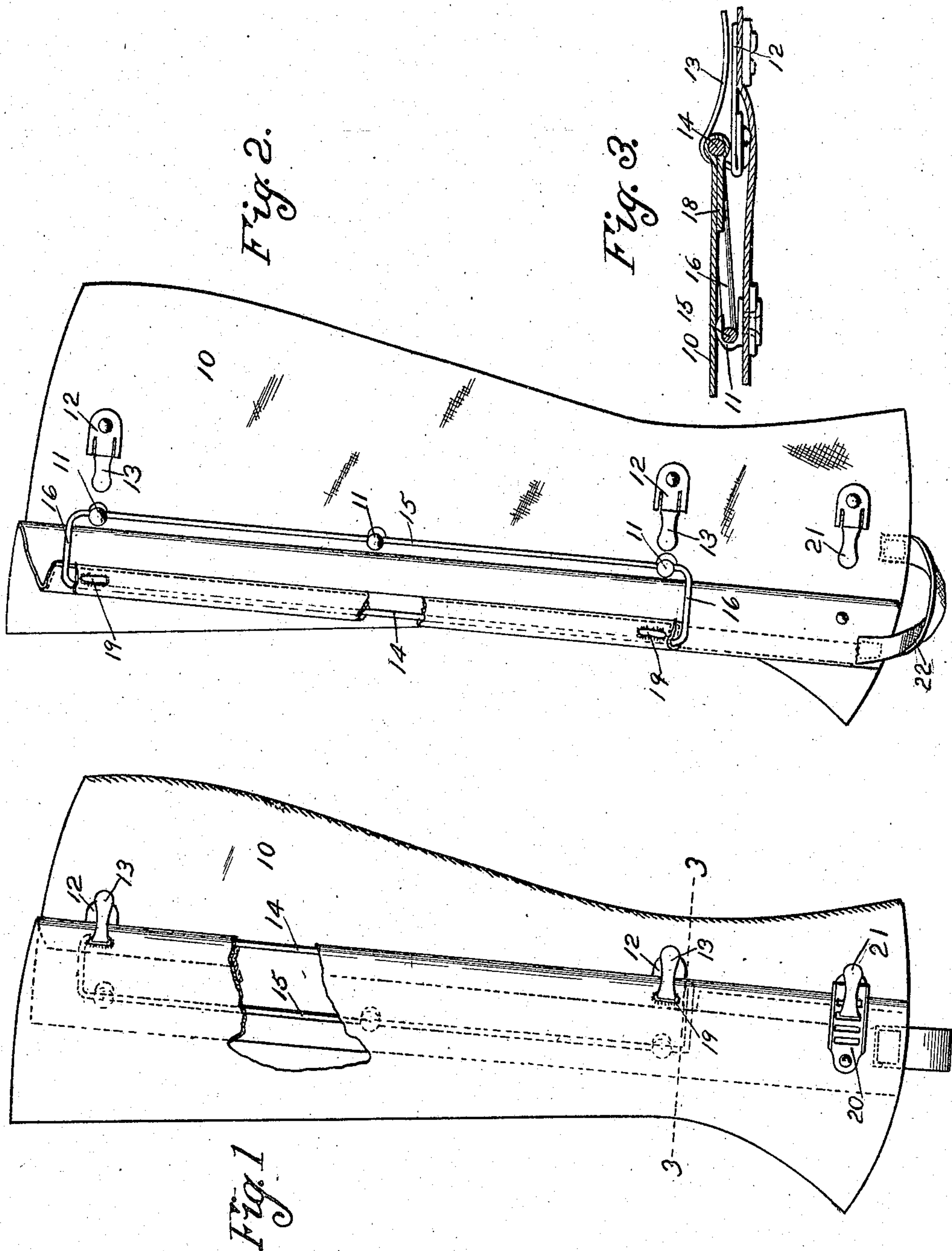


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FLOYD J. STEWART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grinnell, in the county of Poweshiek and State of Iowa, have invented a certain new and useful Legging, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a legging of simple, durable, and inexpensive construction that may be readily, quickly, and easily secured to the wearer's leg in a tightly-fitting condition and there securely held and which also may be detached therefrom quickly and easily.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the legging fastening devices, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a side elevation of a legging embodying my improvements and in a closed position. Fig. 2 shows a similar view with the fastening devices in a partially-opened position, and Fig. 3 shows an enlarged sectional view on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, I have used the reference-numeral 10 to indicate the body portion of a legging. This is preferably made of canvas, leather, or other flexible material and is shaped to fit the wearer's legs and is provided with overlapping edges at one side.

