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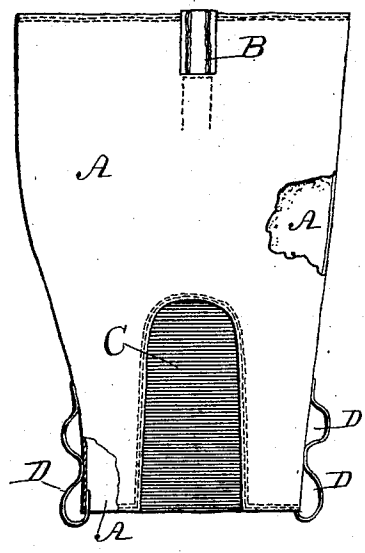
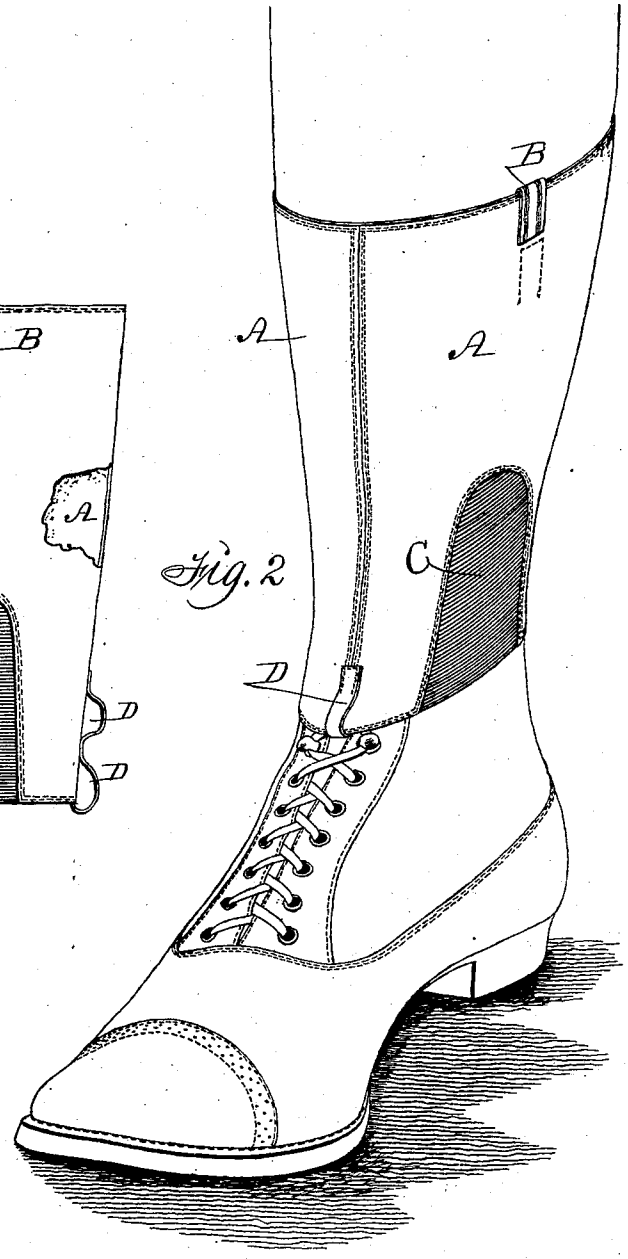


