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Fig. 1.

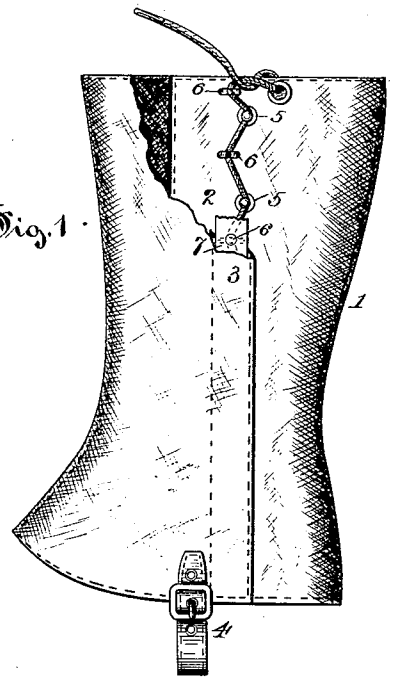


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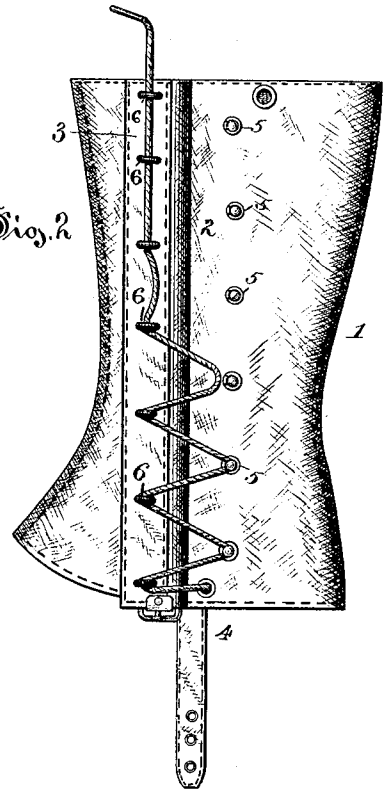
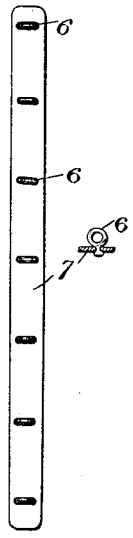


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. WILEY, of Hartford, Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Leggins, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification, whereby any person skilled in the art can make and use the same.

My invention relates to the class of leggins that are secured in place about the leg of a person by a lacing-cord held in position on one flap and adapted to be hooked over projections attached to the other flap of the leggin.

The object of my invention is to provide a leggin of this class that will conform to the leg of the wearer better and with less wrinkling than the leggins of this class now in use, and that shall have no projections or cords on the outside to catch in brush or vines and trip the wearer, and that can be applied to and removed from the leg quickly, and that is easily tightened by pulling on the end of the cord after it has been laced.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, where my invention is illustrated, Figure 1 is a side view of the leggin with part torn away to show the construction. Fig. 2 is a side view with the front flap rolled up to show the manner of lacing. Fig. 3 is a plan and section of the stiffening strip that bears the lacing-eyes, which I prefer to use.

In the drawings, I represents the body of the leggin, that is preferably cut to any approved pattern, of a textile fabric—as canvas—having the flaps 2 and 3 and the foot-strap 4. On the outside of the rear flap, 2, at suitable distances apart, are secured the lacing-studs 5, which open toward the rear of the leggin, and on the inside of the front flap, 3, are secured the inward-projecting eyes 6, which are so placed as to come, when the leggin is applied to the leg, between the lacing-studs in nearly a straight line, so that the cord, when passed through the eyes and around the hooks or studs, will lie in nearly a straight line and can be easily drawn up, which cannot be done if the cord makes sharp bends or is laced through eyelets. The eyes 6 are preferably secured to the inside of the front flap by riveting or otherwise attaching them to a strip of spring metal, 7, that is held in a fold of the flap, which strip holds the eyes rigidly and affords a stiffening to prevent the slipping down and wrinkling of the body of the leggin after it has been some worn. It is not necessary that the strip of spring metal be used, as the eyes may be firmly attached to the front flap by other means, and if it is desired to have some trimming on outside of the flap the shank of long-eyed buttons can be inserted through holes in the flap and the cord strung through the eyes of these buttons on the inside.

In applying my device the cord is strung through the eyes 6 and lies in a straight line on the inside of the front flap. The foot strap is then adjusted, the leggin placed about the leg of the wearer, and the front flap grasped with one hand and brought back of the lacing-studs on the rear flap, which movement causes the said studs to catch into the cord between the eyes. Then a pull upon the loose end of the cord tightens the lacing and causes the leggin to conform closely to the leg of the wearer. After the cord has been tightened and fastened the front flap lies over the studs in such manner as to prevent the cord from becoming disengaged and removed from the studs.

A leggin constructed and attached as above is smooth on the outside and offers no impediment to the movement of the wearer while passing through brush or vines, is quickly applied or removed, easily tightened, and adjustable to a leg of any size.

I claim as my invention—

As an improved article of manufacture, the leggin consisting of the body having front and rear flaps, the front one of which is provided with a pocket, lacing-studs attached to the outside of the rear flap, a metallic stiffening-strip inclosed within said pocket, inward-projecting eyes attached to the under side of said strip, and the lacing-cord permanently strung through said eyes and adapted to engage the said studs when the flaps are made to overlap one another, substantially as set forth.

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