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Dainty feet became fashionable for women in the late 17th century. High heels were pressed into service as a means of achieving the look of small feet by hiding most of a woman's foot up under the hem of her skirt, leaving only the tiny tips of the toes visible.

ITALIAN • c. 1690s

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These silk socks for a child were embroidered with many different creatures from butterflies to frogs, as well as beautiful flowers and foliage.

CHINESE • LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> c.

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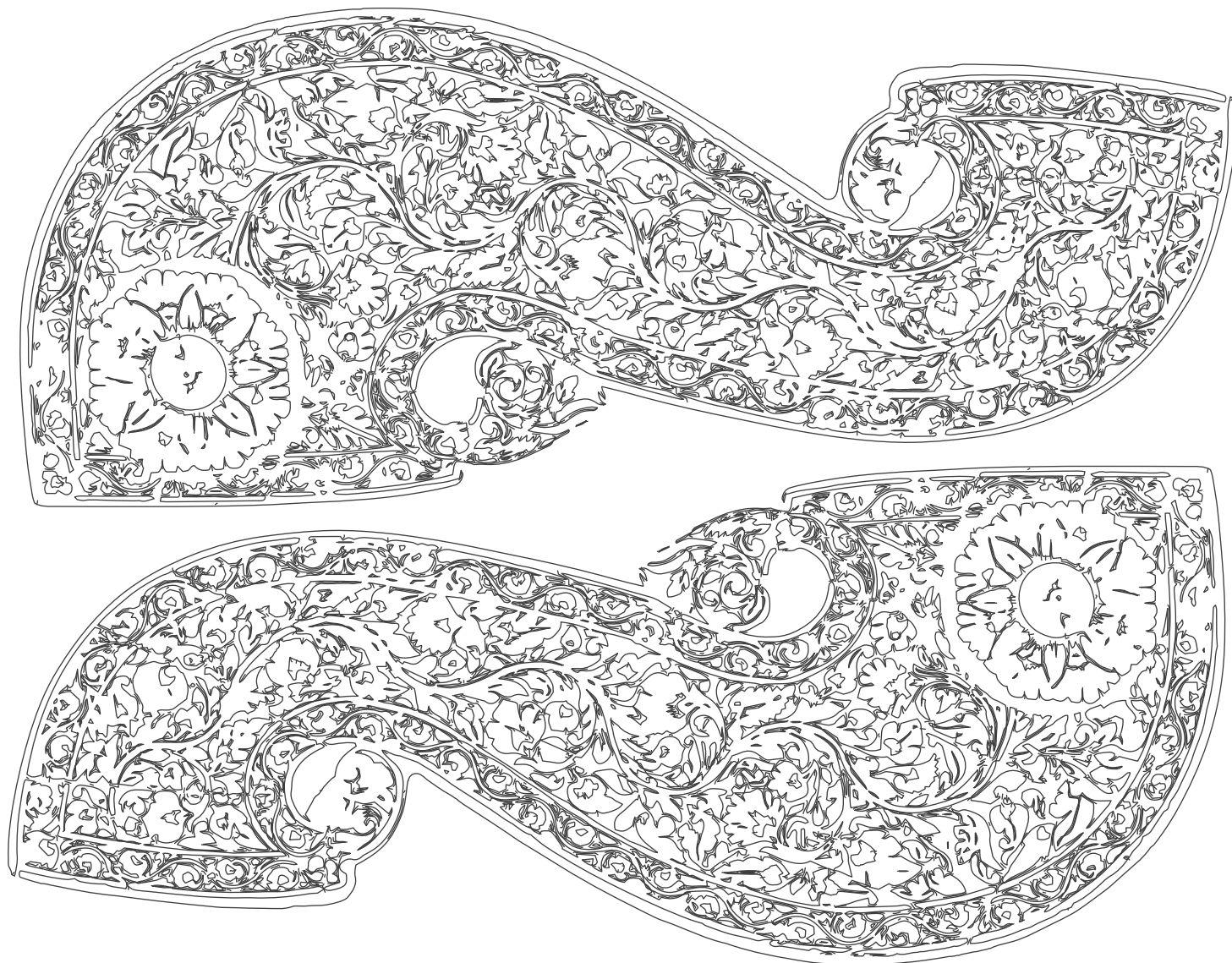
Slap-soles originated in the early seventeenth century when European men began to wear heeled footwear slipped into flat-soled mules. When women adopted the fashion in the 1620s, shoemakers nailed the heel of the shoe to the sole of the mule so that the slapping noise was not produced.

PROBABLY ITALIAN • MID-17<sup>TH</sup> c.

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These eighteenth century Indian *paduka* or 'toe-knob' sandals are lavishly embellished with ivory inlay. The dense meandering floral motif, as well as the careful piecing of the ivory veneer, is characteristic of expensive eighteenth-century *Travancore* workmanship.

INDIAN • 1775-1825