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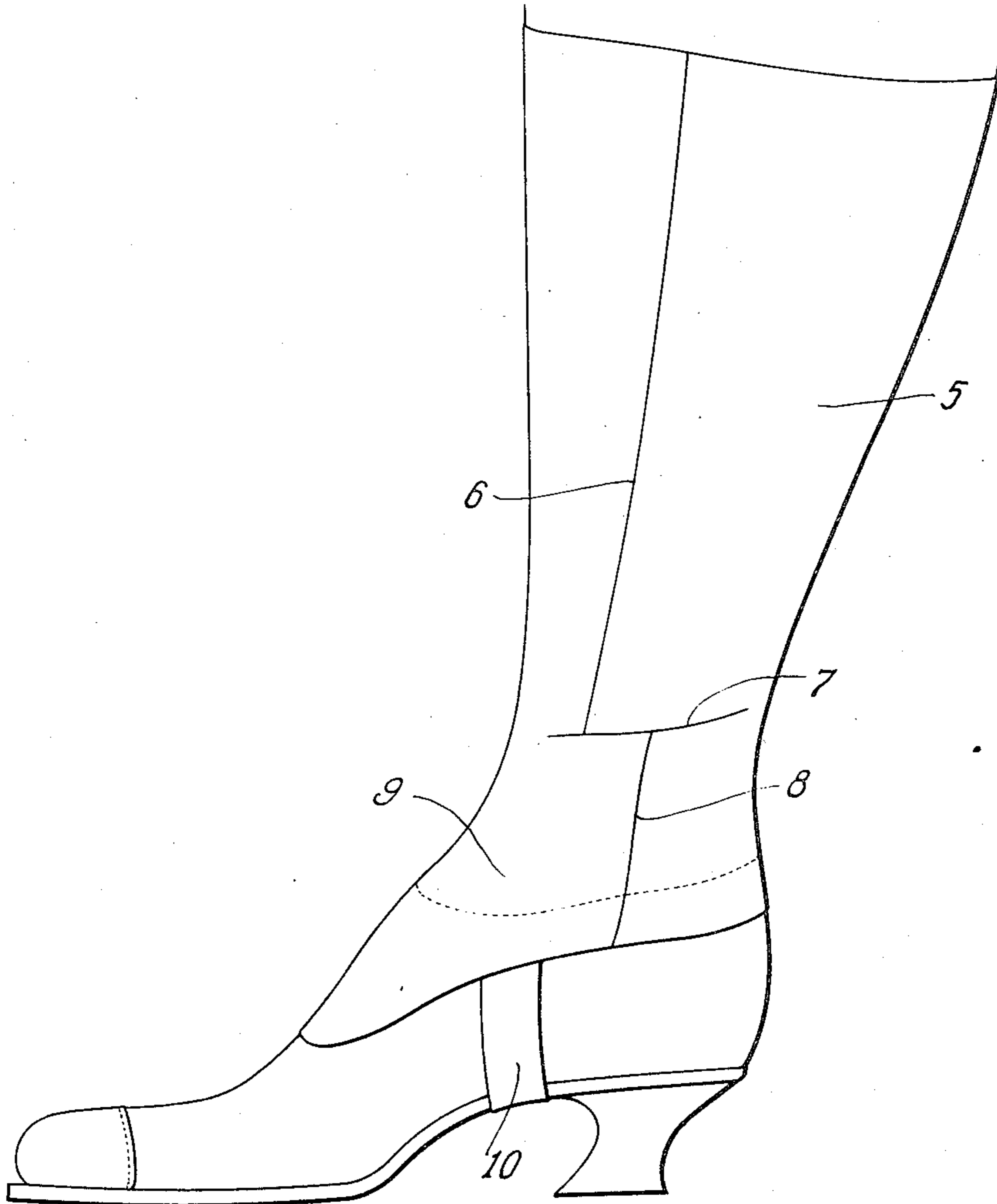


