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Fig. 1.

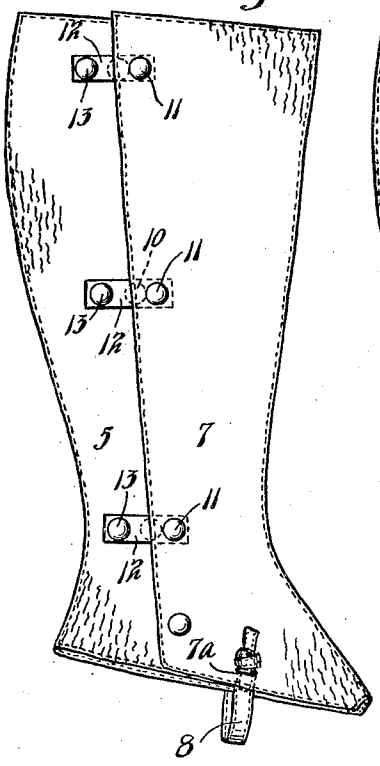


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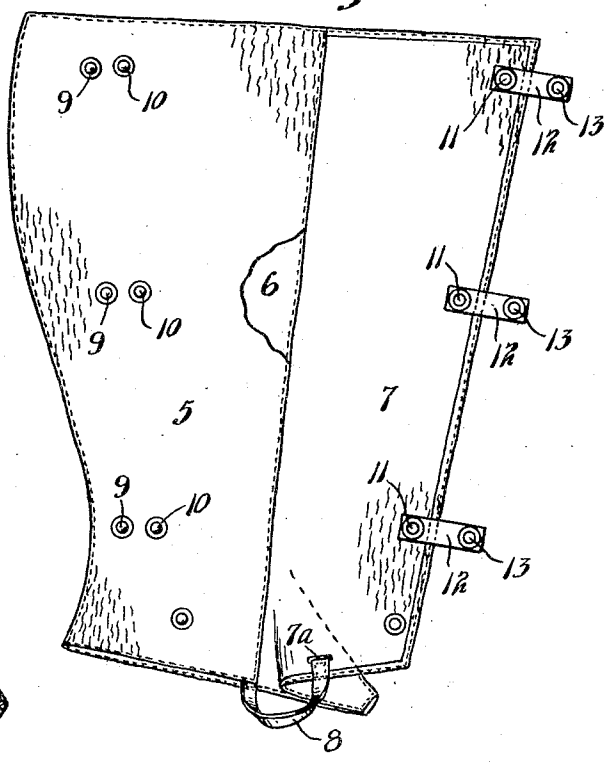


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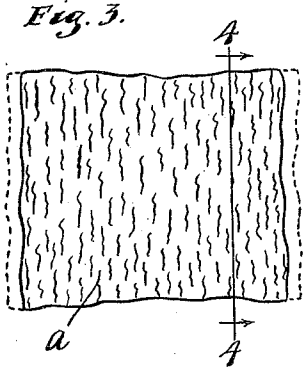
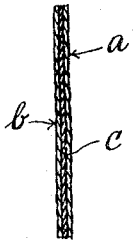


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This invention relates to leggings and particularly to leggings capable of fitting legs of various sizes.

It is the main object of the invention to provide a simple but highly efficient legging having an extremely wide range of adjustability both as to circumference of the leg on which worn and as to the contour thereof.

It is a further object to provide a device of this nature which will be substantially water proof, which is capable of being manufactured very cheaply and which may be wrapped about the leg and secured quickly.

A further object of the invention is to provide a legging which is wrapped or wound about the leg in overlapped position so constructed that the body thereof may be expanded to conform with the particular contour of the leg on which worn and which will when detached retain its conformed shape.

It is a more specific object of the invention to provide such a device having a plurality of spaced aligned sets of fastening means adjacent its overlapped and overlapping edges one set of which fastening means is carried by means of severable tabs whereby a great variety of adjustments may be made to secure the legging about legs of different circumferences.

These and other objects of the invention will be apparent from the following description made in accordance with the accompanying drawings wherein like characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views, and in which

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the preferred form of the invention secured in one of its overlapped positions.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the legging opened and detached from the leg.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view showing the construction of the body of the legging, the dotted lines indicating the expansibility therein, and

Fig. 4 is a cross section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

In the drawings the body of the legging is shown as constructed of three parts, 5, 6 and 7 respectively, cut out in blanks and stitched together. Portion 5 will be referred to as the overlapped portion, portion 6 as the central portion and portion 7 as the overlapping portion. Each of portions 5, 6 and 7 are cut out from a sheet such as illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4. This sheet comprises outer and inner layers *a* and *b*, of fibrous material such as strong paper between which a sizing of substantially water proof material *c* such as asphalt or rubberized cloth is interposed. The sheet, it will be noticed, is crimped, the several layers being uniformly treated whereby the sheet may be expanded and will retain its expanded shape after being released.

