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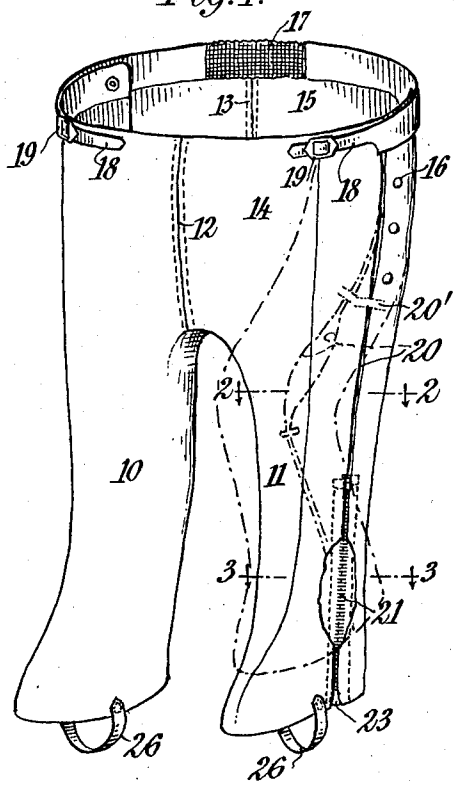


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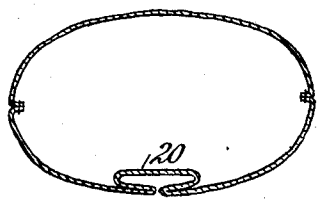


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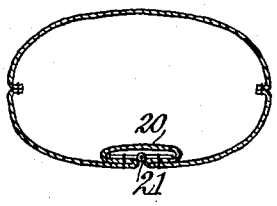


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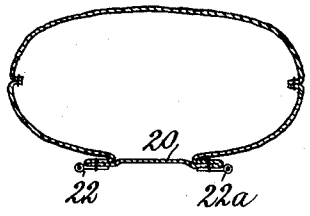


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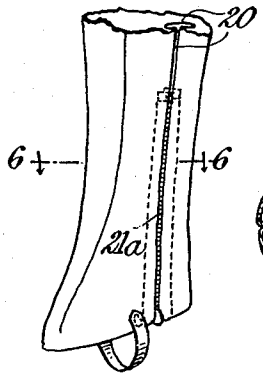
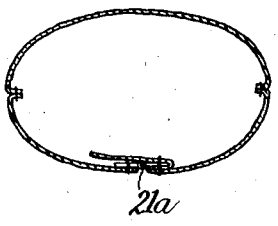


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My present invention relates to wearing apparel and more particularly to leggings, ski pants or similar garments having relatively snug fitting leg members which extend down below the knees of a wearer.

An object of my invention is to provide a garment of the type specified wherein ample fullness is provided for accommodating the movements of the wearer in walking, bending, climbing stairs, etc., without detracting from the snug fitting appearance of the garment. A further object is to provide for such fullness in a manner which will not cause bagginess at the knees but on the contrary will add style to the garment. A still further object is to provide ample room in the leg members of such garment to permit the ready insertion therethrough of the shod feet of the wearer, after which the fullness around the legs can be quickly taken up by a slide fastener or the like. A still further object is to provide a child's legging or ski pants having a drop seat portion with an elastic belt so as to readily accommodate itself to different sizes of waist lines and leg members which below the knees are provided with slide fasteners and which leg members from approximately the top of the slide fasteners to the lower edge of the drop seat are formed with inverted pleats for supplying desirable room for "give" at the knees and seat portions of the garment.

The foregoing and other objects of my invention not specifically enumerated are accomplished by the improved garments illustrated in the accompanying drawing and hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment embodying my invention.

Figs. 2 and 3 are sections on enlarged scales taken substantially along the planes of the lines 2—2 and 3—3, respectively of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a section corresponding to Fig. 3 showing the slide fastener elements disconnected and the leg member in extensible position.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the lower portion of a leg member of a garment showing a modification of the invention.

