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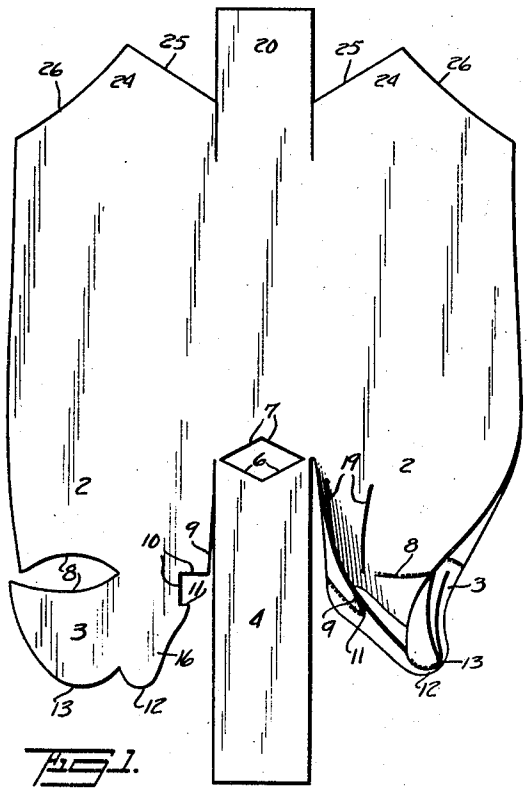


FIG. 1.

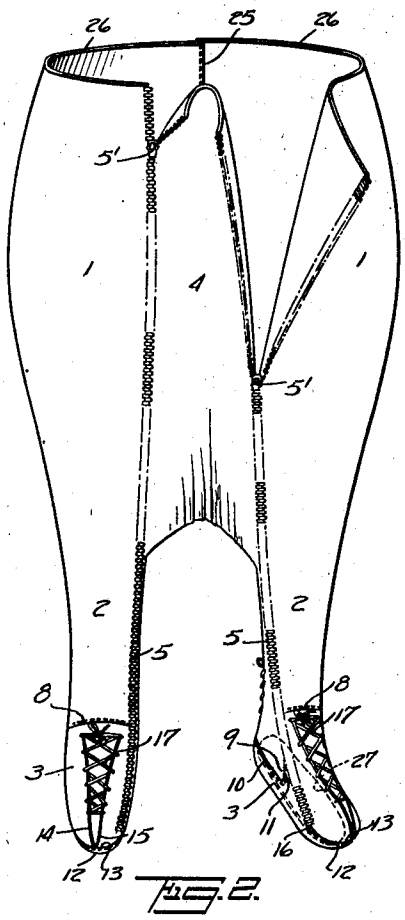


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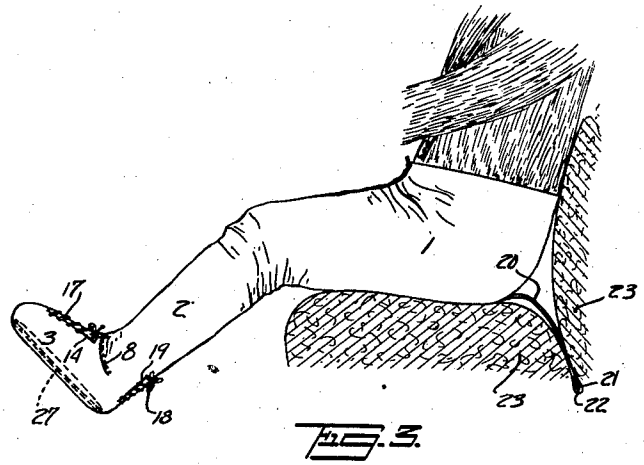


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The present invention relates to a readily removable garment or wrap particularly adapted for use by automobile drivers. The invention comprises a loosely fitting garment which is preferably cut from a one-piece pattern. The garment is adapted when closed to completely enclose the body of the wearer from the waist down while permitting freedom of movement of the feet and legs and adapted when open to permit the wearer to step out of the same without difficulty.

Heretofore garments suggested for use of automobile drivers or the like either did not protect the feet of the wearer, or if protecting the feet permitted such slight movement thereof as to too greatly interfere with their freedom of movement. Moreover, such garments in instances where feet and leg enclosing portions were provided, did not permit the ready removal of the garment.

For a better understanding of the invention reference may be had to the accompanying drawing of which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view illustrating the construction of the garment;

Fig. 2 is a front view on a larger scale of a completed garment in semi-closed position; and

Fig. 3 is a side view showing the garment in use.

