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HOSIERY PROTECTOR

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Fig. 1.

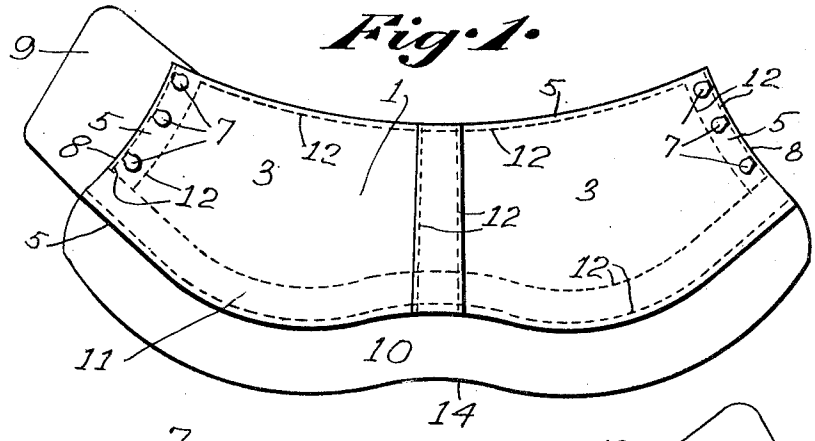


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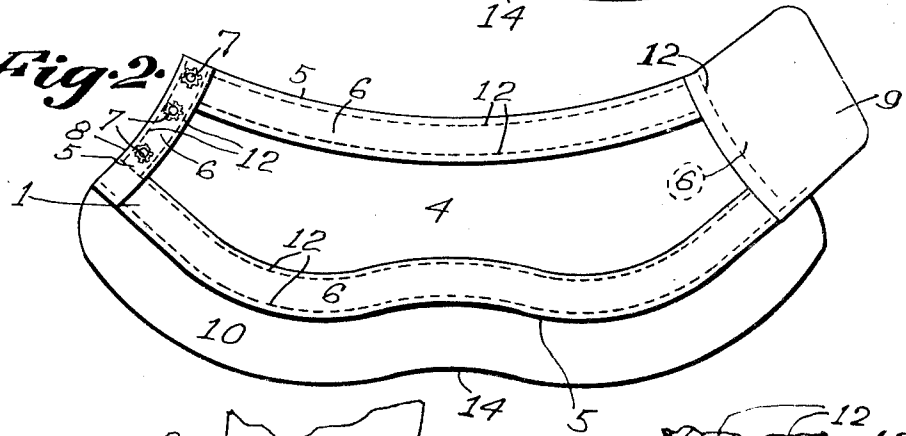




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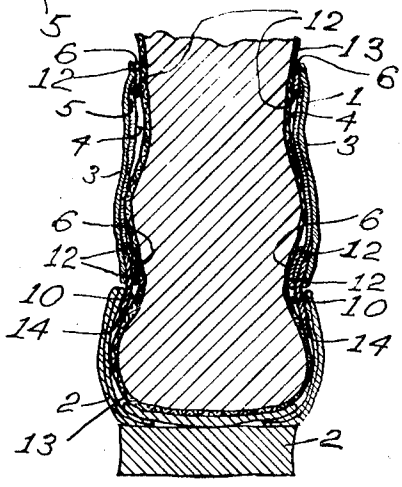


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH SARAR, a citizen of the Republic of Yugoslavia, residing at the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hosiery Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hosiery protectors, and the principal object thereof is to prevent hosiery from being soiled by shoe polish during the operation of shining shoes on the feet of the wearer. Another object is to protect the hosiery from the dust, dirt, mud, snow, water or other foreign matter which the wearer may encounter while walking. A further object is to provide a protector which may be readily attached or detached from the ankles of the wearer. Divers other objects and advantages will be apparent as the description proceeds.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, in which like numbers of reference denote like parts wherever they occur,

Figure 1 is a view of the exterior side of the protector in its normal flat position as it appears when detached;

Figure 2 is a similar view of the inner side of the protector;

Figure 3 is a perspective view exhibiting the protector as it appears while being worn; and

Figure 4 is a transverse vertical section through the ankle of Figure 3.