Fig. 6 is a section on an enlarged scale taken substantially along the plane of the line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Referring first to Figs. 1 to 4 of the drawing, the garment represented thereby may be said to consist of a pair of leg members 10 and 11 properly shaped to snugly fit the legs of a wearer and fabricated from a plurality of pieces of suitable fabric. The leg members are joined together along central seams 12 and 13 to provide a front portion 14 and a rear portion 15, said front and rear portions having lateral or side edges which are adapted to partially overlap and be detachably secured together by suitable snap fastening means 16, as shown in Fig. 1. When said fastening means 16 are disconnected the rear portion may drop downwardly and constitute what is commonly known as a drop seat portion of the garment. The rear portion at its belt line may be provided with a suitable elastic insert 17 and at the ends of said belt line with projecting tabs 18. For cooperative engagement with said tabs 18, the front of the garment at its belt line may be provided with buckles 19 whereby the garment may be adjustably secured about the waist line of a wearer.

For providing ample fullness in the leg members for accommodating the movements of the wearer in walking, bending, climbing stairs, etc., and particularly movements due to the bending of the knee, without detracting from the snug fitting appearance of the garment, I provide the garment preferably along each side seam thereof with an inverted pleat 20 of suitable length and width. If desired, this pleat may extend all the way from the juncture 20' of the front and rear portions 14 and 15 down to the bottom of the leg members 10 and 11, but when such construction is employed, the additional fullness normally provided around the leg portions below the knees may be taken up by suitable completely separable fastening means preferably of the slide fastener type. Accordingly I have shown in Figs. 1, 3 and 4, a separable slide fastener 21 having constituent completely separable elements 22 and 22a secured longitudinally along the inside faces of the pleats 20 and adapted to be brought into connected aligned complemental relation and held in such relation by a movable slide member 23. In Fig. 4 the slide fastener elements are shown in separated relation, whereas in Fig. 3 the said slide fastener elements are disposed in complemental fastening engagement with the pleat in its inverted or hidden position. Preferably the slide fastener means extend upwardly from the bottom of the leg members to approximately below the knee regions while the unsecured portion of the pleats 20 extend from approximately the top of the slide fastener 21 to the point of juncture 20' of the front and rear portions 14 and 15.

In Figs. 5 and 6 the pleat 20 extends down only to approximately the top of the slide fastener 21a.

Below this point the fabric portions of the leg members are unsecured and adapted to lie in overlapping relation, each of the overlapping portions carrying one of the slide fastener elements which, when brought into complemental relation, contract and cause the lower portions of the leg members to snugly fit the legs of the wearer. As is customary in the use of separable slide fasteners, the elements thereof may be mounted behind the pleat or fly portions so as to normally obscure the metallic fastening elements from view.

In applying the garment to a wearer, usually a child of tender years, the fasteners 16 are disengaged, as are also the slide fasteners 21 or 21*a*. Upon drawing the leg members of the garment over the shod feet of the wear the leg members which are extensible will give to permit the ready passage therethrough of said feet. When the leg members of the garment have been drawn over the legs of the wearer and the wearer's shoes engage in the stirrups 26, the slide fastener elements are brought into complemental relation and secured by drawing the movable slide member 23 thereover. The front and rear portions are then properly adjusted about the waist of the wearer and the fastening elements 16 are then secured, after which the tabs 18 and buckles 19 are adjusted to provide the proper tension around the waist line. When the garment is upon a wearer, the pleats 20 will normally remain closed or open just enough to not detract from the snug fitting appearance of the garment. These pleats will readily give in response to the wearer's movements, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1, thus affording the comfort of a loose fitting garment.

It will be appreciated from the foregoing detailed description that I have provided a garment possessing the various advantageous properties and attributes set forth in the opening statement of this specification, and while I have shown and described certain preferred embodiments of my invention it is to be understood that I do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction disclosed, since the same may be varied without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:

1. A garment comprising a body portion and a pair of leg members extending down to substantially the ankles adapted to snugly fit a wearer, said leg members from their bottoms to points substantially above the knee regions being formed with pleats, separable fastener means on said pleats extending from the bottoms to points below the knee region, said fastener means when connected serving to hold said pleats closed below the knee regions while normally tending to hold said pleats above the knee regions in closed relation without restraining the desirable "give" of said pleats above the knee regions.

2. A garment comprising a body portion and a pair of leg members extending down to substantially the ankles adapted to snugly fit a wearer, said leg members from their bottoms to points substantially above the knee regions being formed with inverted box pleats at the sides thereof, separable fastener means on said pleats extending from the bottoms to points below the knee regions, said fastener means when connected serving to hold said inverted pleats closed below the knee regions while normally tending to hold said pleats above the knee regions in closed relation without restraining the desirable "give" of said pleats above the knee regions.

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