FIG. 1

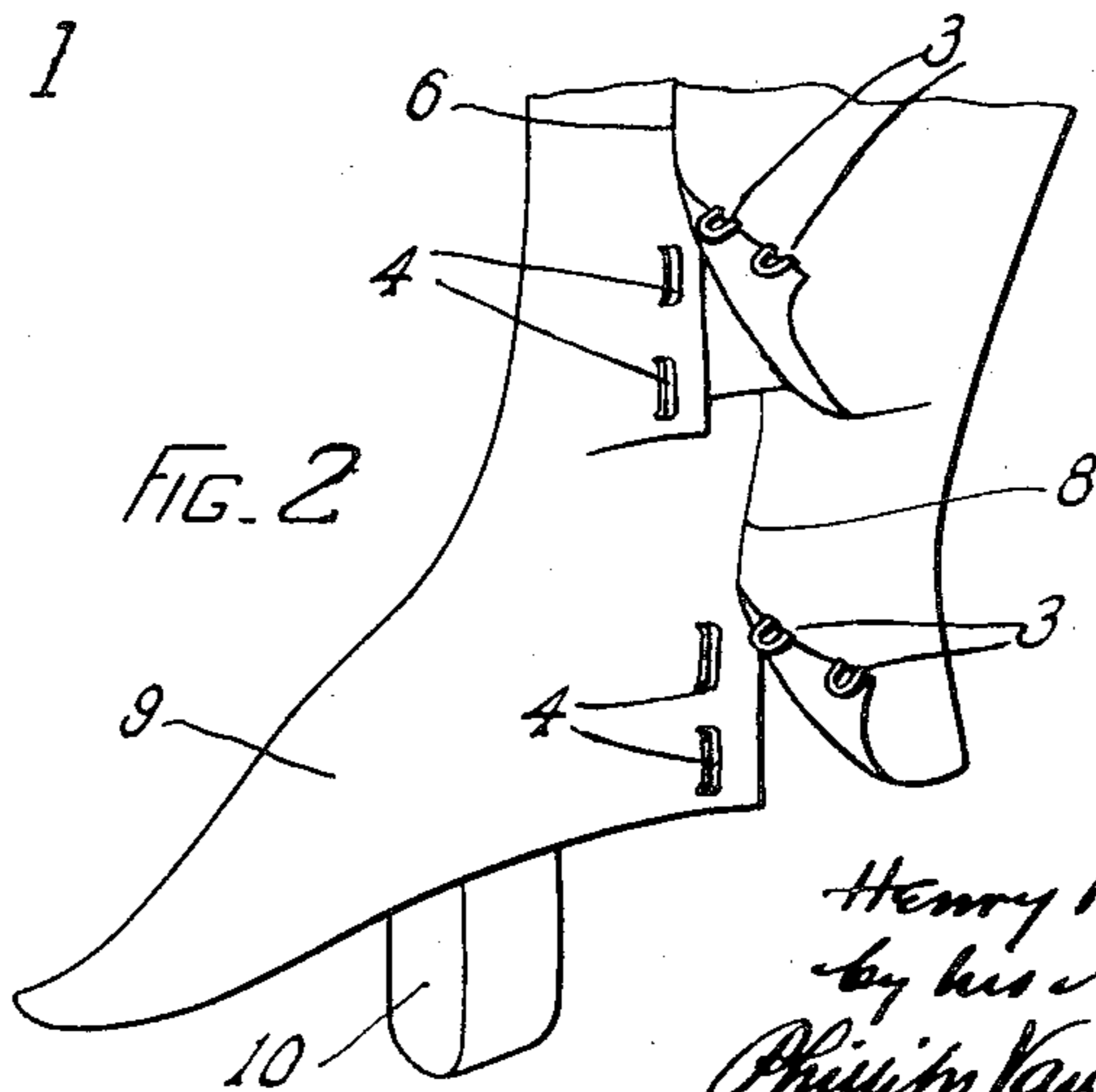


FIG. 2

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY B. FOWLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Storm-Leggings; 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.

The present invention relates to an improvement in storm leggings.

The object of the invention is to produce a leggings of thin elastic conforming material presenting a sightly and pleasing appearance and conducing to elegance of fit and security with which the leggings is held in place, and it consists in the leggings hereinafter described and particularly defined in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 illustrates the leggings, and Fig. 2 shows the construction more in detail.

The illustrated embodiment of the invention is described as follows:—The leggings consists of a fashioned body 5 provided with a two-part slit, of which the upper part 6 extends from the top of the leggings down to a cross slit 7, and of which the lower part 8 extends from the cross slit to the bottom or spat portion of the leggings. The spat is provided with an instep strap 10 to hold the spat down over the shoe, and the slits are provided with fastening devices consisting of hooks 3 on one edge of the body, engaging loops 4 on the other edge of the body.

The leggings is made of one integral piece of thin elastic conforming material, and the hooks and loops are conveniently secured in the leggings by embedding or molding their retaining portions in the body of the rubber, conveniently by thickening the edges of the body and having the bases of the loops and hooks entirely surrounded by and embedded in the rubber.

The important features of this leggings are, first, making it of thin elastic and conforming material. By making the leggings of such material it may be folded into extremely small compass and carried in a lady's purse ready for use whenever a sudden storm or wet walking is encountered. This is of importance today when so many women are engaged in occupations which take them from their homes without proper precaution against sudden inclemencies of the weather. But perhaps of still more importance is the fact that the thin material of which the leggings is made does not excite attention by its ugly, irregular and unsightly appearance. Another feature of the invention resides in dividing the slit into two parts which conduces to elegance of fit and the security with which the leggings is retained in proper position.

The amount of fashioning which is given the leggings may depend more or less upon the elasticity of the material of which it is composed. Thus, with more elastic material less fashioning is needed, while with less elastic material more fashioning will be needed.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

A storm leggings consisting of a body of thin elastic conforming material fashioned to fit the leg and instep, and provided in its side with a two-part slit connected by a transverse slit, the two vertical slits being offset from each other, and fastening devices for securing the closure of the slits, substantially as described.

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

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