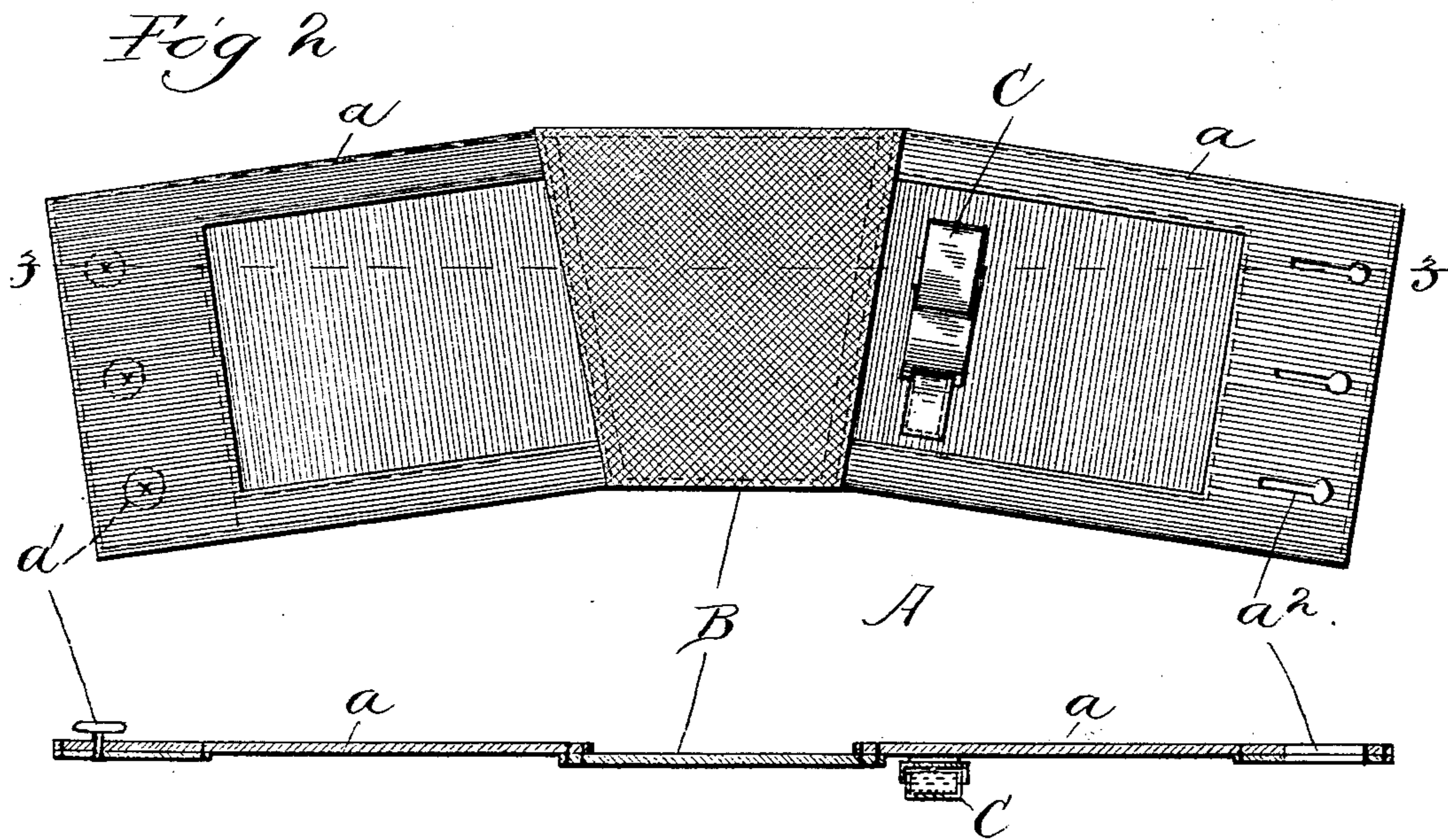
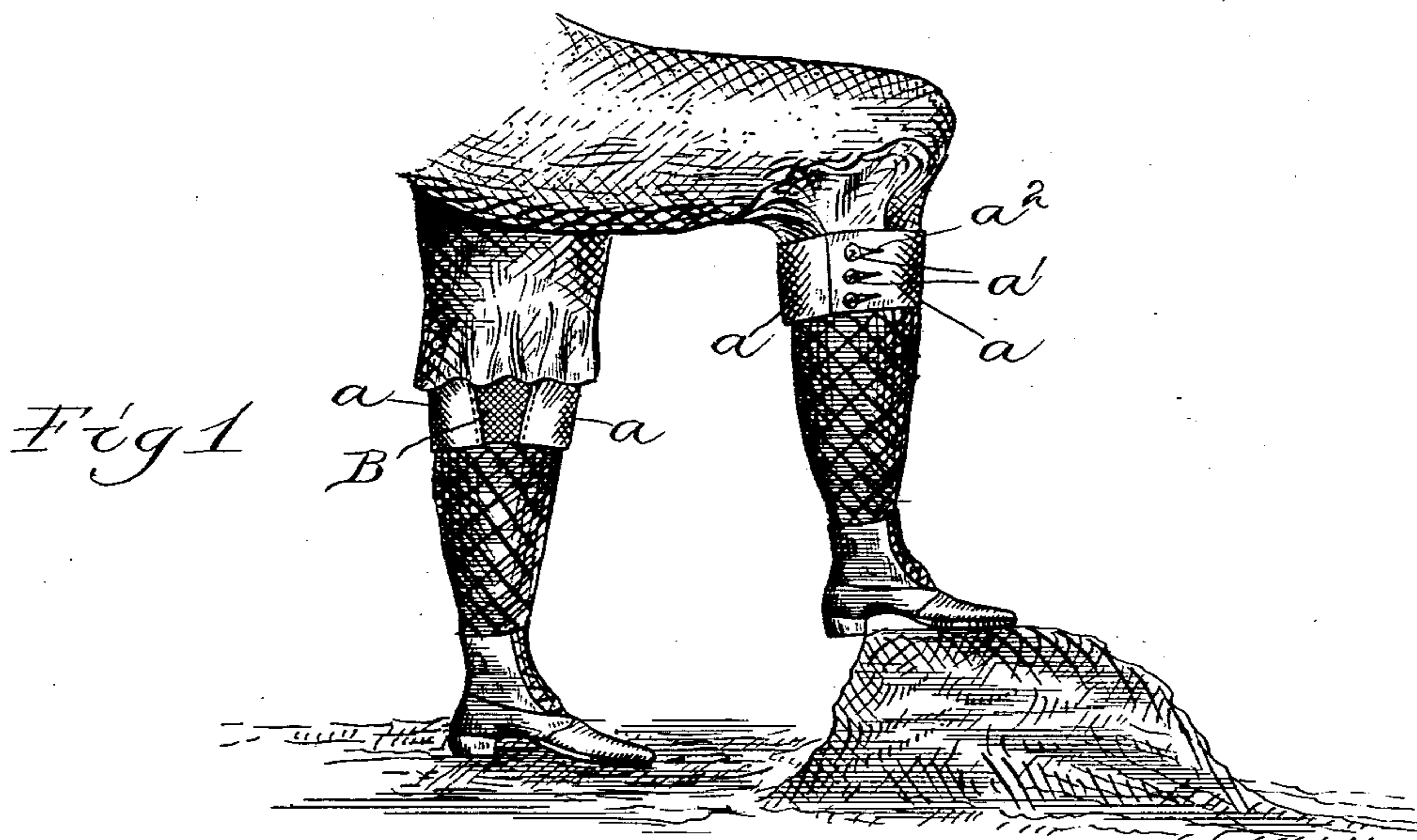


