To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERIK DILLBERG, a citizen of Sweden, residing at Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Slipper and Method of Making the Same, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the manufacture of that class of slippers which have soft uppers, preferably crocheted, knit, or woven of cotton, linen, silk, yarm or thread attached to soles that have stiffened handles and a covering of soft flexible material, and preferably provided with insoles of fleece, lamb’s wool or the like.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a construction for slippers of this nature having facilities for the quick application of the upper to the sole either by hand or by machine, but preferably by machine, in a firm and durable manner, and especially to secure it against displacement on the line near the edge.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a transverse sectional view showing one of the first steps in the manufacture of the slipper;

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the slipper turned;

Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the completed article.

The slipper is shown as provided with a stiffening body 10 for the sole, made of paper, paste-board, leather, cork, or other suitable material having sufficient thickness and rigidity. This is provided with a thin flexible covering or wearing member 11 secured to the bottom of the stiffening body and made of kid, sheep-skin, soft calf, chamois, or other flexible material. This covering 11 is cut to the same outline as the stiffening body 10, but larger so that it will cover its bottom surface and can be folded up around the edge and over the top to provide an inwardly extending flap 12 adapted to lie flat on the top surface of the stiffening body.

These two members 10 and 11 are placed in the relative position shown in Fig. 1 and the upper 13 which can be crocheted, knit or woven is applied to it with its outer edge parallel with the outer edge of the member 11 and sewed all around at its outer edge by a line of stitching 14.

The next step in the operation is to turn the slipper which brings the parts into substantially the position shown in Fig. 2. In this position it will be seen that the upper is secured to the outer edge of the flap 12 so that the line of stitching is entirely concealed from the outside even in this position.

Then this flap 12 is turned down into the position shown in Fig. 3 and secured thereto by sewing through a line of stitches 15. This firmly secures the parts in position independent of any paste or the like that may be applied, and in many cases entirely does away with the necessity of using paste at this point, and it forms a positive, firm connection, gives a neater appearance outside than can be secured by pasting, and if it gives away the stitching 14 is so located as not to be exposed to view from the outside.

I have shown an insole 16 of lamb’s wool or the like placed as usual on the inside and covering the row of stitches 14 at its edges. It will be seen that the stitching operations in applying both lines of stitches is extremely simple so that it can be done easily by machinery or by hand if desired. In this way an attractive and durable slipper is provided at a comparatively small expense.

Although I have illustrated and described only one form of the invention, I am aware of the fact that modifications can be made therein by any person skilled in the art without departing from the scope of the invention as expressed in the claim. Therefore I do not wish to be limited to all the details of construction herein shown and described, but what I do claim is:

The method of making a slipper which comprises placing a flexible covering on the bottom surface of a sole of stiffening body so as to project beyond it all around, sewing an upper on the outer bottom surface of said covering at the edge thereof, turning the slipper until the inner surface of said covering is brought into contact with the top of the sole, and then sewing through the covering and sole around the same outside the first named sewing.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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