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Fig. 1

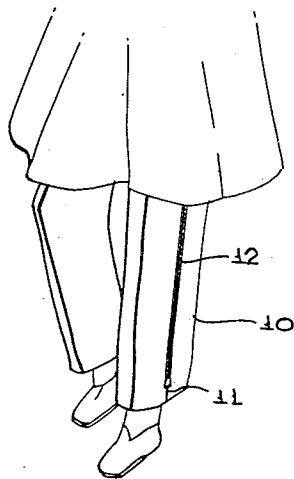


Fig. 2

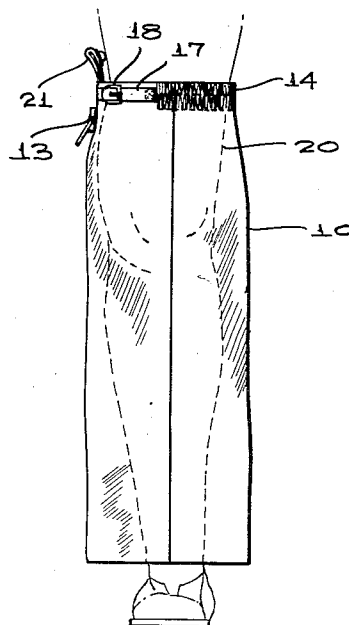


Fig. 3

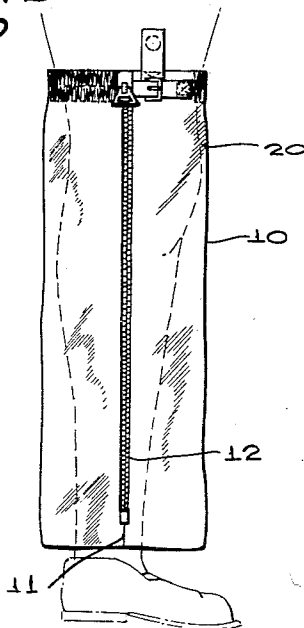
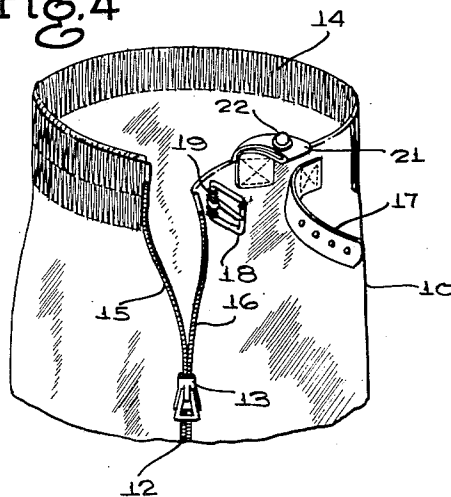


Fig. 4



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The present invention relates to garments for shielding the legs of a person during cold or inclement weather.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a garment for slipping over each leg of a person for protecting the person's legs from extreme cold or inclement weather, and one having a neat appearance resembling trousers.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a pair of leg protectors for the wearing by children and other persons and providing means for attaching the protectors together for hanging over a hook or line while they are drying.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a pair of leg protectors of sturdy construction, economical to manufacture and easily put on or removed from the legs of a child or other person.

These and other objects and advantages of the present invention will be fully apparent from the following description when taken in connection with the annexed drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing the present invention as worn by a child,

Figure 2 is a front view in elevation showing one leg of a child with the garment of the present invention installed thereon,

Figure 3 is a side view in elevation of the garment of the present invention as worn about the leg of a child, and

Figure 4 is a detailed view of the upper end portion of the garment of the present invention showing the means by which it is adjusted in tension about the child's leg.

Referring in greater detail to the drawings, the leg protector or leg garment of the present invention comprises an upstanding flexible tubular body 10 formed from a single sheet of material, and having the lower end portions of the opposed side edges stitched together as indicated by the reference numeral 11 in Figures 1 and 3.

A slide fastener 12 extends from the lower end portions of the opposed side edges 15 and 16 to the upper end of the body 10 and is closed by means of the conventional slider 13, as shown in Figure 4.

A resilient member 14, or strip of elastic webbing is incorporated within the fabric along the top edge portion of the body 10 and extends from the one side edge 15 to a point spaced from the other side edge 16.

A buckle strap 17 is secured by one end to the body 10 adjacent to the top end thereof and adjacent to the end of the resilient member 14 where it is spaced from the side edge 16.

A buckle 18 has one end anchored by the stitching 19 around its base and is engageable with the free end of the strap 17 to gather the upper end portion of the tubular body 10 in a fold or pleat (not shown) which will tighten the tension of the resilient member 14 to make the tubular body fit more tightly around the leg of the person, the leg being indicated in the Figures 2 and 3 by the dotted lines indicated by the reference numeral 20. The strap 17 and buckle 18 constitute a tightening means for adjusting the tension of the elastic webbing about the leg of the wearer.

A short leg of fabric or strap 21 is sewn to the upper end of the tubular body 10 and is provided with one-

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half of a snap fastener 22, the other half of the snap fastener being sewn or fixed to a like strap 21 upon the other of the tubular bodies of each pair which form the leg garment for the child or other person.

The snap fasteners 22 cooperate with each other to join the upper ends of the pair of tubular bodies 10 together so that they may be hung over a hook or a line while drying or for storage.

As shown in Figure 1, the slide fastener is positioned on the outer side of the leg of the child and presents a neat appearance, resembling a decorative stripe down the sides of each of the tubular bodies 10 as on trousers.

The present invention is seen, therefore, to provide a leg protector for a child or other person which may be stepped into, one foot at a time, and pulled to a position above the knee before the zipper or slide fastener is closed. The garment thus formed by each of the tubular bodies 10 may be quickly donned and as quickly removed from the legs of a child without disturbing the child's outer garments. Preferably, the garment, made according to the present invention, may be made of plastic or other materials, and may be made from the same materials as the skirts, dresses and suits of the children who will wear them.

The tubular body of the present invention may be made from more than a single sheet of flexible material or may be fabricated from tubular dress goods, such as knitwear, flannel, and the like, and then provided with a slit extending inwardly from the upper end to a point adjacent to and spaced from the lower end, instead of providing the stitching 11 to join the lower end portions of the side edges of a single sheet.

What is claimed is:

A protective garment for quick attachment to or detachment from the leg of a wearer comprising a tubular length of flexible warm cloth having a side slit extending all the way from its open upper end to a point adjacent and spaced from its open lower end, a slide fastener assembly disposed along said slit for opening and closing said slit, and a leg gripping and suspending portion about the upper end of said garment adapted for surrounding and directly gripping the wearer's leg just above the knee only so as to suspend said garment freely from above the knee and permit walking freedom while at the same time affording a loose warm enclosure for the wearer's knee and the lower part of the leg, said portion comprising a band-like elastic section extending around a major part of the circumference of the top of said garment, a non-elastic section in series between one end of said elastic section and one side of said slit, and adjustable means in said non-elastic section for circumferentially gathering it to provide and maintain a desired circumferential adjustment to adequately fit the leg of the wearer so as to be sufficiently tight to stay in place but not tight enough to be uncomfortable, said adjustment being undisturbed when the slide fastener is actuated to open the slit for removing the garment.

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