In the particular embodiment of this invention which has been selected for the purpose of illustration, the form of protector or shield is such that it can be applied at the ankle to protect the hosiery exposed above the upper margin of an Oxford shoe.

The protector 1 has the general form of a gaiter for the shoe 2, and comprises an outer sheet 3 of soft material, preferably leather, lined with cloth 4, preferably canvas, the marginal portions 5 of which are reinforced by strips 6 of preferably leather-like material. Shoe-lacing engaging means, such as the hooks 7, are secured to the ends 8 of the shield 1, and one of the ends has secured to its under side the flap or tongue 9, which projects beyond the end and is adapted to underlie the other end when the shield is closed by bringing the opposite ends together. A strip 10 of flexible board, preferably celluloid or amber, has its upper side secured between the base 11 of the outer sheet and the lower marginal strip 6. The various parts are sewn together by stitches of thread 12.

To attach the shield to protect the hosiery 13, the shield is bent to embrace the ankle, and the lower edge 14 of the flexible board 10 is inserted in the space between the hosiery 13 and the shank of the shoe, the flexible member 10 being sufficiently stiff to be passed therebetween without becoming limp and crumpling under the pressure exerted thereon. The shoe laces 15 are then untied and laced over the hooks 7 to hold the ends 8 together, the tongue 9 underlying the said ends to close the space therebetween.

This invention is manifestly capable of a wide application to a diversity of uses, and the flexible board 10 may for certain purposes, be placed on the outside of the shoe, as well as on the inside, so that the device protects both the shoe and the exposed portions of the hosiery. This manner of wearing the protector is especially useful in protecting the rear end of both shoe and hosiery from wear. The shoes of motor-car drivers, and particularly the high-heeled shoes of women drivers, for instance, commonly show signs of wear on their rear ends or backstays, and particularly the facing of the counter, because of the rubbing of that part of the shoe on the floor and adjacent parts of the car, due to the position in which drivers hold their feet in readiness to operate the foot-pedals, controlling the clutch and brake.

Having thus fully described this invention, I hereby reserve the benefit of all changes in form, arrangement, order, or use of parts, as it is evident that many minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A hosiery protector comprising an ankle-embracing portion having an outer facing of soft leather material and the general form of a gaiter, said ankle-embracing portion being adapted to embrace the ankle of the wearer with its lower edge above the top of the shoe, and a celluloid strip depending from the said lower edge of the ankle-

embracing portion and adapted to extend below the top of the shoe on the inside thereof.

2. A hosiery protector comprising an ankle-embracing portion having the general form of a gaiter and consisting of an outer facing of soft leather material and a cloth lining, said ankle-embracing portion being adapted to embrace the ankle of the wearer with its lower edge above the top of the shoe, and a strip of celluloid depending from the said lower edge of the ankle-embracing portion and adapted to extend below the top of the shoe on the inside thereof, said strip being co-extensive with the said lower edge of the ankle-embracing portion and being secured to the latter with its upper edge confined between the outer facing and the lining thereof.

3. A hosiery protector comprising an upper ankle-embracing portion formed of inner and outer plies of soft pliable material having the general form and appearance of a gaiter and a lower shoe-penetrating portion formed of a celluloid strip having its upper edge confined between the said inner and outer plies of the ankle-embracing portion and having its lower portion exposed for insertion within a shoe.

4. A hosiery protector comprising an ankle-embracing portion having the general form of a gaiter and consisting of an outer facing of soft leather material and an inner lining of cloth, said ankle-embracing portion being adapted to embrace the ankle of the wearer with its lower edge above the shoe, a projecting flap at one end of the ankle-embracing portion adapted to underlie the opposite end thereof to close the opening between the ends when the same is in position, hooks at each end of the ankle-embracing portion adapted to be engaged by the laces of the shoe for holding the protector in place, and a strip of celluloid having its upper end confined between the facing and the lining of the ankle-embracing portion and having its lower part exposed for insertion in the space between the hosiery and the shank of the shoe.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

JOSEPH SARAR.