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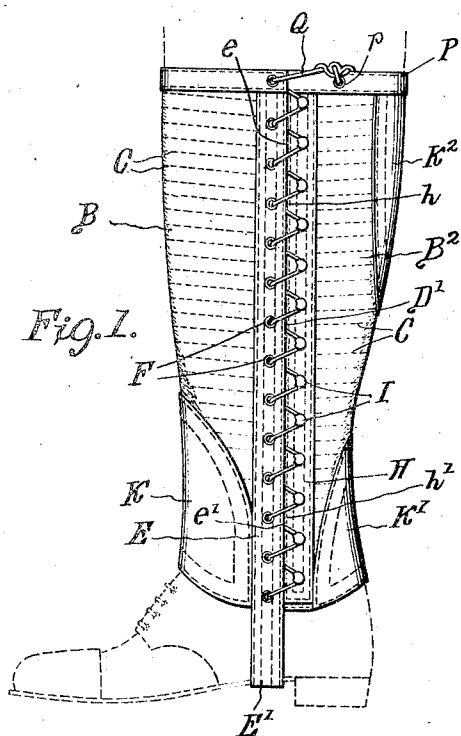
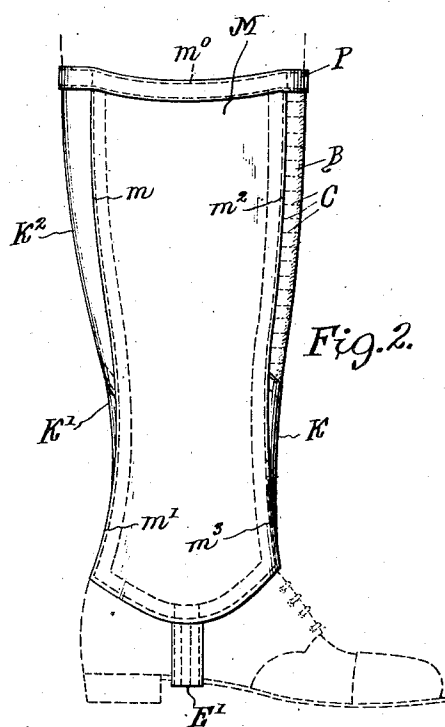
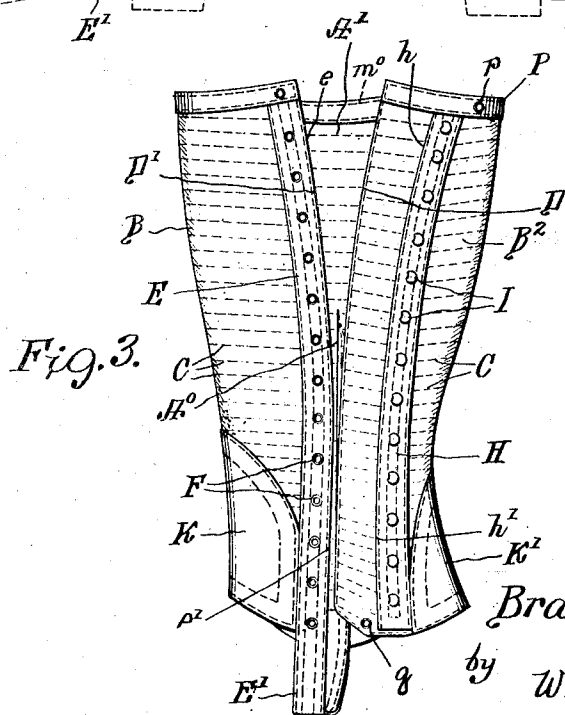
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Fig. 5.

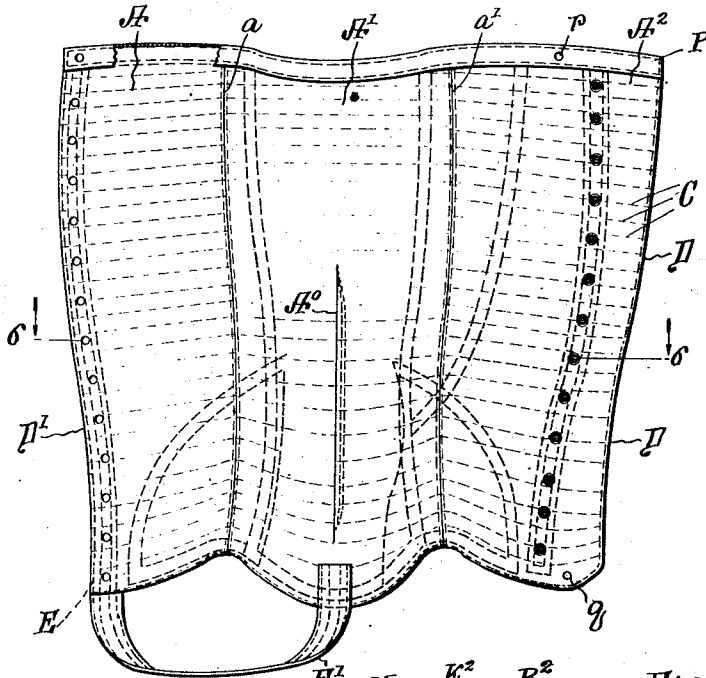


Fig. 6.