A foot strap 8 of elastic material is secured at one end to the lower edge of the central portion 6, having its other end passed through a slot or eye 7^a adjacent the lower edge of overlapping portion 7. The projected end of strap 8 may be knotted as desired to vary the length thereof, as shown in Fig. 1.

On the overlapped portion 5, I provide several sets or series (herein shown as two sets) of aligned snap studs or other fastening members. The outer set of said studs, indicated by the numeral 9, are spaced some distance from the inner set 10 and aligned therewith on the outer side of portion 5. Overlapping member 7 carries on its inner side two or more sets of complementary fastening members (shown as snap buttons), one set of which, 11, is fastened through the edge of member 7, also securing thereto a plurality of relatively small tabs 12. Tabs 12 may be formed of fabric or other material which may be cut. Preferably I form the tabs of elastic material. The second set of snap buttons or fastening devices 13 are secured to the free ends of tabs 12. It will be noticed that the distance between the snap buttons 11 and the snap buttons 12 is greater than the distance between snap studs 9 and 10, whereby a greater range of adjustability may be secured in fastening the legging about the leg.

In attaching the legging the strap 8 is first disposed below the instep of the shoe and the overlapping portion 7 is then wound snugly about the overlapped portion 5. The two sets of cooperating fastening members which are closest together are then united to efficiently secure the device to the leg. Because of the construction of the sheet from which the body is formed the members 5, 6 and 7 may be readily expanded or stretched to neatly fit the contour of the calf of the leg on which applied. Since the multi-layer sheet is crimped the legging will retain its conformed shape when detached and after once being tightly fitted to the leg, may

thereafter be quickly applied. If it is not necessary to employ the set of fastening devices 13, the tabs 12 may be severed and dispensed with.

Four different adjustments are possible in the legging illustrated in the drawings. The snap buttons 13 may be secured to snap either towards 9 or 10, or snap buttons 11 may be secured to either of the two sets of snap studs carried by overlapped portion 5. The adjustable fastening means coupled with the construction of the legging make it possible for a single legging to fit practically all sizes and shapes of legs.

The material from which the legging is made may be manufactured cheaply and the water proof sizing will protect the wearer from the inclemency of the weather as well as considerably increase the ruggedness and strength of the device.

The legging is especially adapted for tourists or campers and is of high utility to protect the wearer's limbs from mosquitos or flies as well as from moisture or brush.

It will of course be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, proportions and arrangement of parts without departing from the scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A garment for the limbs comprising a strip of material adapted to be wrapped and overlapped about the limb to be covered, means for securing the overlapping edge of said strip to the overlapped edge thereof, said strip being made of extensible but non-elastic material adapted to conform to the shape of the limb and to retain its conformed shape after removal from the limb.

2. The structure set forth in claim 1, means adjacent the overlapping edge of said strip and means adjacent the overlapped edge adapted to cooperate to adjustably secure said parts together.

3. A legging or analogous garment comprising a strip of material adapted to be wrapped and overlapped about the limb to be covered, means for securing the overlapping edge of said strip to the body portion thereof, said strip being made of crimped material adapted to conform to the shape of the limb and to retain its conformed shape after removal from the limb.

4. A legging or analogous garment having in combination a strip body portion adapted to be wrapped and overlapped about a limb and comprising an outer layer of crimped fibrous material and an inner layer of substantially water proof material crimped with said outer layer, and means for securing the overlapping edge of said strip to the body thereof whereby said strip will conform to the shape of the limb and retain its conformed shape after removal therefrom.

5. A garment for the limbs comprising a strip adapted to be wrapped and overlapped about a limb, a fastening device on said overlapped portion of said strip, a corresponding and co-operating fastening device adjacent the overlapping edge of said strip and a severable tab secured to the overlapping edge of said strip and carrying a fastening member adapted to cooperate with said first mentioned fastening member if so desired.

6. A garment for the limbs, comprising a strip adapted to be wrapped about a limb with its ends overlapped, a plurality of circumferentially spaced fastening means on the overlapped end of said strip and a plurality of circumferentially spaced co-operating fastening means on the overlapping end of said strip, said second mentioned fastening means being spaced a different distance apart than said first mentioned fastening means, whereby a plurality of adjustments may be made in securing the ends of said strip together.

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