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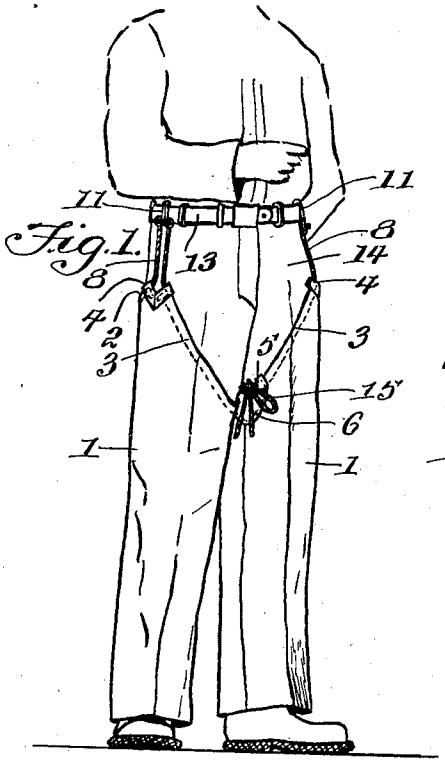


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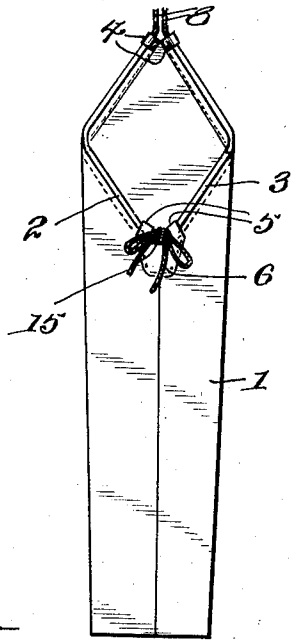


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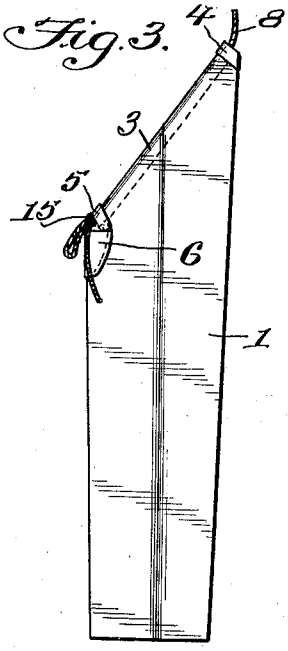


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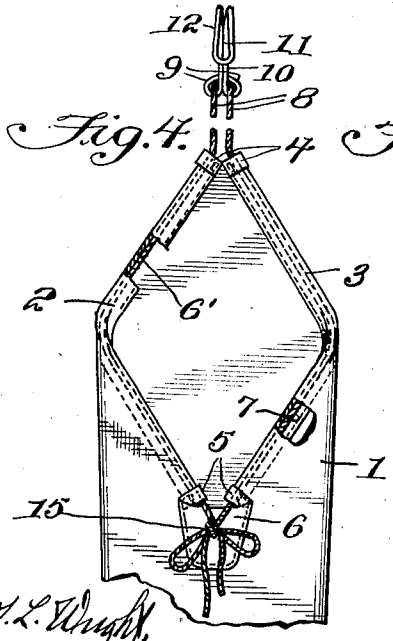


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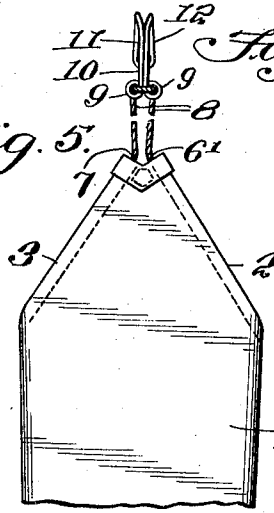


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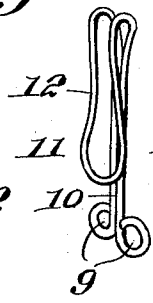


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. McELWEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Crestline, in the county of Crawford and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Waterproof Leggings, of which the following is a specification.

An object of this invention is to produce a waterproof legging of light weight material which can be folded into a small package and carried in the pocket of a raincoat when not required for use.