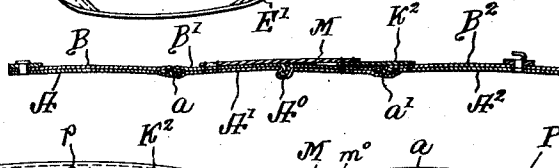
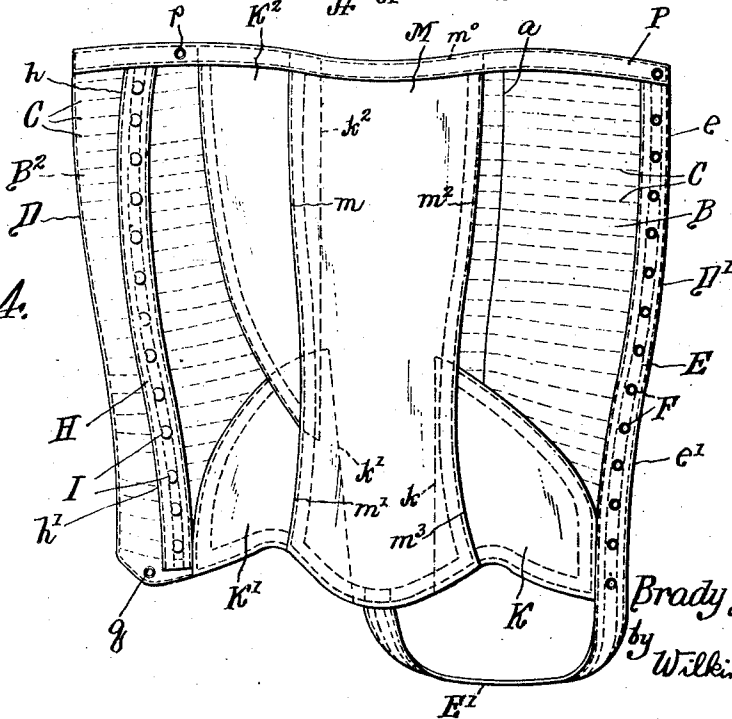


Fig. 4.



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My invention relates to improvements in leggings especially intended for use for cavalymen or riders generally, and it is intended to provide a durable, comfortable, snug-fitting legging of attractive appearance, and which is so constructed that the parts most liable to wear may be readily repaired without detracting from the neat appearance of the legging, and so materially extend the life of the legging.

My invention will be more fully understood after reference to the accompanying drawings in which like parts are indicated by similar reference symbols throughout the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the legging when in use, the shoe and trousers of the wearer being shown in dotted lines. This figure shows the outside view of the legging as applied to the left leg.

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1, but shows the inside of the legging as applied to the left leg.

Figure 3 is a detail showing the outer side of the legging with the lacing removed.

Figure 4 is a side elevation showing the exterior of the legging that comes next to the horse.

Figure 5 is a similar view to Figure 4, but shows the interior of the legging which comes next to the leg, and

Figure 6 is a cross section taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 5, and looking down.

While I have shown the legging as fitted to the left leg only, the one applied to the right leg is of similar construction, except certain of the parts are reversed, as will be obvious to those skilled in the art.

The legging, as shown, comprises a canvas lining throughout the interior, which lining forms the base to which the other parts of the legging are attached. In order to cause the legging to fit the leg of the wearer, this lining is preferably made in three panels A, A', and A², as shown in Figures 5 and 6. The central panel A' is gathered in, as at A⁰ shown in Figures 5 and 6, so as to fit the lower portion of the inside of the calf of the wearer. These panels are connected together by the curved seams a and a', as shown in Figure 5. Exterior to the three panels A, A', and A² just referred to are three similar panels B, B', and B² made of waterproof material, such as waterproof canvas, leather, skins, or the like. The inner and outer panels are se-

cured together by lines of transverse stitching C. The edge D of the legging is smooth finished, and the other edge D' is reenforced by the strip E which is sewed to the opposite edge D' of the legging and extends down, as at E', to go under the sole of the shoe of the wearer. This reenforced edge D' of the legging is provided with eyelets F through which the lacing is rove, as herein after described.

Near the edge D of the legging, the reenforcing strip H is sewed, and this strip carries the hooks I for the lacing. The strips E and H are curved outward at the top, as shown, and slightly inward at the bottom, as shown in Figures 3, 4 and 5, so that the legging will snugly fit the calf of the wearer, and so that, when the legging is in use as shown in Figure 1, the reenforcing strips E and H will fit together snugly, as shown in said figure.

