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(54) **LACE COVER FOR A SHOE OR SIMILAR ARTICLE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a lace cover for a shoe or similar article, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

(**) **Term:** **14 Years**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the shoe showing the new design as viewed from the top of the shoe and illustrating the cover in the closed position. The shoe upper shown in broken lines is not part of the design sought to be patented and is shown for illustrative purposes only.

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FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the shoe showing the new design as viewed from the top of the shoe and illustrating the cover in the closed position, but with the security flap up. FIG. 3 is a front elevation of the shoe shown in FIG. 2.

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FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the shoe showing the new design as viewed from the top of the shoe and illustrating the cover in the open position. The laces shown in broken lines are not part of the design sought to be patented and are shown for illustrative purposes only; and,

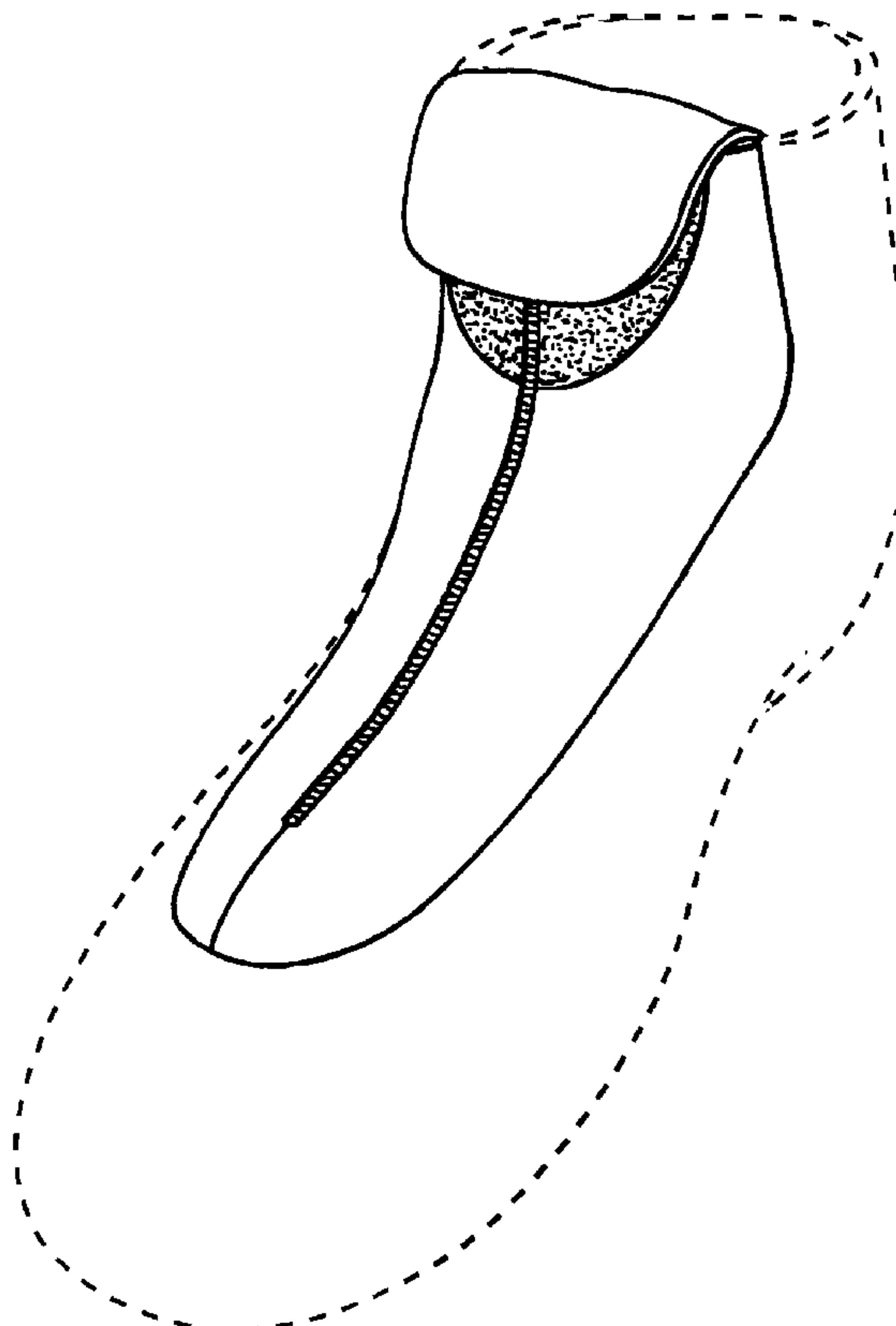
FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the shoe showing the new design as viewed from the top of the shoe and illustrating the cover in the opened position, but with the laces untied.

