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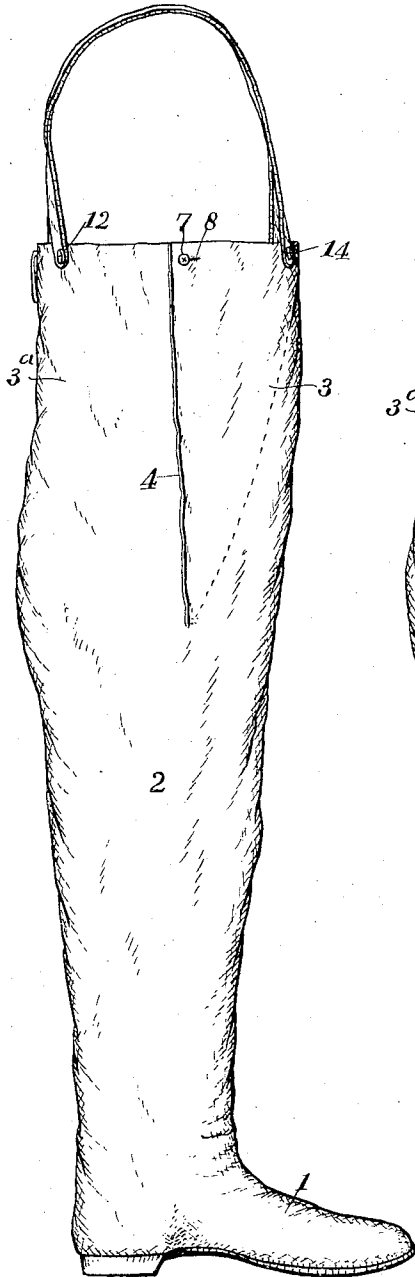


Fig. 1.

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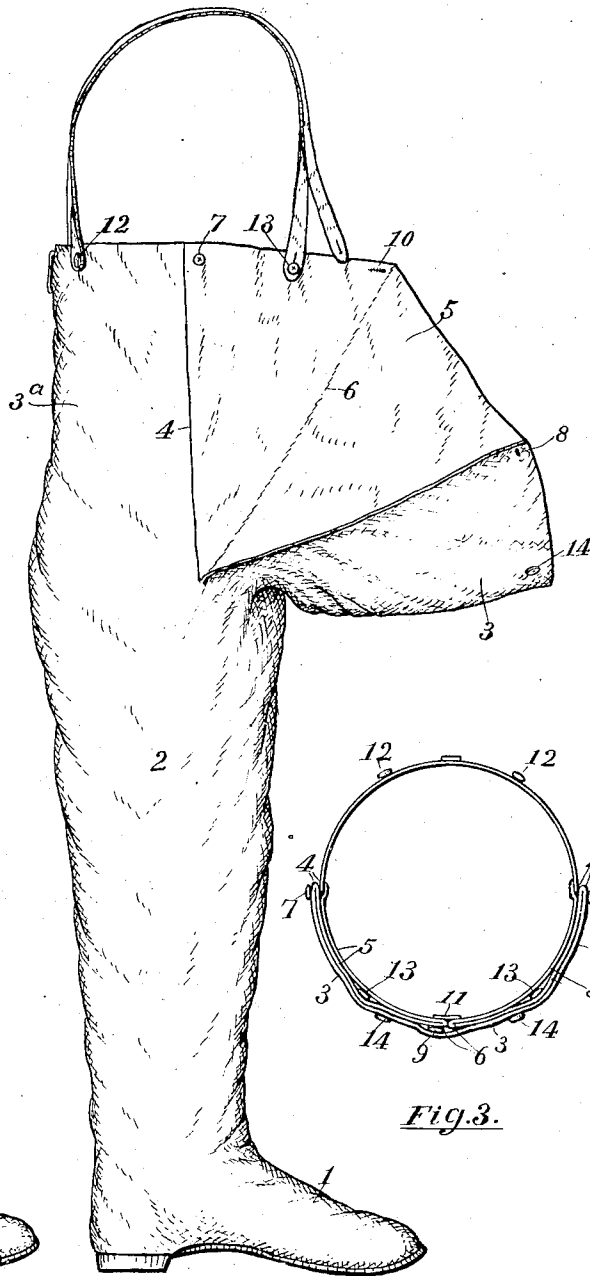


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR F. GLIDDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wading-Boots; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in wading-boots and analogous articles; and its object is to provide the same with convenient means for placing the same upon the person of the wearer or removing the same, to provide convenient means for lowering the front or rear upper portion of the same, and to provide the device with various new and useful features hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a device embodying my invention as it appears when in position for use; Fig. 2, the same with the front upper portion lowered, and Fig. 3 a plan view of the upper margin of the structure.

