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Fig. 1.

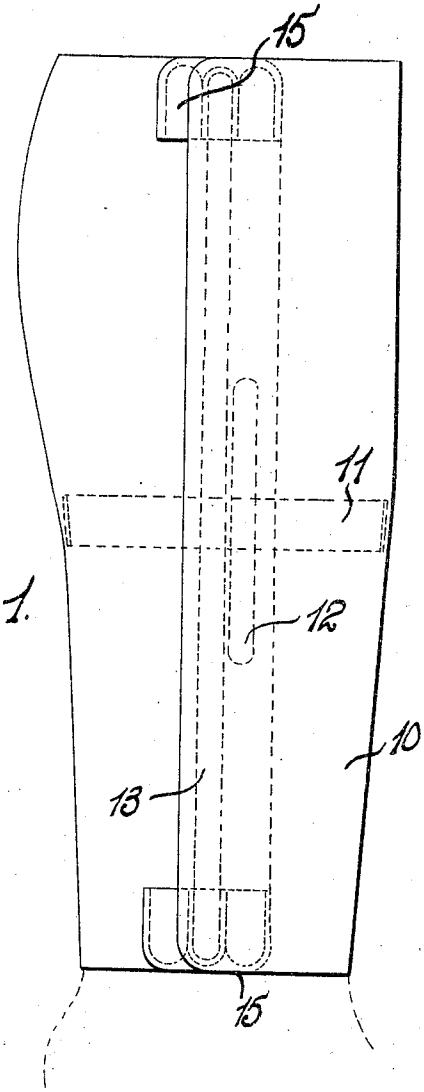
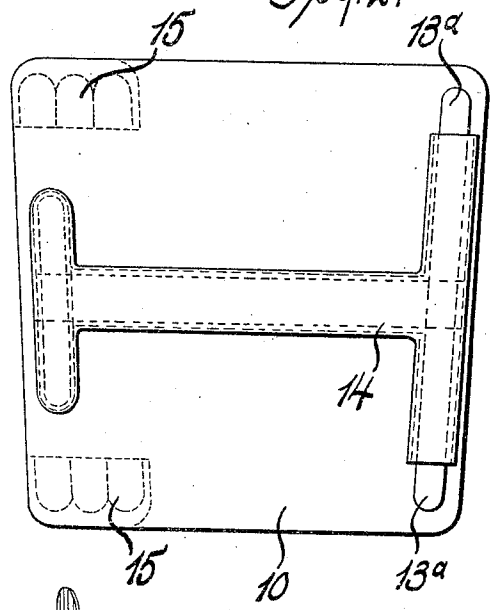


Fig. 2.



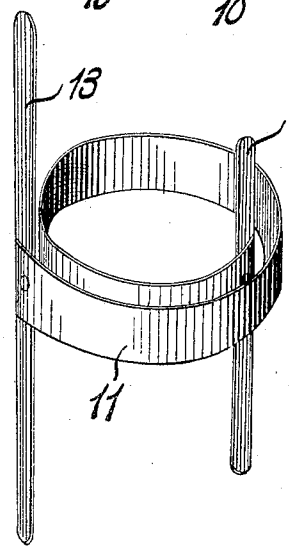


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGÈNE LE BOSSÉ, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Leggings, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in leggings, and the object of my invention is to produce a legging which can be used like the ordinary legging, or which may be the leg of a boot, and particularly to produce a legging which shall be self adjusting so as to adapt itself readily to the leg, and which will fit closely upon the leg, and which is provided with a spring attachment to accomplish the above result, and with an extra fastening device to secure the spring. All this to the end that a simple and inexpensive legging and attachment can be produced, which can be instantly applied, which will fit well, and which can be securely fastened.

A further object of my invention is to produce a structure of this kind which will be self fastening to a certain extent, so that if the means for securing the adjusting spring should fail, the legging would still fit the leg.

To these ends my invention consists of certain features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters and figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the closed legging embodying my invention, the attachments being shown by dotted lines. Fig. 2 is an inside elevation on a reduced scale, with the legging open, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the spring attachment which is secured to the legging.

The body of the legging 10 can be of any suitable material, such as leather or cloth, and it opens up as usual, but is normally closed by a resilient spring 11, which is relatively broad and flat, but very thin, and which extends transversely across the inside of the legging. The tension of the spring is such that it normally coils up, and so it is inclined to hug the leg and hold the legging in place. The spring terminates at the ends of the bars 12 and 13, the latter being also of spring material, so that it can be readily secured as hereinafter described. The spring and the bars 12 and 13 are preferably covered by a lining 14, except that the ends 13^a of the spring bar 13 are left naked, and are not at the extreme ends attached to the legging 10. The part 12 is firmly secured to the legging near one edge, and the spring bar 13 is also secured to the legging near the opposite edge, and these parts have a tendency to preserve the shape of the legging and to prevent the edges from gaping.

Near the upper and lower parts of the legging, and on the edge opposite that to which the spring bar 13 is attached, are pockets 15 which are open at the inner ends, and when the legging is coiled around the leg, these free ends 13^a of the spring bar 13, can be inserted in the pockets, and thus the legging is quickly and firmly secured. Moreover, by having the stiffening strips 12 and 13 arranged as specified, together with the transverse spring 11, and the fastening pockets 15, the legging is held in shape much better than by ordinary fastening means, and presents a much better appearance. Furthermore, it will be seen that the arrangement described enables the device to be applied instantly, and to take it off, one merely grasps the free edge and simply pulls it open.

I have shown and described the structure as a legging, but obviously it may be a bootleg as well, the only difference being that there would be a foot portion attached to the legging to form it into a boot. This is indicated roughly in dotted lines in Fig. 1. It is important to have the spring 11 somewhere near the middle portion of the legging, in order to get the best results, and this arrangement taken with the end bars, serves to best preserve the shape of the device.

In the drawing I have shown pockets 15 to engage the ends of the spring bar 13, but obviously any equivalent keepers or fastening devices can be substituted for the purpose without affecting the principle of the invention, and by having several of these pockets at each end of the fastening spring, the device can be readily adjusted to different sized legs.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

The combination with a legging, of a single light resilient spring arranged transversely of

the legging at a point near the middle thereof, a shaping bar fastened near its mid-section to one end of the spring and extending along one edge of the legging, a spring bar secured near its mid-section to the opposite end of the spring and extending along the second edge of the legging, and fastening devices to secure the ends of the spring bar to the opposite part of the legging.

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