The shoe is shown in FIGS. 1-5. The shoe shown is a left shoe. The right shoe is not shown, but is the mirror image of the left shoe.

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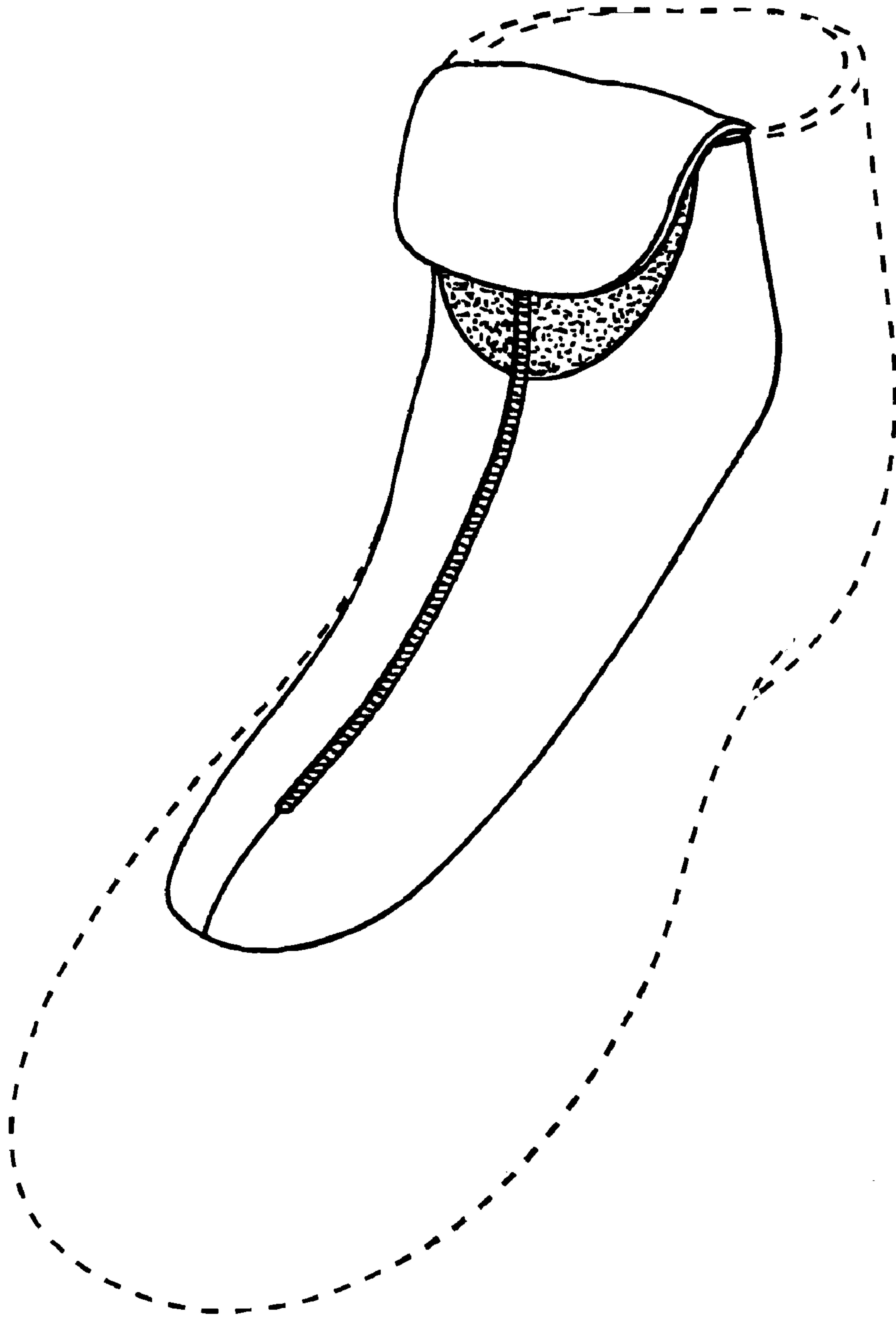