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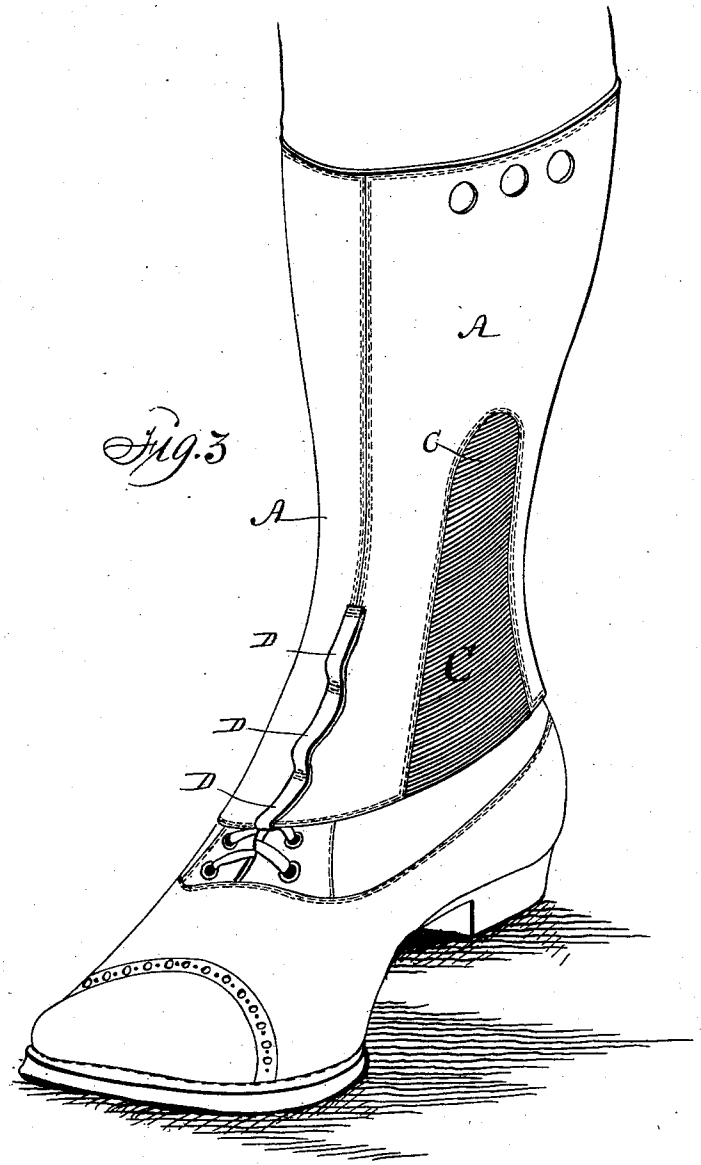
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GILES H. COOK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Legging, of which the following is a specification.

Heretofore elastic gores have been fixed in the lower ends of leggings and straps attached to extend around the bottom of a shoe for retaining the legging connected with the shoe.

My object is to provide leggings that are expansible at their lower end portions and that have finger-holds fixed to the front and rear to facilitate their expansion and application and adjustment to the foot and leg and shoe of the wearer, as required, to be retained in place without any extraneous fastening device, and I accomplish the purpose as hereinafter shown and described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a legging adapted to be readily put on and retained in place without any extraneous fastening device. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the legging applied as required for practical use. Fig. 3 shows a modified form of the legging in which the lower end is widened and flaring and adapted to overlie the top or ankle portion of a shoe.

The letters A designate an open-ended main part corresponding in shape with a boot-leg. Straps B are fixed to the tops to facilitate pulling the legging over the foot of the wearer. Elastic gores C, of approximately uniform width from end to end, are fixed in the central portion and bottom ends of the mating parts A by sewing or in any suitable way in such a manner as to allow the lower end to expand as it is pulled over the foot and to contract when pulled down over the top of the shoe, as required, to clasp fast thereto and to be retained in place thereon without a button, buckle, lace-string, or any other fastening device. Finger holds or loops D, preferably made of leather straps, are fixed to the front and back of the lower end portion to facilitate pulling the legging up and down relative to the top of the shoe, as required, to connect and disconnect the legging from the shoe and removing it from the foot. It is obvious these loops D may vary in number to admit one or more fingers at the same time and fixed in place by sewing or by means of rivets.

In the practical use of a pair of leggings fitted in size for the wearer they are readily put on and off as follows: Before putting on a shoe a legging is pulled over the foot and stocking and up over the ankle by seizing hold of the straps B at their top ends. The shoe is then put on and buttoned, laced, or otherwise fastened over the ankle and the lower end of the legging expanded and pulled down over the ankle and the top of the shoe by first taking hold of the loops D on the front and rear and pulling in opposite directions, and thus advantageously stretching the lower end open wider and then pulling it down and relaxing the hold and allowing the elastic gores C to contract and clasp the legging fast in proper position to cover and protect the wearer from wet and cold and the stocking and top of the shoe from being soiled.

It is obvious that the lower ends of pants-legs can readily be inclosed in the leggings whenever desired and that my invention is therefore well adapted to be used advantageously by bicycle-riders and others who want to protect their ankles, shoes, stockings and pants by means of leggings.

It is also obvious that when straps have been applied as heretofore in such a manner that the legging could be thereby pulled upward and downward but not stretched apart at the lower end the contractile force of the elastic gores would cause adhesion of the legging to the stockings or pants inclosed therein and cause displacement thereof relative to the foot and ankle of the wearer and annoyance and discomfort and that, therefore, my manner of providing means for stretching the elastic gores and expanding the lower portion of a legging is greatly advantageous in that such annoyance and discomfort are prevented.

I claim as my invention—

An improved legging comprising an open-ended main part conforming in shape with a boot-leg and provided with elastic gores in the lower end portions of its parallel sides, straps or finger-holds fixed to the lower end portion and front of the legging and straps or finger-holds fixed to the lower end portion and rear of the legging, for the purposes stated.

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