A further object is to produce waterproof leggings for workmen and others whose employment exposes them to weather conditions, and which shall be of a construction that will permit of the same being readily slipped on over his trousers without necessitating the removal of rubbers or shoes, and which is of such construction and so supported from the waistband of the trousers or the belt that the same is rendered adjustable to fit various lengths of legs.

To the attainment of the foregoing, and other objects which will present themselves as the nature of the invention is better understood, reference is to be had to the drawing which accompanies and which forms part of this application.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the application of the improvement.

Figure 2 is a view looking toward the inner side of one of the leggings.

Figure 3 is a side elevation thereof.

Figure 4 is a greatly enlarged fragmentary elevation looking toward the inner side at the top of the legging, parts being broken away.

Figure 5 is a similar view looking toward the outer side of the legging.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of one of the spring hooks employed.

Figure 7 is a side elevation thereof.

My improved waterproof leggings are constructed of some suitable light fabric, such as rubberized cloth and are of such size as to permit of the same being readily drawn over the trousers of the user without necessitating the removal of his rubbers or shoes, and consequently likewise permitting the ready withdrawal of the leggings. As each of the leggings is of a similar construction, reference characters indicating the parts of one may be taken as equally applicable to the other.

The body portion of each legging is indicated by the numeral 1. The legging has its sides, at the upper portion thereof, cut at an inward angle from its outer to its inner seam. The angle sides have their ends notched to provide extensions which are folded upon themselves and secured to the sides proper to provide channeled hems 2 and 3 respectively. The ends of the hems are notched, and the said ends have secured therearound reinforcing means 4 and 5 respectively. The upper reinforcement 4 is preferably in the nature of a substantially V-shaped strip whose central portion is secured to the leg proper and whose angle arms are stitched to the channeled hems 2 and 3. The lower reinforcement includes a flat body portion 6 having its corners provided with extensions arranged around and secured to the hems 2 and 3, the body 6 being stitched or otherwise secured to the inner face of the legging.

Passing through the reinforcing loops and through the channeled hems 2 and 3 are the strands 6′ and 7 of a draw string 8. The draw string 8 is centrally received through eyes 9 formed on the ends of the straight arms 10 of a spring hook 11. The hook, as clearly disclosed in Figures 6 and 7 of the drawings, is formed from a single strand of spring wire, and the outer portion or beak 12 of the hook has its strands spread so that the straight strands 10 are arranged approximately centrally of the strands that comprise the beak. Also the beak has a central portion rounded inwardly toward the strands 10 so that an effective gripping engagement will be imparted between the beak and the body portion 10 of the hook when the same is arranged over the belt 13 of the trousers 14 on which the leggings are arranged. The strands 6′ and 7 have their ends which pass through the reinforcing loops 5 knotted together, as indicated by the numeral 15, after a pull has been exerted upon these strands to adjust the leggings 1 on the trousers 14.

My improved leggings are primarily designed for use in connection with a comparatively short raincoat worn by a workman or others whose tasks expose them to rain and wintry weather. The leggings, being of light material, in no ways impair the workman in

his duties, and do not interfere with his rapid progress when called for hasty duty. Also the leggings do not hamper the user in climbing poles or other elevations where his presence is required, and it is thought that the foregoing description, when taken in connection with the drawing, will fully set forth the construction and advantages of my invention to those skilled in the art to which such devices relate.

Having described the invention, I claim:—

1. Leggings of light waterproof material of a size to permit of the same being drawn over the trousers of the user without necessitating the removal of the user's shoes or rubbers, said leggings having their upper sides cut at a downward angle from the outer to the inner seam thereof, and each of said sides at its said angle portion being formed with a channeled hem, a flexible element having its strands directed through the hems, a support designed to engage with the belt or waistband of the trousers of the user of the legging through which the flexible element passes, and the ends of the flexible element designed to be tied and knotted against the inner seam of the leggings for holding the said leggings adjusted on the wearer.

2. Protective leggings of light waterproof material having their sides at the upper portion thereof cut at a downward angle from the outer to the inner seam thereof and the ends thereof notched to provide extensions which are folded upon themselves and stitched to the sides of the legging to provide channeled hems, reinforcing strips secured to the leggings and having looped portions arranged around and secured to the ends of the hems, a supporting member designed for engagement with the waistband or belt of the user of the legging, a draw string guided through the supporting member and having its strands passed through the channeled hems, and the ends of the said draw string designed to be tied and knotted against the inner seam of the legging for holding the legging adjusted on the leg of the user.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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