FIG. 1

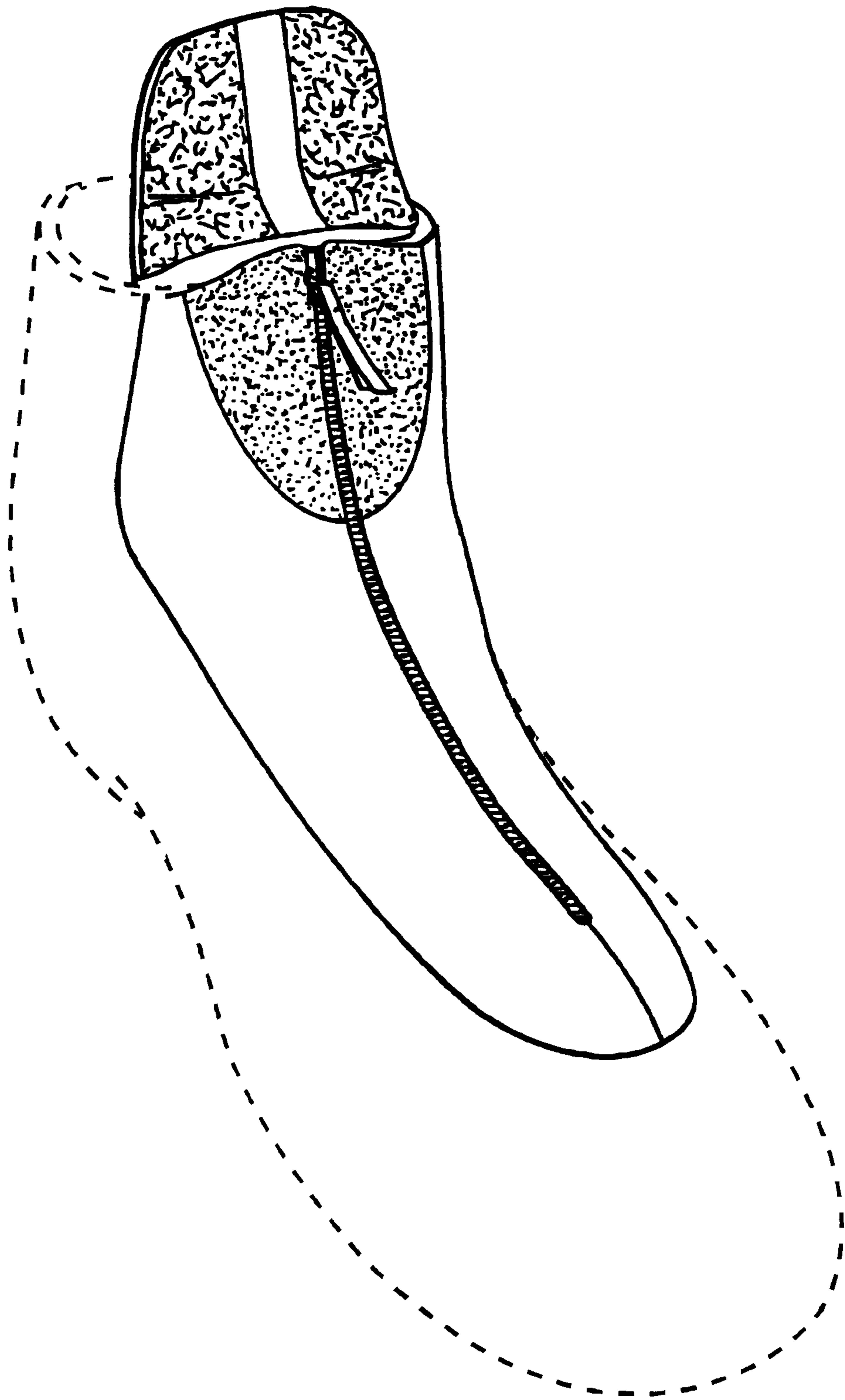


