

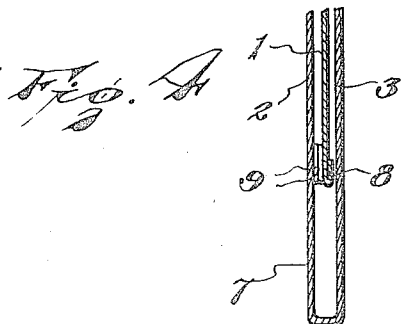
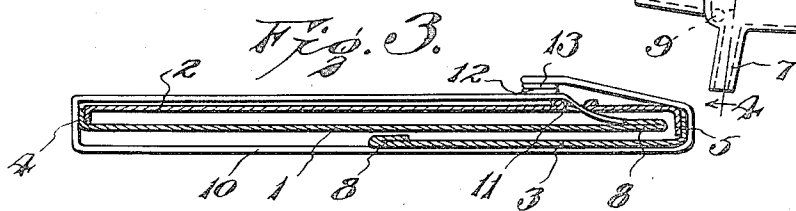
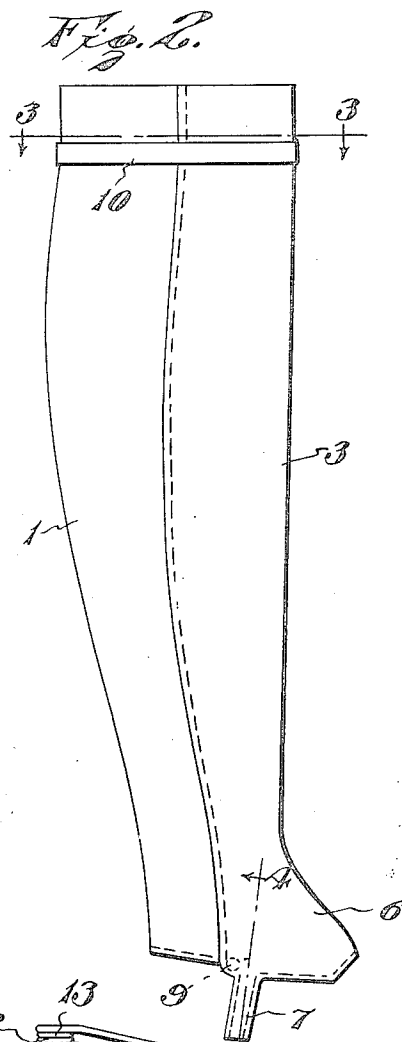
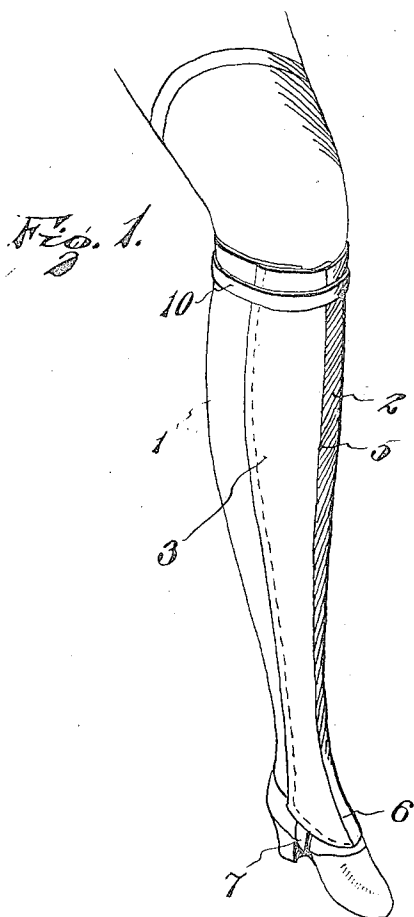
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STOCKING PROTECTOR.

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This invention relates to apparel and more particularly to a stocking protector which may be referred to as a storm legging. During rainy weather or when snow and ice are melted puddles of water are formed in low portions or depressions in a street or roadway and when a person is crossing a street or standing upon a sidewalk near a curb, it often happens that an automobile or other vehicle passing through the puddles will cause water to be splashed with resulting wetting and soiling of the stockings.

Therefore, one object of the invention is to provide a stocking protector which in some ways resembles a legging or spat and when worn will serve to protect the stockings from water splashed by a passing vehicle and also prevent them from becoming wet if a person is caught out in a driving rain storm.

Another object of the invention is to provide a stocking protector which will fit snugly in place and if formed of transparent rubber or of properly tinted rubber will be inconspicuous and neat in its appearance.

Another object of the invention is to provide improved securing means for the upper portion of the protector.

