This invention relates to the protection of garments from rain, snow, sleet and splashing and the protection of the limbs from cold and winds.

Broadly, it is an object of my invention to provide a means and form of protection which may be slipped over the lower part of the trousers used by men and over the hose worn by women in order to protect such clothing and the person against inclement weather.

Another object is to provide an inexpensive article for such protection which can be readily applied and removed and which may be rolled or folded into a compact form for convenient carrying.

Still another object of my invention is to provide an article for protecting the legs and garments of persons which will not interfere with the movements of the person nor will it injure the person or the clothing when worn as a protection against bad weather.

Another object is to provide a protector which has creases designed to receive the front and back creases of the trousers in order to prevent the wrinkling of the trousers when the protectors are applied and to give the appearance of regular trousers below the cost.

Another specific object is to provide a means of attaching the protectors to the trousers and legs with little effort and with little loss of time.

Another object is to provide protectors which will be held in position substantially out of close contact with the trouser and leg to allow air circulation and provide an insulating layer of air between the protector and the leg or trouser.

These and other objects will become apparent and are attained by the novel features of construction, combinations and relation of parts hereinafter described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

In the drawing, showing the preferred embodiment of my invention:

Fig. 1 is a side view of the protector, partly cut away.

Fig. 2 is an inside view of one-half of the protector, partly cut away.

Fig. 3 is a side view of a modified protector partly in section.

Fig. 4 is a section taken along line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a section of the lower part of a protector, showing a trouser cuff on the protector.

Fig. 6 is a side view of a spring clip for attaching the protector to the trouser.

Fig. 7 is a top view of the clip shown in Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is a transverse sectional view of the protector showing the clips in position.

Referring to the drawing, numeral 10 indicates one of a pair of trouser protectors which may be made of moisture proof material. The protector 10 provides a substantially tubular body having open ends. The protector is of sufficient length to cover a trouser leg from slightly above the knee to the ankle and sufficiently wide to permit the trouser leg to be placed within the protector without crowding or creasing. A separable slide fastener 16 is provided along a generally vertical opening at the lower edge 12 and partly along the bottom edge 13 so that the foot and ankle can be placed through the opening created when the slide fastener is in open position. The slide fastener 11 is stitched inside overlapping flaps formed by the edges 12 and 13 so as not to be visible when closed. A pair of clips 14 are used to attach the protector along the front and back creases of the trousers so that it will be in position and look like the bottom of the regulation trousers. Clips 14 may be attached inside the upper portion on the crease lines of the protectors or may be loose and clipped to the protector and the trouser above the knee so that the clips will not show below the bottom edge of the coat.

A binding 15 may be used to finish the upper edge of the protector.

Clips 14, as shown in Figs. 6 and 7, consist of a bent spring wire 16 with V-shaped free ends 17 so that they may be readily slipped onto the creased portions of the trousers.

To properly use the trouser protector shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the slide fastener is first opened and with the creased edge 16 in front position, the foot is placed through the opening created by the separable fastener. Front creased edge 16 and back creased edge 19 is placed along the front and back creases of the trousers and at the proper height, the clips 14 are attached. Slide fastener 11 is then closed about the ankle and the protector is lowered so that the bottom edge 13 is covered and overhanging by the protector, creating a pocket for the bottom of the trouser and giving the protector the appearance of the bottom of the regular trouser.

In order to allow the sides of the protector to fold over and lie in better position, a tape 20 is stitched into the crease along part of the bottom and rear edge, as shown in Fig. 2.

While the protector is worn, it will prevent rain, sleet and snow from wetting the bottom of the trousers and will also protect the trouser bottoms against becoming wet because of splashing or
2 rain falling from the overcoat. In cold weather for football games and other outdoor events and for automobile outings, the protector will aid in keeping the legs warm.

To remove the protector shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the slide fastener is opened, the clips are discharged from the trousers and the protector is drawn over the shoe.

In the modification shown in Fig. 3, numeral 21 represents the cloth of a protector having a material 22 attached to the inside of the protector by stitching 23 part way up from the bottom. The lower end of material 22 has elastics 24 stitched into the material in order to create a gathered cuff 25 so that when the foot of a person passes through the cuff 25, the cuff will hug the ankle in order to prevent water, wind and cold from entering the protector. The upper portion of the protector has elastics 26 stitched into the material in order to gather the top of the material, creating the cuff 27, so that when the leg is passed through the top of the material, it will hug the thigh of the person and keep the upper part of the protector in position. This type of protector, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, is particularly adapted for women.

Fig. 5 shows a modified form of protector very similar to that shown in Figs. 3 and 4, except that the lower portion of the protector has a cuff 28 giving the appearance of the regulation cuff trousers usually worn by men.

It is obvious that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction without departing from the general spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a trouser and leg protector of the character described, comprising a substantially tubular body having a generally vertical opening at its lower end portion and being adapted for receiving a trouser leg, the upper and lower ends of said protector being open, a slide fastener secured to the edge portions defining said opening and adapted to permit a foot to pass through said protector when said slide fastener is separated, said slide fastener extending partly along the bottom edge of said tubular body and being thereby designed to contract the lower portion of said opening to form a pocket for a trouser leg, said opening being contractible sufficiently to closely circumscribe the leg of the user, overlapping flaps to conceal said slide fastener and clips disposed at the edges of said protector for attaching said protector to the creased portions of a trouser.

2. In a trouser and leg protector of the character described, comprising a substantially tubular body made of moisture proof fabric and having a generally vertical opening at its lower end portion and being adapted for receiving a trouser leg, the upper and lower ends of said protector being open, a slide fastener secured to the edge portions defining said opening of the fabric at said lower end opening and being adapted to permit a foot to pass through said protector when said slide fastener is separated, said slide fastener extending partly along the bottom edge portion of said tubular body and being thereby designed to contract the lower portion of said opening to form a pocket for a trouser leg, said opening being contractible sufficiently to closely circumscribe the leg of the user, overlapping flaps concealing said slide fastener, and clips disposed at the edges of said protector for attaching said protector to the creased portions of a trouser.

3. In a trouser and leg protector of the character described, comprising a substantially tubular body made of moisture proof fabric and having a generally vertical opening at its lower end portion and being adapted for receiving a trouser leg, the upper and lower ends of said protector being open, said protector having vertical crease lines at opposite sides, a slide fastener secured to the edge portions defining said opening and to a portion of the fabric at said lower end opening and being adapted to permit a foot to pass through said protector when said slide fastener is separated, said slide fastener extending partly along the bottom edge of said tubular body and being thereby designed to contract the lower portion of said opening to form a pocket for a trouser leg, said opening being contractible sufficiently to closely circumscribe the leg of the user, and clips disposed at the creased edges of said protector for attaching said protector to the creased portions of a trouser leg.

4. In a trouser and leg protector of the character described, comprising a substantially tubular body having slit side walls providing a generally vertical opening therein, said protector being adapted for receiving a trouser leg, fastening means secured to the edge portions defining said opening for releasably closing said opening and being adapted to permit a foot to pass through said protector when in open position, said fastening means extending partly along the bottom edge portion of said tubular body and being thereby designed to contract the lower portion of said opening to form a pocket for a trouser leg, said opening being contractible by said opening means sufficiently to closely circumscribe the leg of the user.

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