FIG. 2

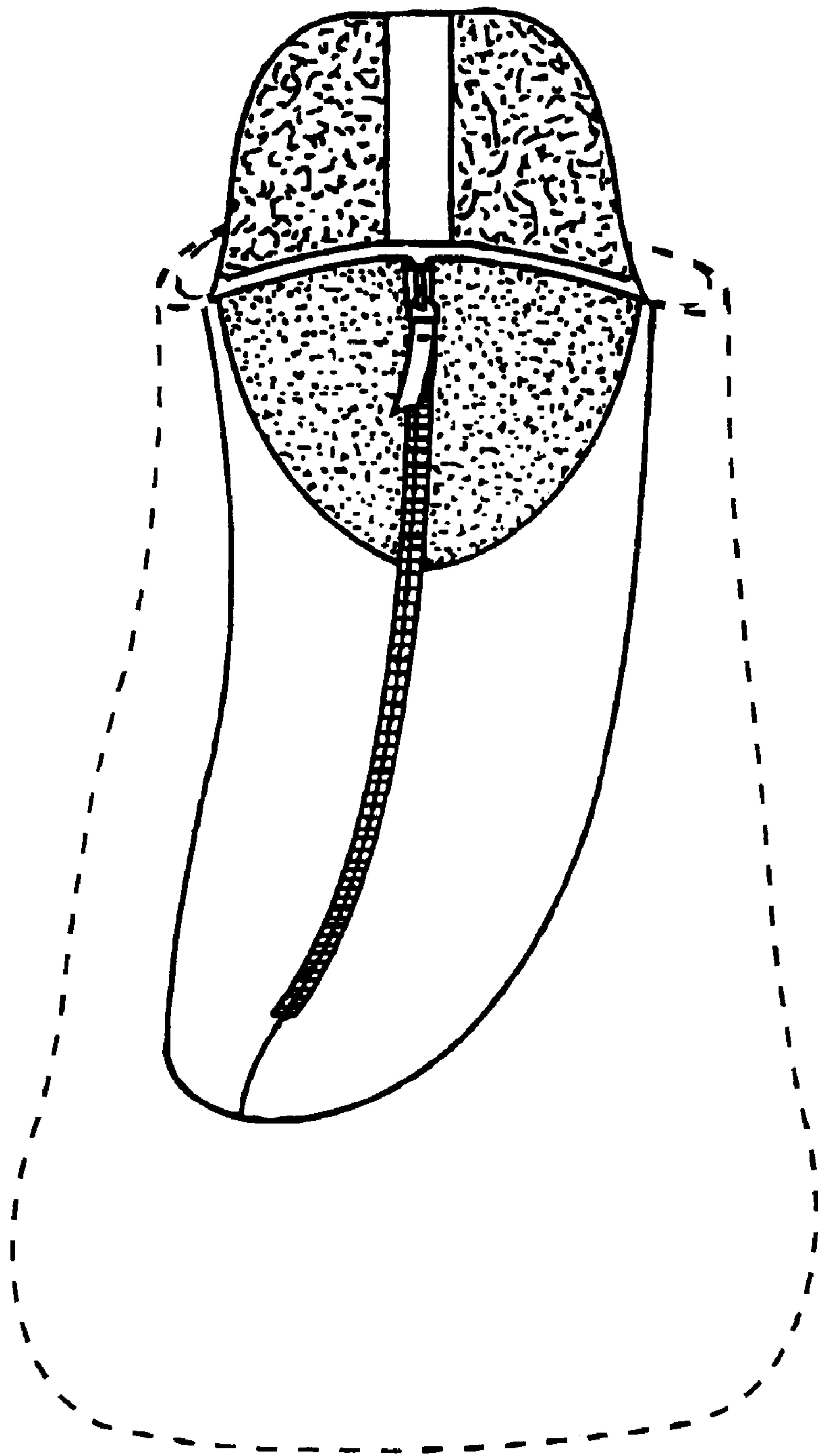