Another object of the invention is to provide a protector of this character which can be easily and quickly applied or removed and when in place will be firmly secured.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the stocking protector in use;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the improved stocking protector;

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view through the protector taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

The improved stocking protector consists of a body portion adapted to fit snugly about a stocking and preferably formed of side sections 1 and 2 and a front section 3 which are cut or stamped from thin sheet rubber. The rubber may be transparent so that the stocking will show through the protector or it may be tinted any color desired. The contacting side edge portions of the side sections 1 and 2 are overlapped and cemented or otherwise secured to provide a seam 4 extending down the back of the protection, as

shown in Fig. 3, and the corresponding side edge portions of the sections 2 and 3 are overlapped and secured to form a seam 5 extending down the front of the protector. It will thus be seen that the sections may be stamped from flat sheet rubber and when secured together will form a body portion of such contour that it will fit snugly to a stocking without wrinkling and will be neat in its appearance. The lower end portions of the sections 2 and 3 are extended forwardly, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, thereby providing a front extension 6 which protects the instep portion of the foot, and these front extensions carry a stirrup strap 7 which fits beneath the instep portion of a shoe and serves to anchor the lower portion of the protector and prevent it from sliding upwardly out of its proper position. Since the stirrup strap is carried by the sections 2 and 3, it will be seen that the foot may be easily passed between the stirrup strap and body portion of the protector when the protector is applied or removed. The free marginal edges of the sections from which the body is formed are turned in and secured, as shown at 8, in order to reinforce the protector along its edges and prevent it from easily tearing. This also permits companion snap fasteners 9 to be applied adjacent the lower edges of the sections 1 and 3 and firmly secured.

When the protector is in use, the foot is passed forwardly between the stirrup strap and lower portions of the sections 2 and 3 and the section 3 disposed in overlying relation to the forward portion of the section 1. The snap fasteners 9 are joined to secure the sections 1 and 3 at their lower ends. After the sections 1 and 3 have been overlapped sufficiently to cause the protector to fit snugly into place, the securing strip or strap 10, which extends from the forward edge portion of the section 1 adjacent its upper edge, is passed outwardly through an opening 11 formed adjacent the upper edge of the section 3 and is passed about the protector. A snap fastener 12 is carried by the portion of the securing strips which passes outwardly through the opening 11, as shown in Fig. 3, and at its free end the securing strip carries a companion snap fastener 13 to be pressed into engagement with the fastener 12. In view of the fact that the strip 10 is formed of rubber, it will be extended somewhat in order to apply the fastener 13

to the fastener 12 and, therefore, a binding action will take place which will firmly secure the protector and prevent it from slipping. When the protectors are worn, driving rain or water splashed from puddles will be prevented from striking the stockings and causing them to be wet and soiled and at the same time the protector will be neat and not detract from the appearance of the wearer. The protectors may be easily applied or removed and since they are formed of thin sheet rubber they may be rolled or folded into a compact mass and easily carried when not in use.

15 Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. A stocking protector comprising a body adapted to fit about a stocking in encircling relation thereto with its side marginal portions overlapped and having its lower portion extended forwardly to overlap a portion of the foot of the stocking, a stirrup strap for anchoring the lower end of said body, a securing strap for the upper portion of said body having one end secured to the inner side edge portion of the body, said securing strap being passed outwardly through an opening in the body and wrapped about the body adjacent the upper end thereof with its free end overlapping the portion projecting outwardly from the body, and means to releasably secure the free end of the securing strap.

2. A stocking protector comprising a body of flexible water-proof material adapted to fit snugly about a stocking in encircling

relation thereto with its side marginal portions overlapped and adjacent its upper end being formed with an opening disposed intermediate its side edges, a securing strap adjacent the upper end of said body extending therefrom adjacent its inner side edge and passed outwardly through the opening and of a length to be passed about the body with its free end overlapping its portion projecting outwardly from the opening, and fastener means to releasably secure the free end of said strap.

3. A stocking protector comprising a body of flexible water-proof material adapted to fit snugly about a stocking in encircling relation thereto with its side marginal portions overlapped, the said body consisting of companion longitudinally extending side and front sections, the side sections being seamed together along the back of the body and the front section being joined along one side edge to the front side edge of one side section and overlapping the front side edge portion of the other side section, the first side section having an opening formed therein adjacent its upper edge and in spaced relation to its forward edge, a securing strap carried by the second side section and extending from its forward edge portion and being passed outwardly through said opening and wrapped about the protector, and means to releasably secure the free end of the strap upon the portion thereof projecting from the opening.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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