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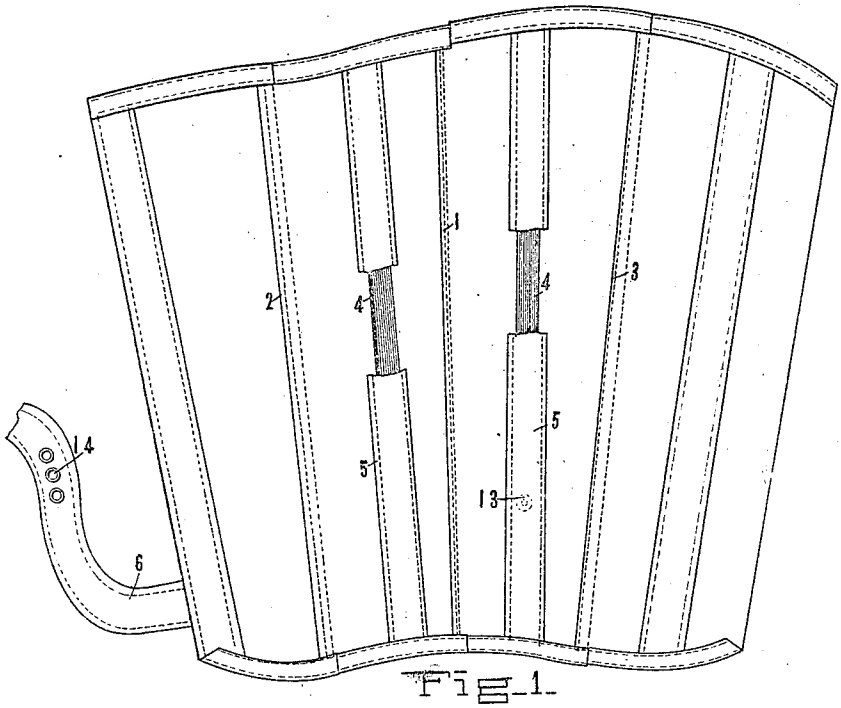


Fig. 1.

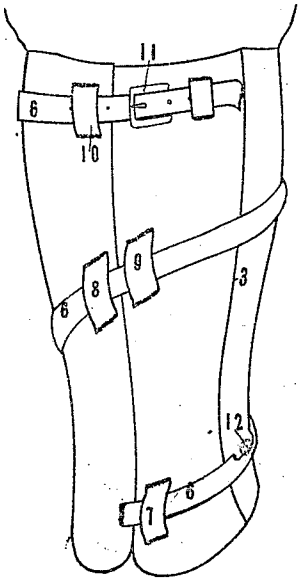


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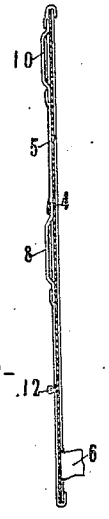


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORRIS ROSENWASSER, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Leggings, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to garments and, more particularly, to leggings.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a legging which will fit about the leg with greater accuracy and which will better retain its shape when positioned upon the leg than will leggings as hitherto constructed.

Another object is to provide a simpler and more efficient manner of fastening the legging upon the leg than has hitherto been devised.

A further object is to provide a construction such that the free meeting edges of the legging near the lower portion thereof are positively held against separation.

Other objects will be in part obvious and in part pointed out hereinafter.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements and arrangement of parts, which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter set forth, and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawing, wherein is illustrated one of the various possible embodiments of my invention, Figure 1 is a view showing the interior of a legging constructed in accordance therewith, which has been flattened out better to illustrate the construction; Fig. 2 is a view showing the legging positioned upon the leg; and Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view taken through the legging.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views of the drawing.

Referring now to the drawing, my invention is shown applied to a puttee legging which, in the present instance, is constituted by a plurality of suitably shaped strips of cloth sewed together to provide a contour corresponding approximately to the shape of the leg. In the present instance, I employ four of such strips and provide a seam at the rear portion of the legging, as at 1, and a seam at each of the side portions thereof, as at 2 and 3, the free edges meeting at the front portion of the legging and lapping one upon the other.