FIG. 3

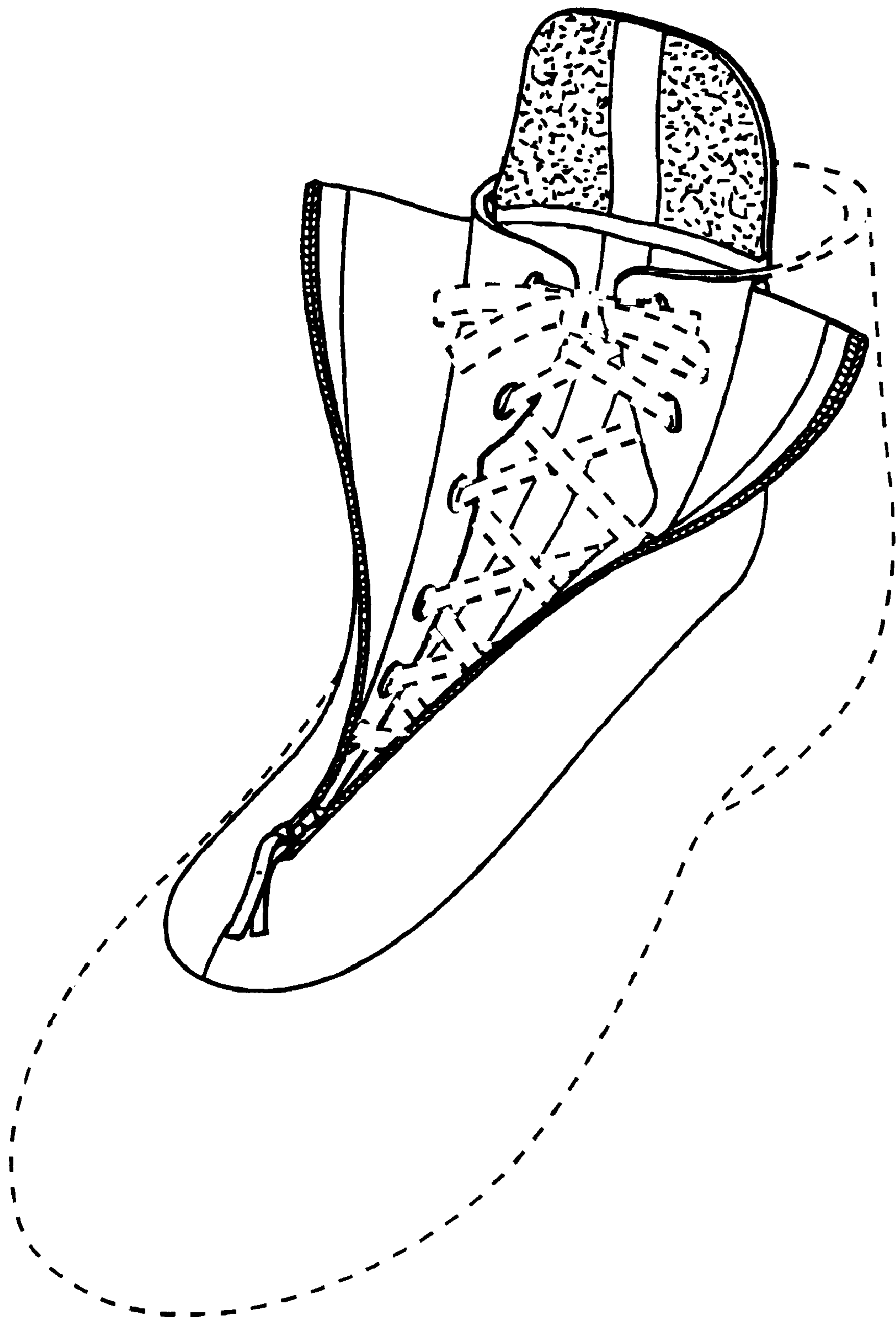


FIG. 4