Like numbers refer to like parts in all of the figures.

1 is the foot portion; 2, one of the leg portions of the structure, of which there are two, one to receive each leg and foot of the user. These leg portions are extended upward, joined in the form of trousers, and thence extended upward to surround the waist of the wearer. Inserted in the upper part of this structure, at each side, and extending from the upper edge or waistband down to a point about opposite to where the two leg portions are joined to form the body portion of the structure is a substantially triangular gusset or gore 5, whereby the front upper portion 3 and the rear upper portion 3^a are connected integrally, the seams being cemented with rubber or otherwise made impervious to water. Each gusset is adapted to fold upon itself substantially along a line extending from the apex to about the middle of the upper edge of the same, and thus permits the front and rear portions 3 and 3^a of the body portion to be brought together around the body of the wearer. The structure thus forms a trousers-like garment with integral foot portions, and being made of waterproof material, such as cloth fabric coated with

rubber or otherwise made impervious to water, presents a surface having no openings therein below the top edge through which water may penetrate and having a continuous upper edge throughout. Thus the wearer may by the use of this garment prevent the access of water to the person while submerged in the water to near the upper edge of the garment.

To detachably secure the parts in place, the same are provided with fastenings which may consist of any convenient means, the form shown being buttons and buttonholes, as follows: Buttons 7 and buttonholes 8 are provided near the upper corners of the gussets, which serve to secure the front and rear portions in close relation to each other about the body, with the gussets folded upon themselves and extending inward toward each other between the body of the wearer and the front portion 3. Where the folded edges of these gussets come in close relation at the front of the wearer, they are provided with any suitable connecting means, the form shown being a strap 11, attached to one gusset, and a button 9, attached to this strap and adapted to engage a buttonhole 10 in the other gusset. The rear portion 3^a and the upper rear portion of each gusset may thus be secured around the body, leaving the front portion of each gusset, together with the front portion 3 of the outer fabric, free to be lowered, as occasion may require, as indicated in Fig. 2.

Other buttons 12 at the rear afford attachment for the rear ends of suspenders, and buttons 13 on the rear portion of the gussets afford attachment for one front end of each suspender, the other front end of each suspender being attached to the front portion 3 by means of button 14. Thus while the front portion of the gussets and the front 3 are lowered the suspenders will support the remainder of the garment. In like manner by detaching the suspenders from the buttons 13 and 12 and releasing the buttons 7 and 10 the rear portion 3^a may be lowered as occasion requires. By releasing the buttons 7 and 9 the upper portion of the garment will open out to the full extent of the gussets, and thus permit of easily placing the device upon the person or removing the same, as occasion requires.

I have shown my device in the form of a boot structure at the lower part; but obviously the same may terminate in any other

convenient foot-covering, such as a sock or stocking, in form without departing from my invention; which consists, essentially, of the described upper portion of the structure.

5 I claim—

1. An integral garment comprising foot, leg and body members formed of material impervious to water and having seams also rendered impervious to water, said garment
10 having a top opening only, foldable gussets at the respective sides of the body portion, and means for detachably securing the edges of the outer portions of the garment to each other, whereby the gussets are folded within
15 said outer portion, when in use, and with their upper edges at the top of the garment.

2. Wading-boots, comprising foot, leg and body members, formed integral, and having a top opening only, foldable gussets at the
20 respective sides of the body members, detachable means for securing the upper angles of each gusset to each other, and detachable

means for securing the middle of the upper edge of the gussets to each other.

3. Wading-boots, comprising boot, leg and
25 body members, formed integral, and having a top opening only, the body member being provided at each side with a foldable gusset connecting the front and rear portions thereof, and adapted to fold near the middle and
30 extend within the body member to near each other at the middle of their upper edges, means for detachably securing the front and rear portions of the body member in close relation, and means for attaching suspenders
35 to the body member and to the rear portions of the gussets.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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