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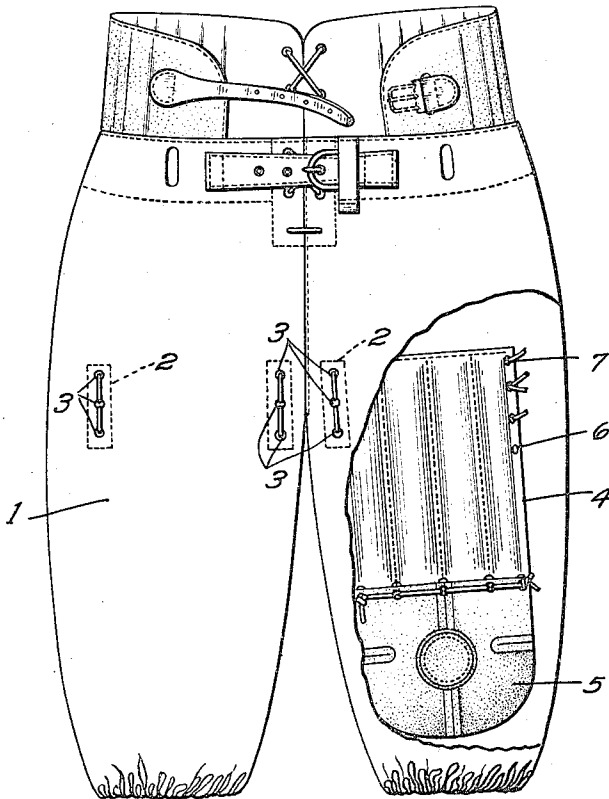


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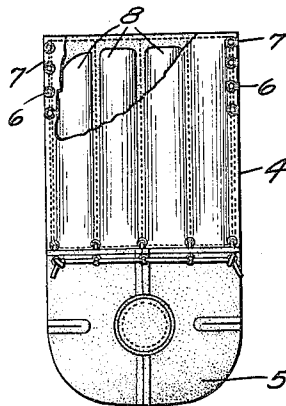


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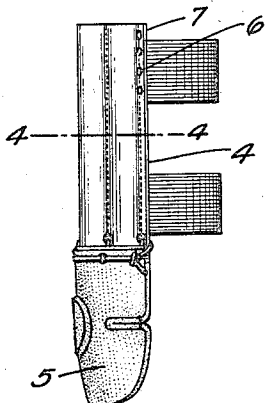
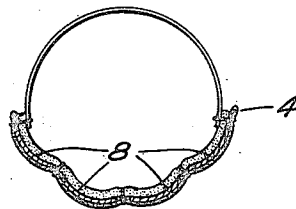


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HUGO GOLDSMITH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Foot-Ball Pants, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to trousers or pants which are to be used in athletic games such as football. In pants of this kind, it is valuable to provide some sort of thigh or leg guard which will be securable to the trousers so as to require no harness to mount it in place.

It is old to sew into trousers some sort of padding, and it is also old to lace the padding or guard into the side hems of the trousers.

It is readily appreciable that the providing of hems on the sides of the trousers which are heavy enough for eyelets of the required strength is inconvenient to the wearer, and also that the lacing of the guards into such hem eyelets will be a difficult operation, as the whole trousers will have to be turned inside out to get at the eyelets.

The point of lacing the guards in place is so that they may be adjusted for the wearer, and it is my object to provide a lacing arrangement for leg guards in football pants. In the lacing arrangement, however, I do not desire to use the hem of the pants or any unexposed lacing point, but to lace the guards in an exposed manner, so as to provide adjustment which is easy to make, and will give full service without pulling at the sides of the pants.

These objects I accomplish by that certain arrangement and construction of parts to be hereinafter more specifically pointed out and claimed.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the pants with the fabric cut away at one side to show the guard construction.

Fig. 2 is a detail front elevation of a guard partly broken away to show the interior construction.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the guard showing the elastic bands.

Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view thereof, on the line 4, 4, of Fig. 3.

The trousers have the legs 1, which are of the usual construction except that at both sides of the front of each leg a reinforcing piece 2 is sewed into the inside of the leg portions, and in the legs and the reinforcements are eyelets 3.

The leg guards 4, of a length suitable to protect the leg above the knee, have laced to their lower ends the knee guards 5. It can be seen that although the trousers could be sold of a size to fit the waist of the wearer, that the position of the leg guards and the knee pads would fall considerably out of line for different wearers, because of length or shortness of limb.

Some longitudinal adjustment of the knee guards is provided for in the special form of leg guards shown.

The adjustable knee pads are not the only form of guard which I desire to have employed in my new lacing, and accordingly this particular form is not insisted upon.

Along the sides of the leg guards are placed the eyelets 6 for lacing 7. The placing of the eyelets in the pant legs is such that the guards can be laced direct to the pants without leaving any gap to pull and make the pants more uncomfortable than necessary. There are more than three eyelets in the leg guards and but three preferably in the pants. It can be seen that in lacing the guards to the pants, there can be an adjustment dependent upon the number of eyelets more than two. Of course the number of eyelets is not a requisite, as there could be the same number in the pants and guards, just so that there is the possibility of adjustment.

The leg guards have curved longitudinal stiff pads 8 inserted into a lining so that they will be flexible longitudinally, and there are preferably elastic bands to pass around the legs.

It is evident that the guards need not be unnecessarily extended laterally to reach the hem of the pants as in the older constructions, and that they may be suspended with small effort in a position to conform to the body of the wearer.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. In athletic pants, in combination with the leg portions, leg guards having eyelets therein, and eyelets set into the pants in the front portion of said leg portions and

spaced apart the width of said leg guards, whereby the guards may be laced in place in the inside of the front of the pants.

2. In athletic pants, in combination with the leg portions, leg guards having eyelets therein, and eyelets set into the pants in the front portion of said leg portions and spaced apart the width of said leg guards, whereby the guards may be laced in place in the inside of the front of the pants, said eyelets in the leg guards being more than two in number to permit of longitudinal adjustment of said guards.

3. In athletic pants, in combination with the leg portions, leg guards having a plurality of sets of eyelets therein, said eyelets set into the front part of the pant legs, leg guards having a plurality of eyelets along the sides thereof, and laces to secure the guards to the legs by means of said eyelets, said sets of eyelets in the legs being spaced

apart a distance equal to the width of the leg guards.

4. In athletic pants, the combination with a leg thereof, two sets of eyelets, three in each set, reinforcements in the leg, with said eyelets secured through the leg and said reinforcement, a leg guard having eyelets along the sides thereof, laces for adjustably securing the guard eyelets to the leg eyelets, and said sets of leg eyelets spaced apart a distance equal to the width of the leg guard.

5. In athletic pants, the combination with a leg thereof, eyelets in the leg, exposed at the outside of the leg, a leg guard having eyelets along the side and laces for lacing said guard to the inside of the pant leg, whereby the lacing in and adjustment of the guard will be a simple operation because of the exposed eyelet in the leg.

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