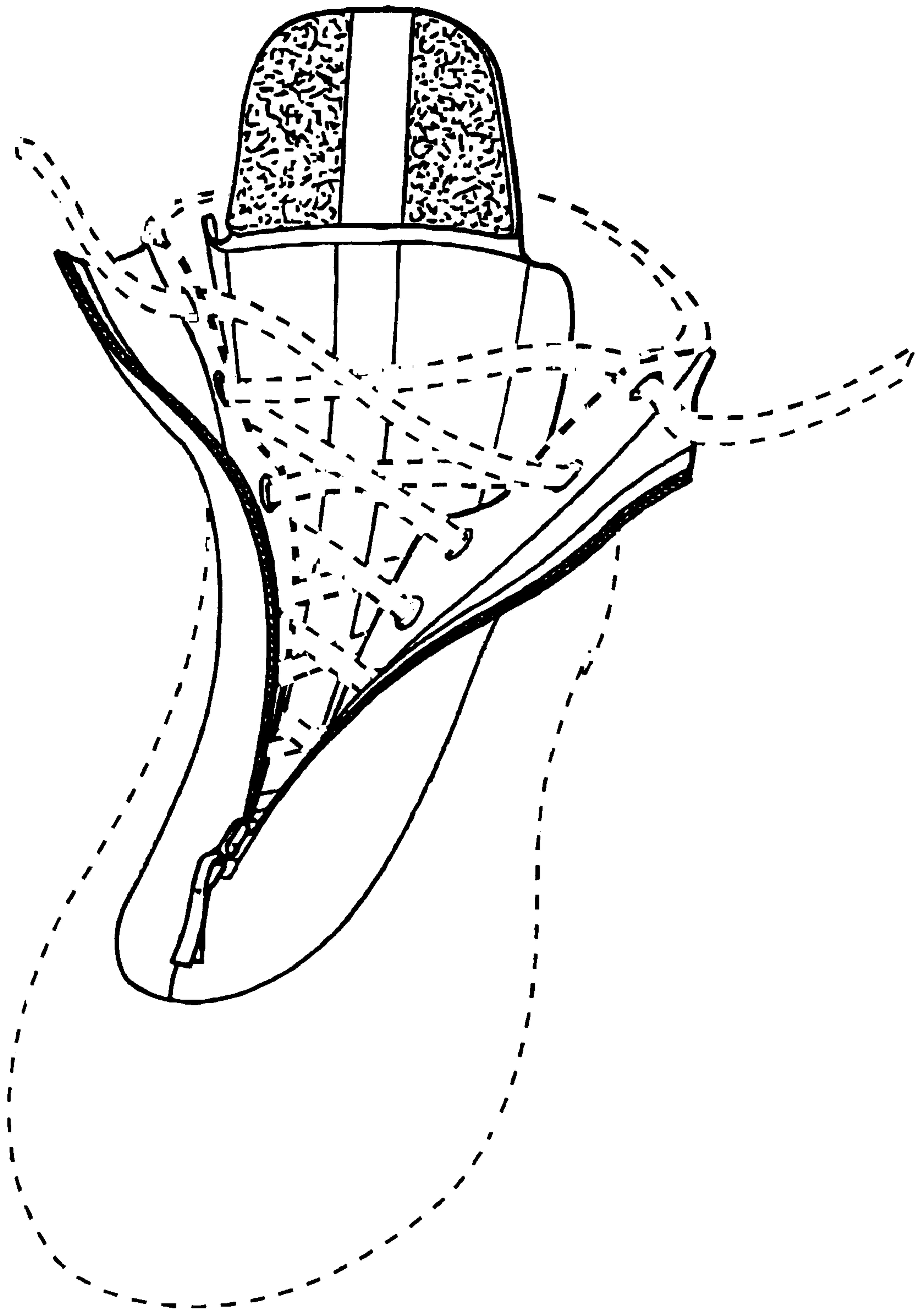


FIG. 5