

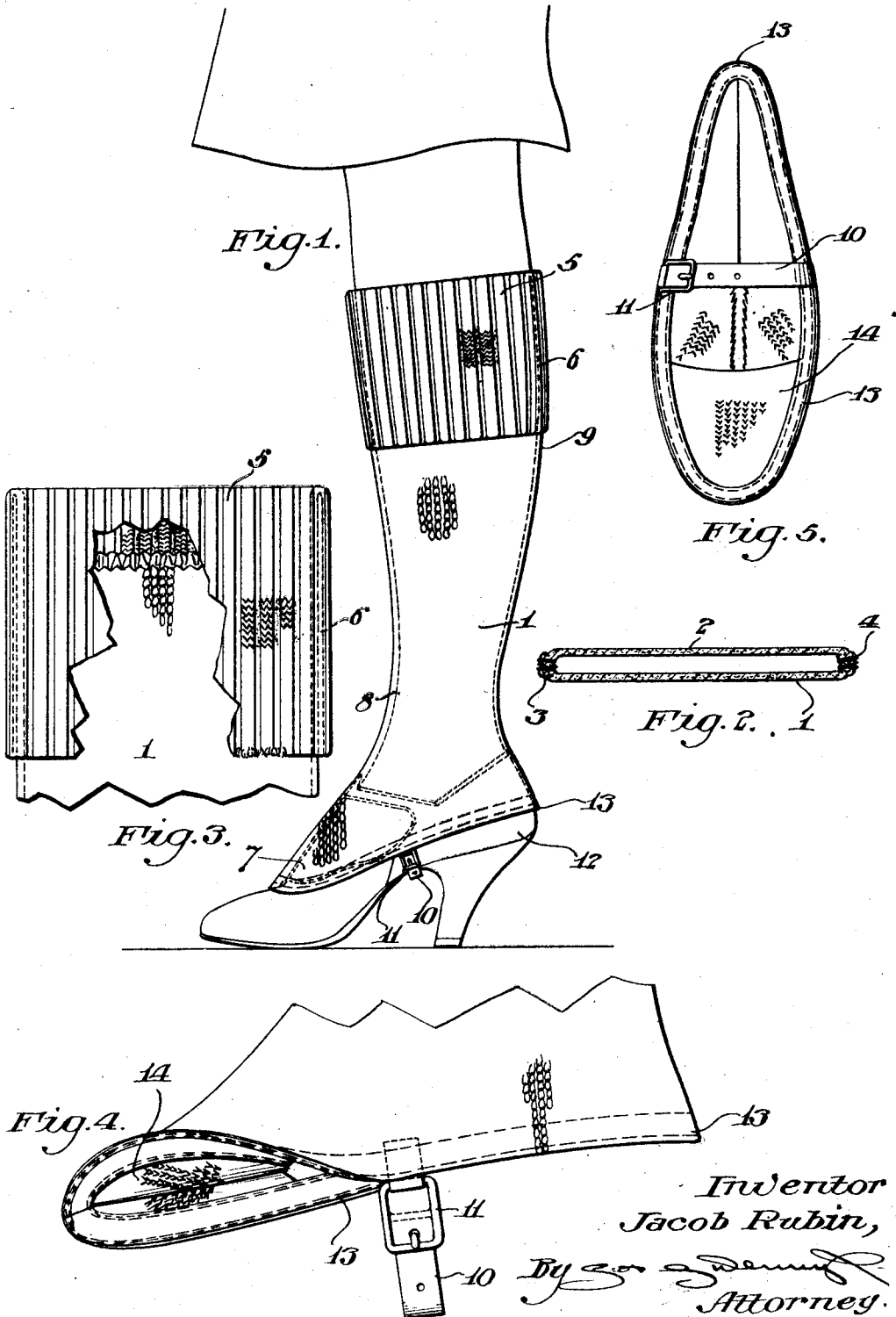
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My invention is designed to provide a neat, attractive, and easily donned and doffed covering for the instep, ankle and leg, which will afford the requisite protection when low shoes or slippers and sheer hosiery are worn in cold weather; which snugly and comfortably follows the contour of the leg without necessity for lateral openings, lacing or fastenings; and which is held up in place by its own elasticity and by an integral elastic turnover or band engaging the portion of the leg of the wearer between the bulge of the calf and the knee.