Referring to the drawing, the garment comprises a body portion 1, leg portions 2, foot portions 3 and a central flap 4. Hookless fasteners 5 extending from the portion 3 to the top of the garment form the closure for each foot and leg portion and fasten the flap 4 between the sides of the body 1 to form the upper front of the garment. In making the garment from a pattern (see Fig. 1) the edges 6 and 7 of a cut-out of generally diamond shape between the flap 4 and body portion 1 are sewn or otherwise permanently joined together to form the crotch of the garment. Similarly the edges 8 of cut-outs in between the foot and leg portions are sewn or otherwise permanently joined together to form the front of the ankle. The inner edge 9 of each foot portion 3 is cut as shown to form edges 10 at right angles to each other and of substantially equal length and to form a shorter edge 11 parallel to one edge 10. The lower edge of each foot portion is shaped as shown into two curved edges 12 and 13, the latter of which bounds a greater area. To make the foot of the garment edges 10 are first sewn together. Edge 11 is then sewn to edge 9. Ridges 14 and 15 are then formed in that part of the foot portion bounded by edge 13, which ridges are then brought together at 13 to form a box pleat. Edge 13 is then sewn to edge 12 up to the point 16, to form the closure for the front of the toe. Hookless fasteners 5 are then added to extend on the one hand from the junction of edges 12 and 13 at 16 along edge 9 and the side of flap 4 and on the other hand from this junction along the entire edge of the leg portion 2 and body portion 1. To make the foot portion adjustable to shoes of various sizes, lacings 17 between ridges 14 and 15 are provided. Similarly, lacings 18 are provided between diverging ridges 19 formed in the back of the ankle.

In the particular embodiment illustrated means are provided for retaining the garment in position in the seat of the motor car or other vehicle. These means comprise a flap 20 in the upper back portion of the garment, which flap may be provided with a hem 21 for the insertion therethrough of a stick or strap 22 adapted, as shown in Fig. 3, to be retained between the cushions 23 of the car seat. Fullness in the seating portion of the garment is given by shaping the upper edge of portion 1 so as to form an angular portion 24 on either side of the flap 20, the edges 25 thereof being sewn together to form the back of the seat while edges 26 thereof, together with the extremity of flap 4 when the garment is closed, form the upper edge of the completed garment. When the function of flap 20 is not required, the angular portions 24 would be shaped so that edges 25 thereof would meet. Obviously any number of darts or gussets could be provided to give the garment a closer fit, particularly should it be desired to produce the garment in a plurality of different sizes.

It is preferred, however, to construct the garment so as to make it full enough to be

worn by persons of various sizes of either sex. Fullness is desirable also both to avoid crushing or wrinkling of the wearer's other apparel and also to obtain the additional warmth due to the presence of the closed air chamber between the wearer and the garment.

Preferably a stiff sole 27 of any suitable material is inserted in each foot portion 3 to retain the same in shape.

To put on the garment, the wearer spreads the body portion on the seat of the car, with the flap 20, if provided, inserted between the car cushions, and sits upon the garment placing his feet upon the soles 27. He then grasps the locking rings 5′ of the hookless fasteners and pulls upwardly to close the foot and leg portions and to pick up flap 4 to close the body portion. To release the garment, he need but pull down upon the rings 5′, preferably one after the other.

The garment above described may be made of any suitable material, such as wool, felt, etc., and may be waterproofed, if desired. The garment, being susceptible of construction from a one-piece pattern, is simple and economical to construct. Although particularly designed for use in automobiles or the like where the part of the wearer covered thereby is not ordinarily visible, it may be advantageously worn wherever a protection against cold, rain or wind is desired, as for example at football or hockey games or upon the deck of a steamer. Although a garment constructed substantially on the specific pattern herein described may not be particularly adapted for general wear as a substitute, for example, for children's tights, obviously various features of the invention could be advantageously incorporated in such articles of general wear, and such application is within the spirit of the invention.

The following is claimed:

1. A protective garment comprising a body portion adapted to enclose the sides and back of the wearer, a flap adapted when raised to cover the front of the wearer, leg and foot portions connected to the body portion, and hookless fasteners adapted when closed to close the foot and leg portions and to raise said flap and fasten the same between the edges of said body portion.

2. A garment according to claim 1 wherein each foot portion is provided with adjusting means for fitting the same over shoes of various sizes.

3. A protective outer garment including body, and individual leg and foot enclosing portions and provided with means for closing each of said portions, said means including a pair of hookless fasteners each extending from a permanently joined end thereof in one of said foot portions to the top of the body portion.

4. A protective outer garment according to claim 3 wherein each foot portion is provided with lacing across the instep and with lacing over the heel to permit adjustment of the size thereof.

5. In a garment having a body and side enclosing portion and leg enclosing portions joined to said body portion, a flap permanently connected at the crotch to said body portion and hookless fasteners extending along the sides of said flap, along the sides of said body portion and along the sides of said leg portions adapted to close said leg portions and to pick up and fasten said flap between the sides of said body portion to form the center front of the garment.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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