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Fig. 1.

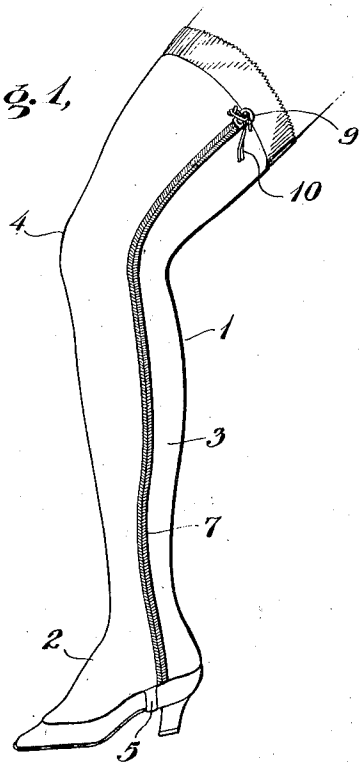


Fig. 2.

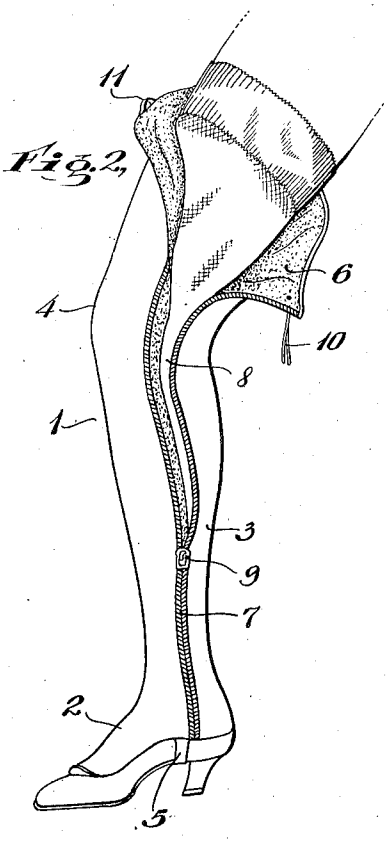
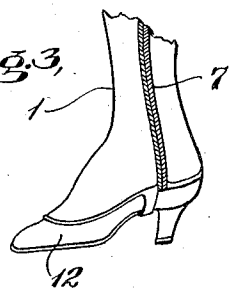


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to an improvement in foot and leg protectors and has for one of its objects the provision of a covering which will extend from the foot to and above the knee, and yet which may be readily applied or removed.

A further object of my invention is the provision of a foot and leg covering or protector which when applied will be glove fitting, so as to have the appearance of a stocking, as distinguished from gaiters and such devices now on the market.

A still further object of my invention is the provision of a device such as above described which will be waterproof, so as to protect the feet and legs of the wearer against the elements, it being understood that my improved device is to be worn over the shoe and stocking and not next to the skin.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described which is constructed of very thin extensible material, such as the rubber from which surgeons' gloves are made, so as to enable the device to be pulled over the shoe and about the leg to snugly fit the same, the material preferably being made up in different colors, so as to have the appearance of a stocking.

A still further object of my invention is the provision of a shoe and leg covering of very thin waterproof flexible material lined with cotton, wool, silk, or some other suitable material, which will not only be waterproof but which will have a certain degree of warmth besides.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a shoe and leg covering made so as to fully cover the shoe as well as the leg, the device being constructed in one piece and opening down the side or other convenient location, so as to permit of the same being applied to the shoe and leg, and provided with a quick closing or locking device which when operated will draw the covering snugly about the leg and retain it in such position.

In general, I have provided a new and novel device, extremely simple in construction, neat in appearance, and yet at the same time practicable so far as the consumer is concerned. I wish it to be distinctly understood that the present device is not to be confused with overshoes, goloshes, gaiters, spats, and such devices, which in some cases are not waterproof and which in all cases are heavy, bulky, and more or less unsightly. The present device is intended to have the appearance of a stocking, although waterproof, and to extend above the knee, and to be of such a nature, so far as bulk is concerned, as to enable the same to be carried in a lady's bag, for instance, when not in use.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein my invention has been illustrated in practical form,

Fig. 1 shows my invention in elevation in use and in closed position;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, with the device partly open; and

Fig. 3 is an elevational fragmentary view showing a modified form of the invention.

Referring to the drawings in detail, and first of all to Figs. 1 and 2, 1 designates a strip of very thin waterproof flexible material, such as the rubber or composition material from which surgeons' gloves are made, for example, shaped to provide a covering or protector for the shoe, ankle and leg to and above the knee, that portion of the protector covering the shoe and ankle being designated 2, the portion covering the leg between the ankle and knee being designated 3, and the portion covering the knee and above the knee being designated 4.

In this form of my device I provide a strap or stirrup 5 at the bottom of the protector and integral therewith, if desired, which when the device is in use lies beneath the shoe at the instep, as designated in Figs. 1 and 2.

The protector is lined as indicated at 6 with any suitable thin but flexible material, such as cotton, wool or silk, or other material so woven or fabricated as to yield with the material 1 of the outside of the protector.

7 designates a fastening device of a well known character, attached along the adjacent edges of the opening 8, which in the present instance has been shown down the side of the protector from top to bottom. This fastening device is provided, as is usual, with a cam member 9, slidable along the member 7, this member as it is drawn from bottom to top drawing the edges of the protector about the shoe and leg and locking it in such position.

At the top of the protector I provide a tie member 10, if desired, which may be

threaded through a loop 11, also at the top of the device, as an auxiliary to the cam member 9.

The material of which my improved device is constructed may be made in any color desired, so as to match the costume, for example, and being extensible, will provide a glove fitting garment which when in use will be practically indistinguishable from a stocking.

It will be seen, therefore, that I have provided a protector composed of extensible waterproof material which by reason of its extensibility will conform snugly and neatly to the foot and leg, and hence present a neat appearance, in fact, have the appearance of a well fitting stocking.

It will be seen, also, that by providing the quick locking device above referred to the article may be slipped on and off instantly, and by reason of the extreme flexibility and pliability of the article, the same when not in use may be folded or rolled into a very small compact package, which may be slipped into the pocket or carried in a lady's hand bag.

The article illustrated in Fig. 3 is similar to the article above described, providing in addition, however, an integral sandal 12 made of the same material as that composing the upper part of the protector. In all other respects this article is the same as the article of Figures 1 and 2.

While I have described a specific embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that the details of construction may be varied by those skilled in this art within the purview of my invention. For example, the opening in the protector need not be down the side, as illustrated, but may be otherwise located to suit the demands of the public. The fastening means may be changed also from that illustrated, although any type of fastener employed should be of the quick-acting self-locking type, to draw the article snugly about the limbs and to retain it in such position.

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

A protector comprising an elongated member composed of waterproof extensible material shaped to conform to the leg, and an extensible lining for said member.

This specification signed this 8th day of December, 1925.

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