The characteristic features and advantages of my improvement will more fully appear from the following description and the accompanying drawings in illustration thereof.

In the drawings, Fig. 1 is an elevation illustrating my improved device on the leg of a wearer; Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the device removed from the leg; Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary view of the top of the same; Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary view of the bottom of the same with an edge turned up; and Fig. 5 is a bottom plan view of the same.

As illustrated in the drawing, my improved legging-spat is formed by connecting together the members 1 and 2 by the flat seams 3 and 4 to form a shaped tube, to the top of which is seamed a turnover or elastic band 5 seamed down the back along the line 6.

The members 1 and 2 are knitted on a full fashioned knitting machine with the wales or ribs thereof extending longitudinally so that substantially all of the stretch of the shaped tube formed therefrom is circumferential or around the leg of the wearer. During the knitting of the members 1 and 2 they are so shaped as to form when united a flaring bottom section 7 covering the instep and heel, a constricted section 8 fitting snugly around the ankle, and the expanded section 9 accommodating the bulge of the calf of the leg.

The edges of the bottom section 7 have a strap 10 and buckle 11 fixed thereto, the strap being adapted to pass under the arch of the shoe or slipper 12 to hold the bottom of the legging-spat in place. The edge of the section 7 is provided with a non-elastic binding 13 to prevent stretching. The underside of the forward portion of the part 7 has fixed to the edges thereof an insert or

gore 14 formed of elastically knitted material having its wales or ribs extending at an angle to the wales or ribs of the part 7 and in a direction substantially parallel with the center line of the foot and with the lower portion of the seam 3. This elastic member 14 tends to keep the instep covering member 7 in shape and cause it to adhere snugly to the foot.

The elastically knitted overturned band 5 has its wales or ribs extending longitudinally of the leg of the wearer and is so knitted and shaped as to apply greater constrictive force than the tube formed by the members 1 and 2. The portion of the overturn 5 remote from its connection with the tubular member is of lesser normal circumference from the latter, so that when the part 5 is turned over, it holds the upper part of the legging-spat firmly in position by reason of the constriction of the band 5 around the smaller portion of the leg of the wearer between the bulge of the calf and the knee.

Having described my invention, I claim, 1. A legging-spat of elastic material extending from the instep to a point above the maximum bulge of the calf of the leg of the wearer and including an elastic member located on the interior side of said spat adjacent said instep.

2. A legging-spat comprising elastically knitted members having ribs or wales extending longitudinally of the leg and provided with an overturned top portion providing a constricting band around the leg of the wearer between the calf and the knee, and a strap limiting the upward movement of the legging-spat.

3. A legging-spat comprising a tube of elastic knitted material having a flaring bottom providing a waled instep covering and an insert connected with said instep covering and comprising knitted material having wales extending at an angle to the wales of said instep covering.

4. A legging-spat comprising a plurality of elastically knitted sections seamed together to form a tubular member having a flaring lower section providing an instep covering, a constricted section above said lower section forming an ankle covering, an expanded section above said ankle section forming a calf covering and an overturned section constricting on the leg of the wearer between the calf and knee.

5. A legging-spat comprising a plurality

of shaped knitted members seamed together and having wales extending longitudinally thereof and forming a tubular member with a flaring lower section forming an instep
5 covering, a constricted section forming an ankle covering, an expanded section forming a calf covering, a constricting band secured to the top of said tube, and an insert secured to the edges of the instep covering
10 and comprised of knitted material having wales extending at an angle to the wales of the instep covering.

6. A spattee comprising a stretchable body merging into a heel section and toe section, a re-enforcing and stiffening member stitched to the lower edge of the spattee on the interior thereof, and a member stitched to said front section and loosely fitting the same for protecting the same
20 against undue distortion.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name this 21st day of December, 1926.

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