The main portion of the legging is preferably made of textile fabric, as just described, although the waterproof covering may be of skin or leather, should such be preferred.

Near the lower end of the outside of the legging I provide substantially triangular wear pieces K and K', which are sewed to the main body of the legging, as shown most clearly in Figure 4. Near the upper part of the legging that comes on the inside of the calf of the wearer, I provide a similar triangular wear piece K², and mounted over the sides k, k', and k² of these wear pieces just mentioned is the reenforcing piece M, preferably of leather. This reenforcing piece M has its front and back edges curved, as at m, m', m², and m³, as shown in Figure 2. The top of the inner side of the legging is curved downward, as at m⁰, and this part is reenforced by the band P, of leather or other suitable material.

The lacing Q, shown only in Figure 1, is rove through the eyelets F and under the hooks I in the usual way, the lower or fixed end being made fast to the eyelet g. See Figures 3, 4, and 5. The free end of the lacing is fastened in the eyelet p in the band P, as shown in Figure 1.

When in use, the reenforcing piece M will be on the inside of the leg of the wearer or next to the horse. The wear piece K² will be in the position where the wear is generally greatest in riding, and the wear pieces K and K' will also be in positions

which are most liable to wear. Any one or all of these wear pieces may be readily ripped off and fresh pieces applied without impairing the appearance of the legging, and at the same time greatly prolonging the life thereof.

It will be noted that, when in use, the reinforcing strip E carrying the eyelets will run substantially straight up and down the leg of the wearer, and the part E' which passes under the sole will present in side elevation an attractive appearance without bends when in use on the leg of the wearer. In a similar way, the reinforcing strip H will fit closely against the strip E, when the legging is in use, and will present a neat and attractive appearance, as shown in Figure 1.

This straight edge effect of the two strips E and H is obtained by making the upper ends of these strips curve outward, as shown at *e* and *h* in Figure 3. These strips are also slightly curved inward near the bottom, as shown at *e'* and *h'* in said Figure 3.

It will be noted that when the legging is in use, the eyelets carried by the strip E will be in front of the hooks I carried by the strip H. This will prevent the hooks from catching in brush or other obstructions when riding or walking through underbrush.

While I have described the panels A, A', and A² as of canvas, it will be obvious that these may be of duck, or other textile fabric, or any suitable material, and also the panels B, B', and B² may be of leather, skins, or other suitable material.

While the invention is especially adapted for mounted troops, such as cavalry or artillery, it is equally adapted for hunting purposes for men and women, or other riders, either male or female.

It will be seen that I provide a neat, durable, and attractive legging which fits the leg of the wearer, and which may be repaired at the parts most liable to wear, when desired, without marring the appearance of the repaired legging.

While I have described one embodiment of the invention in its preferred form, it will be obvious that various changes may be made in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts which could be used without departing from the spirit of my invention, and I do not mean to limit the invention to such details except as particularly pointed out in the claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A legging especially adapted for mounted troops comprising a textile fabric

foundation, shaped to fit the leg and ankle of the wearer, flaring outwards slightly near the top at end thereof and curved downward slightly at the top, a flexible covering registering with said foundation and secured thereto by lines of stitching, the two forming a body portion for the legging, a curved reinforcing strip, provided with eyelets, secured on the exterior of said body portion near the front outer edge thereof, and provided with a loop to pass beneath the sole of the wearer, a curved reinforcing strip provided with rearwardly engaging hooks secured near the adjacent edge of said body portion, a vertically disposed wear piece secured to the outer central region of said body portion, and substantially triangular wear pieces secured to said body portion adjacent to said vertically disposed wear strip.

2. A legging especially adapted for mounted troops comprising a textile fabric foundation, shaped to fit the leg and ankle of the wearer, flaring outwards slightly near the top at end thereof and curved downward slightly at the top, a flexible water proof covering registering with said foundation and secured thereto by lines of stitching, the two forming a body portion for the legging, a curved reinforcing strip, provided with eyelets, secured on the exterior of said body portion near the front outer edge thereof, and provided with a loop to pass beneath the sole of the wearer, a curved reinforcing strip provided with rearwardly engaging hooks secured near the adjacent edge of said body portion, a vertically disposed, leather wear piece secured to the outer central region of said body portion, and substantially triangular leather wear pieces secured to said body portion adjacent to said vertically disposed wear strip.

3. A legging especially adapted for mounted troops comprising a textile fabric foundation, shaped to fit the leg and ankle of the wearer; a flexible covering registering with said foundation and secured thereto by lines of stitching, the two forming a body portion for the legging, a curved reinforcing strip provided with eyelets secured on the exterior of said body portion near the front outer edge thereof, and provided with a loop to pass beneath the sole of the wearer, a curved reinforcing strip provided with rearwardly engaging hooks secured near the adjacent edge of said body portion, a vertically disposed wear strip secured to the outer central region of said body portion, and wear pieces secured to said body portion adjacent to said vertically disposed wear strip.

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