In order that the legging may retain its shape when positioned upon the leg and fit the same accurately, I provide a plurality of stiffening members 4 which extend longitudinally of the legging. In this embodiment of my invention, four of these strips are employed which are constructed of thin spring steel and are secured to the inner surface of the legging, said strips being held in position and concealed beneath strips 5 of cloth stitched to the legging. It will be noted that one of these stiffening members is provided near each free edge of the legging, and that one is provided intermediate the edges of each of the strips of the material which form the rear portion of the legging. The legging is fastened securely upon the leg by means of a strap 6 secured to one of the free edges of the legging at the lower extremity thereof, said strap being adapted to be passed through a loop 7 formed upon the opposite free edge adjacent its point of fastening. The strap thereafter passes diagonally about the leg exteriorly of the legging, and at the front portion thereof, intermediate the extremities of the legging, said strap passes through loops 8 and 9 respectively provided upon each of the free edges of the legging. The strap thereafter passes again about the leg, and at the upper extremity of the legging passes through a loop 10, whence it extends across the meeting edges of the legging and engages with a buckle or similar fastening device 11.

The movement of the ankle joints of wearers of leggings have caused leggings of this type as hitherto constructed to tend to separate at their lower free meeting edges, thus allowing the entrance of air or dirt to the interior of the legging. In order to correct this defect, I have provided means whereby the lower edges are positively and effectively secured together, such means comprising a post 12 which, in the present instance, is secured to one of the flexible steel strips, as at 13, said post, which is preferably headed, extending outwardly from the exterior surface of the legging. Strap 6, on its inner surface, is provided with a plurality of apertures which, in the present instance, are constituted by eyelets 14 secured to the strap.

Post 12, when strap 6 is wrapped about the leg, is adapted to take in any one of eyelets 14 and thus effect a positive connection between the lower free meeting edges of the legging, a disengagement of the strap and the post being impossible by reason of the fact that the strap is put under tension before the same is secured to the buckle 11.

It will accordingly be seen that I have provided a construction which is especially well adapted to attain the aims and objects of my invention. The stiffening members insure the holding of the legging in a predetermined form and prevent the same from wrinkling or crinkling upon the leg, and at the same time the engagement between the fastening strap and the post extending from the exterior of the legging prevents the lower meeting edges from separating under the stress put thereon when the wearer is in the act of walking.

As many changes could be made in the above construction and many apparently widely different embodiments of this invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawings shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

It is also to be understood that the language used in the following claims is intended to cover all of the generic and specific features of the invention herein described and all statements of the scope of the invention, which, as a matter of language, might be said to fall therebetween.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A legging comprising a strip of flexible material adapted to be wrapped about the leg and having a fastening member secured to one of its free meeting edges near one of the extremities thereof, said fastening member being adapted to be passed about the exterior of the legging detachably securing the other free edge of the legging near the opposite extremity thereof, one of said parts being provided with an aperture, a post carried by the other of said parts and projecting from the surface thereof adapted to enter said aperture, and guides located intermediate the extremities of the legging through which said fastening member extends.

2. A legging of the class described comprising a strip of flexible material having stiffening members extending longitudinally of the same, a post secured to one of said stiffening members and extending outwardly from the outer surface of the legging, a strap secured to one of the free edges of the legging near one of the extremities thereof having one or more apertures each of which is adapted to be engaged by said post, and a device upon the other free meeting edge of the legging near the opposite extremity thereof to which said strap is adjustably secured.

3. A legging comprising a strip of flexible material adapted to be wrapped about the leg, a plurality of stiffening members extending longitudinally of the same, a strap secured to the lower portion of one of the free edges thereof and having one or more apertures formed on the inner surface thereof, a post secured to one of said stiffening members and extending exteriorly of the legging adapted to engage one of the apertures of said strap when the same is passed about the leg, and a device upon the other free meeting edge of the legging near the opposite extremity thereof to which said strap may be adjustably secured.

4. A legging comprising a strip of flexible material adapted to be wrapped about the leg and having a strap provided with an opening in its inner surface secured thereto at one of its free meeting edges near one of the extremities thereof, said strap being adapted to be passed about the exterior of the legging and detachably secured to the other free edge near the opposite extremity thereof, guides located intermediate the extremities of the legging through which said strap extends, and a post carried by the legging and projecting outwardly therefrom at its rear portion, said post being adapted to enter the opening formed in said strap when the latter is wrapped about the leg and fastened thereby, the tension of said strap being adapted to hold said post and said opening in engagement.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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