizing agent inside the slipper. Once the wearer places their foot on top of the moisturizing agent, which is on the insole that is inside of the slipper, and then fastens the slipper, the moisturizing ingredient begins to be absorbed by the wearer's foot. Shortly thereafter the wearer's foot is moisturized.

[0011] The main objective of the slipper with the removable insole is to moisturize the foot. Some features of the slipper include being lightweight, made of breathable non-irritating, protective material such as lamb's wool, plastizote materials, and/or non-irritating synthetics, and having firm protective sides.

[0012] Accordingly, one advantage of the invention is to provide a way to moisturize the feet without being stuck in one place, such as if one were using paraffin wax or was

getting a pedicure. A person can move freely about their place of residence and not lose time by having to sit in one place while their feet become moisturized when using the moisturizing slippers.

[0013] Another advantage is that there is no mess to clean up. With paraffin wax one must apply the wax to their feet and possibly get all gooey, and when one is done, they have to wipe off the excess wax. With the moisturizing slipper, once the moisturizing ingredient has been fully absorbed into the foot, (usually after about one hour) one can simply pull out the removable insole and throw it away.

[0014] Another advantage is that it is more economical than going to a spa and having the paraffin wax done, or even buying the equipment to do it yourself. It is definitely less expensive than getting pedicures repeatedly. Only one pair of slippers is needed. The only thing that would need to be bought again thereafter would be the cotton-covered insoles with the moisturizing agent.

DRAWINGS

[0015] FIG. 1 is a perspective view taken from the wearer's left side of the moisturizing slipper when it is in a fastened position.

[0016] FIG. 2 is a perspective view taken from the rear of the slipper where the outer bottom sole 14 can be seen and the upper portion's inner lining 11 can be seen as well.

[0017] FIG. 3 is a perspective view taken from the top of the moisturizing slipper when it is in an open position.

[0018] FIG. 4 is a perspective view taken from the top of the moisturizing slipper when it is in a fastened position.

[0019] FIG. 5 is a perspective view taken from the left side of the removable insole.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0020] FIG. 1 is a perspective view taken from the wearer's left side of the moisturizing slipper when it is in a fastened position. An upper portion 12 of the slipper, made of foam and covered in a breathable material is shown. A heel counter 13, made of firm material and covered in a breathable material is connected to the foam piece that constitutes the body 10 of the slipper, covered in the same breathable material. Body 10 is attached to the rear of upper portion 12 and is also attached to the outer bottom sole 14, which is made of a non-slip material impenetrable to sharp objects.

[0021] FIG. 2 is a perspective view taken from the rear of the slipper where the outer bottom sole 14 can be seen and the upper portion's inner lining 11 can be seen as well.

[0022] FIG. 3 is a perspective view taken from the top of the moisturizing slipper when it is in an open position. The upper portion 12 is attached (sewn) to the slipper where the inner part of the foot resides, and is loose where the outer part of the foot resides. Sewn into the underside of upper portion 12 are hook and loop fasteners 15. There are also hook and loop fasteners 15 sewn on the front portion of body 10 on the side opposite to where upper portion 12 is attached to the slipper. When upper portion 12 is pulled over the slipper to enclose the foot, the hook and loop fasteners of

said upper portion can fasten into the hook and loop fasteners on the front portion of body 10.

[0023] FIG. 4 is a perspective view taken from the top of the moisturizing slipper when it is in a fastened position. It can be seen how the upper portion is made of a breathable material that is long enough to cover the entire top portion of the slipper and fasten on the outer side of the slipper. Inside the slipper, one can see the lower portion 16 of the slipper. This is the part that is sewn to the bottom outer sole (FIG. 1, 14). Lower portion 16 is also the part that the removable insole, (FIG. 5), is placed on top of. Lower portion 16 is what heel counter (FIG. 1, 13) and body (FIG. 1, 10) are sewn to in an upright position as to surround the wearer's foot. Lower portion 16 is made of a flexible, yet slightly firm material, possibly foam, and covered in a breathable material, (such as fleece).

[0024] FIG. 5 is a perspective view taken from the left side of the removable insole. The removable insole has a breathable/liquid impervious back sheet, a cotton overlay, and a core that is flexible, but yet slightly firm, possibly made of foam, cut in the shape of a foot, to where it would fit inside the moisturizing slipper, and where the cotton cover 18 can be seen with the moisturizing agent 17 on it. The moisturizing agent is comprised of menthol, tea tree oil, petroleum jelly, vitamin E, and fragrance. Said insole may have adhesive coated lines on its underside to help it attach to the moisturizing slipper.

REFERENCE NUMERALS

- [0025] 10 Body of moisturizing slipper
- [0026] 11 Inner lining of moisturizing slipper
- [0027] 12 Upper portion of moisturizing slipper
- [0028] 13 Heel counter of moisturizing slipper
- [0029] 14 Bottom outer sole of moisturizing slipper
- [0030] 15 Hook and loop fasteners of moisturizing slipper
- [0031] 16 Lower portion of moisturizing slipper
- [0032] 17 Moisturizing agent that comes on the removable insole
- [0033] 18 Cotton overlay of removable insole

OPERATION

[0034] In operation, one uses the moisturizing slipper in a normal manner by wearing it on their foot. The insole (FIG. 5) that gets placed inside of the slipper contains a special moisturizing agent (FIG. 5, 17) made up of menthol, tea tree oil, vitamin E, petroleum jelly, and fragrance. The said agent will begin soaking into the wearer's foot. While I believe that the ingredients of the moisturizing agent, the warm environment created by the breathable material of the slipper and the foot of the wearer, the cotton overlay (FIG. 5, 18) of

the removable insole, and the absorption of said agent into the wearer's foot are what allow the foot to become moisturized, I do not wish to be bound by this. After about an hour, the moisturizing agent will be absorbed into the foot, and the rough, dry skin will be eliminated. The wearer's foot is now soft and moisturized.

I claim:

1. A slipper comprising:

(a) An upper portion formed of a breathable material and adapted for covering an upper portion of the foot of a wearer of said slipper;

an inner lining formed under said upper portion, wherein said inner lining is positioned immediately adjacent said upper portion.

a lower portion attached to said upper portion, said lower portion serving as an interface between the removable insole that contains a moisturizing agent and the surface on which said slipper rests, said lower portion includes an outer bottom sole.

a heel counter attached to the rear of said upper portion and said lower portion, said heel counter being made of a firm material adapted to reduce heel drift; and fastening means attached to said upper portion and the front of the body of the slipper for securing said slipper on the foot of a wearer.

(b) The moisturizing slipper of claim 1, wherein said outer bottom sole is made of slip resistant material.

(c) The moisturizing slipper of claim 1, wherein said outer bottom sole is made of a material impenetrable to sharp objects.

(d) The moisturizing slipper of claim c, wherein said outer bottom sole is made of vulcanized rubber.

(e) The moisturizing slipper of claim c, wherein said outer bottom sole is made of un-vulcanized rubber.

(f) The moisturizing slipper of claim 1, wherein said fastening means is formed of a plurality of hook and loop fasteners.

(g) The moisturizing slipper of claim 1, wherein said removable insole has a breathable/liquid impervious back sheet, a cotton overlay, and a core that is flexible, but yet slightly firm, possibly made of foam, said insole could also have adhesive coated lines on its back to help it stick to the lower portion of the slipper.

(h) The moisturizing slipper of claim 1, wherein said moisturizing agent consists of petroleum jelly, vitamin E, tea tree oil, menthol, and fragrance. It is possible that additional ingredients may be added.

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