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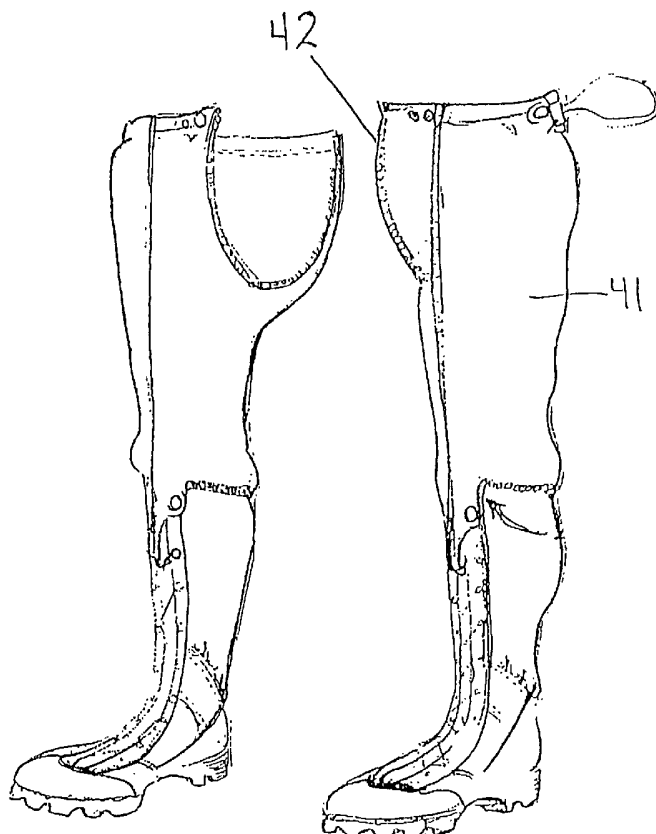
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(54) Title: FOOTWEAR WITH ATTACHABLE COVERING



(57) Abstract: This invention pertains to enclosed footwear in combination with a leg covering (41) or body covering that is storable within a compartment (15) that is integral with an exterior of the enclosed footwear. The leg covering (41) can be either a gaiter or a pants leg portion (41), and the body covering can be either a sack portion or a suit portion. The leg covering (41) or body covering can be of a material that is protective against biological attacks, chemical attacks, nuclear radiation and snake bites. The leg covering (41) or body covering can also be flame resistant, thermally protective and cut proof.



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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) NONE				
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT				
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.		
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C. (Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X --- Y	US 5,642,573 A (BROWN) 01 July 1997, see whole reference.	13, 24, and 29 ----- 1-4, 10-12, 14-17, and 24-27

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claim Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
Please See Continuation Sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-4, 10-17, 23-27, and 29

Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The species of Groups II, III, and IV. lack the inventive concept of a gaiter of Group I, Groups I, III, and IV lack the inventive concept of a zipper connected pant leg pair of pants of Group II, Groups I, II, and IV lack the inventive concept of a sleeveless body portion of Group III, Groups I, II, and III lack the inventive concept of a sleeved body suit of Group IV.

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In order for more than one species to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid. The species are as follows:

- I. The footwear shown in figures 1-9, and 11a-11f.
- II. The footwear shown in figure 10.
- III. The footwear shown in figures 12 and 15.
- IV. The footwear shown in figures 13 and 14.