The fastening devices comprise three hooks 11 of the kind ordinarily used on shoes for fastening shoe-laces, which hooks are secured near the edge of the under layer of the legging-body. Adjacent to the upper and lower ones of said hooks and spaced apart from said hooks in a direction away from the adjacent edge of the legging-body are the latches 12, provided with the curved spring-levers 13, which are normally held by spring-pressure in their closed positions overlapping body portions of the latches. These devices are of the kind ordinarily used in connection with the class of overshoes known as "arctics." On the other edge of the legging-body portion I have secured a fastening member consisting of two straight parallel rods 14 and 15, connected at their ends by the parts 16 and held spaced apart from each other. The rod 14 is pivotally mounted under a flap 18, formed at the edge of the outer overlapping legging-body portion, and both of said rods

extend from a point near the top of the legging-body to a point near the ankle portion of the legging-body. I have also formed in the material of the legging-body portion two eyelets 19, adjacent to the ends of the rod 14, which eyelets are designed to receive spring-levers 13 of the latches.

Near the bottom of the overlapping legging-body is a slotted plate 20, and fixed to the underlying portion of the legging-body is a latch device provided with a spring-lever 21, designed to enter the slots of the plate 20, thereby providing an adjustable fastening device for this part of the legging. An in-step-strap 22 is fixed at its ends to opposite sides of the body portion of the legging-body to pass under the wearer's shoe and retain the legging against upward movement.

In practical use, and assuming that the user desires to place a legging in position, he first places the toe of his shoe between the in-step-strap 20 and bottom of the legging-body and then wraps the legging-body around his leg. He then grasps the rod 15 of the fastening device and places it in the hooks 11. This may easily be done without stretching the legging-body member. He then grasps the overlapping edge of the legging-body member and folds it over the underlying edge thereof far enough so that the spring-levers 13 of the latches 12 may enter the eyelets 19. Then the said spring-levers are turned down to position overlapping the latches, and thus firmly holding the wire rods 14 and 15 in position, as shown in Fig. 1. In this way the operator may easily secure the legging tightly around his leg, and this operation may be done very quickly and easily, and after the spring-latches are closed the legging is firmly held in this position. The lower portion of the legging may be adjustably secured by placing the spring-lever 21 through any one of the slots in the plate 20 in the ordinary way. One of the points of material advantage about the rods 14 and 15 and the hooks 11 is that the operator may easily place the rod 15 in said hooks and then may grasp the rod 14 and use the connecting ends thereof, 16, as levers fulcrumed in the hooks 11 for the purpose of tightly stretching the legging around his leg and bringing it to position where the spring-levers 13 may enter the eyelets 19. Furthermore, when the legging is in its closed position on a wearer's leg all of the fastening devices are concealed except the end portions of the spring-levers 13 and the

plate 21, and they lie flat against the latch-plates, to which they are pivoted, so that there is no danger of sticks or brush or the like becoming caught in the fastening devices of the legging.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States therefor, is—

1. The combination of a flexible legging-body portion, a rod having arms thereon, said arms projected toward one edge of the legging-body portion and pivotally connected thereto, a hook near the other edge of the legging-body portion and a fastening device secured to the legging-body portion adjacent to the hook to engage and hold the edge of the legging-body portion to which the rod is pivoted.

2. The combination of a flexible legging-body portion, a rod having arms therein, said arms projected toward one edge of the legging-body portion and pivotally connected thereto, a number of hooks secured near the other edge of the legging-body portion to engage said rod and a number of fastening devices secured to the legging-body portion beyond the hooks to engage and hold the edge of the legging-body portion to which the rod is pivoted.

3. The combination of a legging-body portion having one edge overlapping the other at the side and means for detachably securing the overlapping edge to the other part of the legging, comprising a fastening member hinged to the overlapping edge and capable of swinging to a position projecting beyond the overlapping edge or to a position against the inner face of the legging away from the overlapping edge, a hook adjacent to the underlying edge and a fastening device on the underlying edge beyond the hook.

4. The combination of a legging-body portion formed with an overlapping edge at one side, two substantially parallel rods spaced

apart and connected at their ends, one of said rods pivotally secured to the overlying edge of the legging, a number of hooks near the underlying edge to engage the free one of said rods and means for securing the overlying edge in position covering the said hooks and the said pivoted rod.

5. The combination of a legging-body portion having an overlapping edge, two substantially parallel rods connected at their ends and spaced apart, one of said rods pivotally secured to the overlapping edge and said overlapping edge formed with eyelets or openings adjacent to the pivoted rod on the side away from the edge, a number of hooks fixed near the underlying edge and a number of latch devices secured to the underlying edge beyond the hooks and each having a pivoted spring-lever to enter the eyelets or openings of the overlying edge and hold said overlying edge close to the underlying edge when the free rod is in said hooks.

6. The combination of a legging-body portion having an overlapping edge, two substantially parallel rods connected at their ends and spaced apart, one of said rods pivotally secured to the overlapping edge and said overlapping edge formed with eyelets or openings adjacent to the pivoted rod on the side away from the edge, a number of hooks fixed near the underlying edge, a number of latch devices secured to the underlying edge beyond the hooks and each having a pivoted spring-lever to enter the eyelets or openings of the overlying edge and hold said overlying edge close to the underlying edge when the free rod is in said hooks and an adjustable fastening device secured to the edge portions of the legging below said rod.

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