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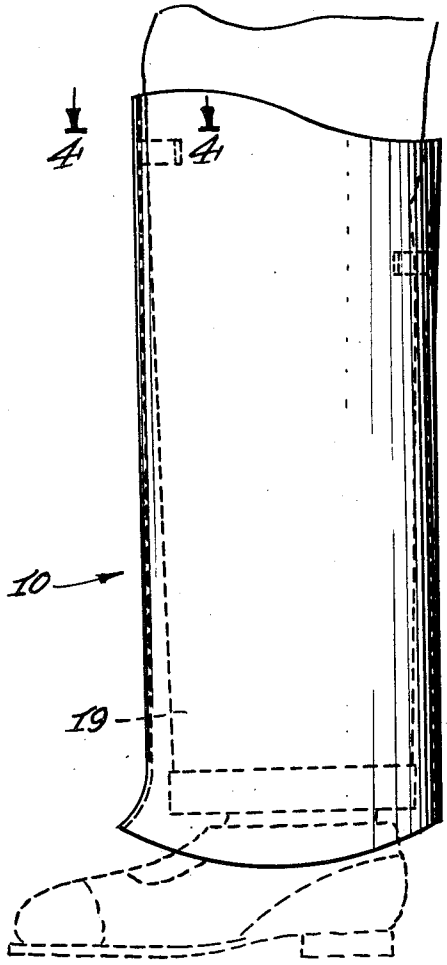
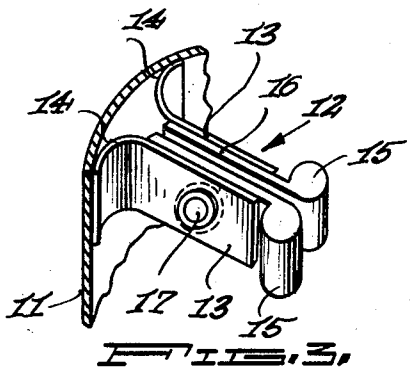


FIG. 1.



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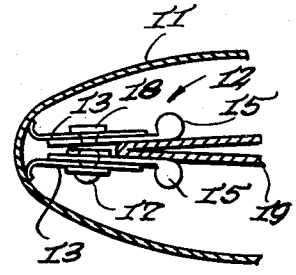

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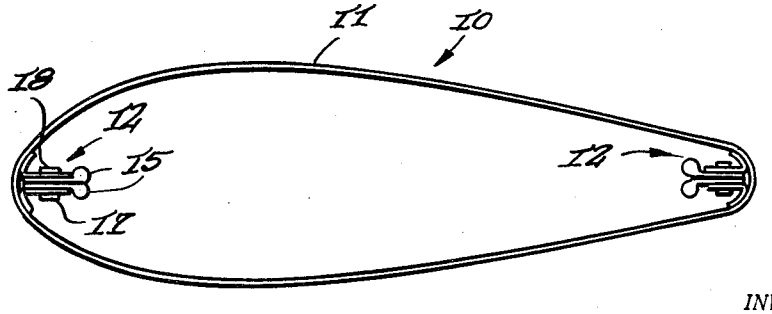

FIG. 2.

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This invention relates to protective apparel or articles against rain, snow, and so forth, and aims primarily to provide a novel, useful and practical rain protector adapted to be slipped over the lower leg to protect the latter and the ankle from the rain.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a novel and practical as well as easily manipulated support or clip by means of which the rain protector may be securely attached to the trouser leg without damage to the creases therein.

The above broad as well as additional and more specific objects will become apparent in the following description, wherein characters of reference refer to like-numbered parts in the accompanying drawing. It is to be noted that the drawing is intended primarily for the purpose of illustration, and that it is therefore neither desired nor intended to limit the invention necessarily to any or all of the exact details of construction shown except insofar as they may be deemed essential to the invention.

Referring briefly to the drawing,

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of the rain protector of this invention, shown in position on the leg of the wearer, the latter being shown in part only.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the rain protector per se.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary perspective view, with parts broken away and partly in section, of a portion of the rain protector, showing one of the attaching members in full.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 10 indicates the rain protector which is formed of a sheet of material or fabric preferably possessing waterproofing properties, such as, for example, a rubberized fabric. As the cross-sectional configuration of the trouser leg, when worn, is approximately elliptical, the body 11 of the rain protector would assume approximately the shape shown in Fig. 2.

At opposite positions, so that when worn they will be positioned adjacent the creases of the trouser leg, attaching members or clips 12 are provided and are secured in any desired manner against the inner wall of the sheet 11. Each member 12 comprises a pair of opposed arms or jaws 13 whose extremities 14 are turned outward and secured, as aforesaid, to the inner wall of the fabric 11. It is apparent that these jaws 13 are readily movable in either direction about the area of fabric to which they are attached, owing to the pliability of the fabric.

At their other ends the jaws 13 are provided with outwardly extending rounded projections, substantially cylindrical in shape. Although, as shown in the drawing, the projections 15 are

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actually on the ends of plates 16 which lie flush against and are rigid with the inner surfaces of the jaws 13, they may of course be formed integral with the jaws 13. One of the jaws 13, or 13, 16, is provided with a female snap button member 17, and the other is provided with a male snap button member 18, so that when the opposed jaws are pressed together these members will interlock, in the usual manner of snap buttons.

In attaching the rain protector to the trousers leg, the front crease of the trousers is inserted between the jaws, which have first been spread apart, into the position shown in Fig. 4, and then the jaws are pressed together thereby engaging the snap button members and clamping the outer ends of the jaws against the two walls of the trousers leg. The rear crease of the trousers leg is similarly inserted into the rear clip 12 and the snap button of the latter is likewise closed to clamp the jaws against the walls of the trousers leg at the rear. Thus, the rain protector 10 is suspended from the trousers leg in a secure manner, and the elevation at which it is positioned may obviously be selected by the wearer, either higher or lower than that shown in Fig. 1.

Obviously, modifications in form or structure may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention.

I claim:

A clip comprising a pair of flat elongated members, said members having complementary snap button means thereon positioned intermediate the length thereof whereby they may be clamped together, said members having at one end divergently arched extensions secured to a flexible sheet-like element whereby said element holds said extensions in spaced relationship thereon and said members in juxtaposed parallel relationship, the extremities of said members at their other end being outwardly flared providing jaws receptive of an article therebetween and clamping said article upon fastening said snap button means.

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