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEOPOLD B. SHARP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Detachable Leg Bands or Guards; 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 a novel construction in a detachable leg band or guard for trousers, the object being to provide a device of this kind by means of which an ordinary pair of trousers can be transformed to look like and perform the office of bicycle-trousers; and it consists in the features of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the lower limbs of a man, illustrating the manner of securing a detachable leg band or guard constructed in accordance with my invention and the manner of folding the trousers over the same to give them the appearance of bicycle-trousers. Fig. 2 is a view in elevation of the inner face of the leg band or guard. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the same on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

Referring now to said drawings, A indicates the leg band or guard which consists of two flaps *a*, of an inelastic material, partially lined on their inner faces, which are connected together by a wedge-shaped piece B of elastic material. One of said flaps *a* is provided adjacent its outer edge with buttons *a'*, which are adapted to enter and engage buttonholes *a''*, situated at corresponding points adjacent the edge of said other flap *a*. A clasp C is secured to the inner face of one of said flaps *a* in any suitable manner, and is adapted to receive and firmly hold the

fold made in the lower end of the trousers to reduce them sufficiently to fit the calf of the leg. To secure the said leg band or guard A, the lower ends of the trousers are raised to the desired height and folded so as to reduce them sufficiently to fit the calf. The clasp C is then inserted to engage the fold and clasp the same firmly to the portion fitting the calf. This fold is made on the back of the calf, so that when the clasp has been inserted and the leg band or guard fitted to the calf the elastic piece B will be situated on the inner side of the calf and the buttons *a'* on the outer side. When thus buttoned, said leg band or guard will serve to firmly hold and support the lower ends of the trousers. The portion of the trousers above said leg band or guard is then pulled down so as to partially fold over said leg band or guard, thus giving the said trousers the appearance of and supporting them to serve as bicycle-trousers. By means of the wedge-shaped piece B, I increase the length of the leg band or guard along its upper edge to conform with the increased circumference of the calf and also avoid the necessity of a large number of different sizes, as one size can be stretched to fit various sizes of calves.

I claim as my invention—

A detachable leg band or guard comprising two flaps connected together at their inner ends by means of a wedge-shaped piece of elastic material and provided adjacent their outer edges with buttons and buttonholes respectively, and a clasp secured to the inner face of one of said flaps and adapted to engage and hold a fold in the trousers, substantially as described.

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

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