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(54) **BOOT POCKET**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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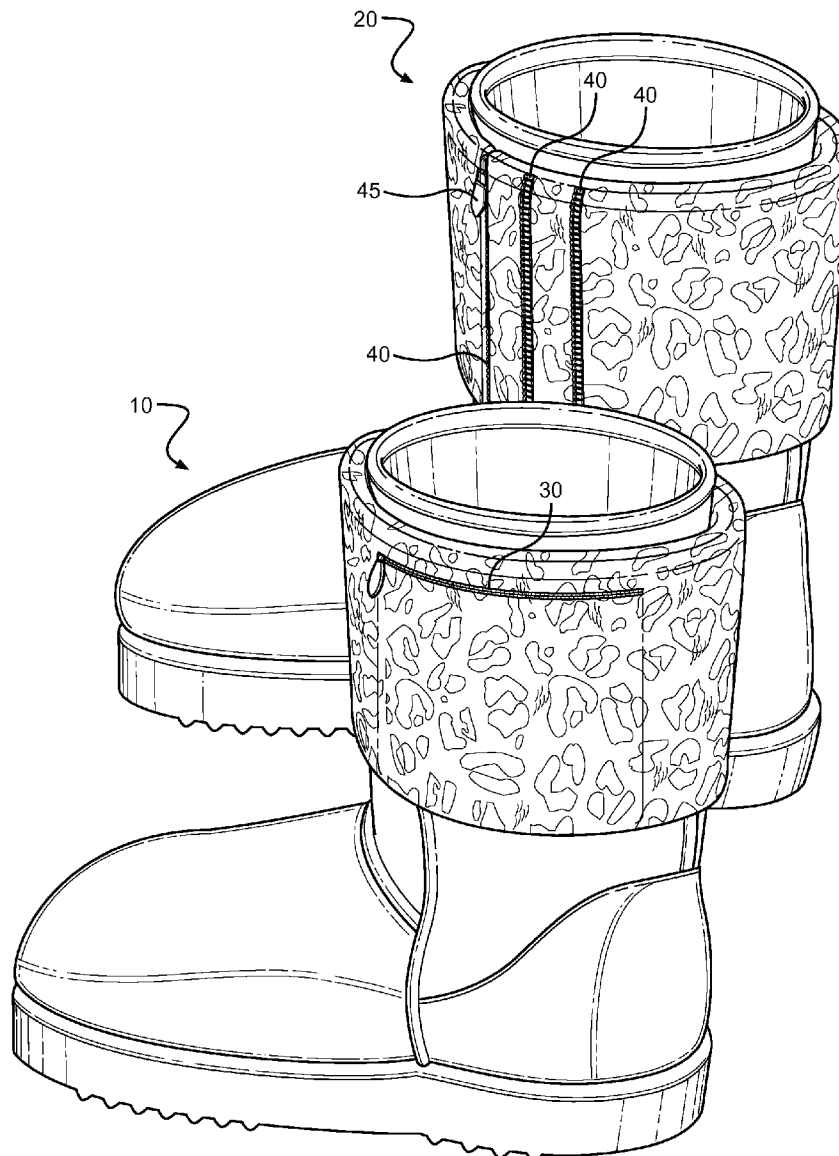
The "Boot Pocket" named invention herein is a pair of cuffs that surrounds and secures to a pair of boots by means of a multiple fastener zipper system. The cuffs are constructed with a pocket that enables the user to carry personal items and valuables and secure them to a pair of boots while being worn. The cuffs adhere to a pair of boots by means of anti-slip silicone strips sewn into the back side of the cuff. The boot pockets are valuable at sporting events, concerts, schools, and other social venues where carrying a pocketbook, purse, wallet, or other means to carry valuables is prohibited or inconvenient. The boot pockets can be made from a variety of fabrics and materials to change the appearance of any pair of boots and address any venue from casual to sporting to formal.

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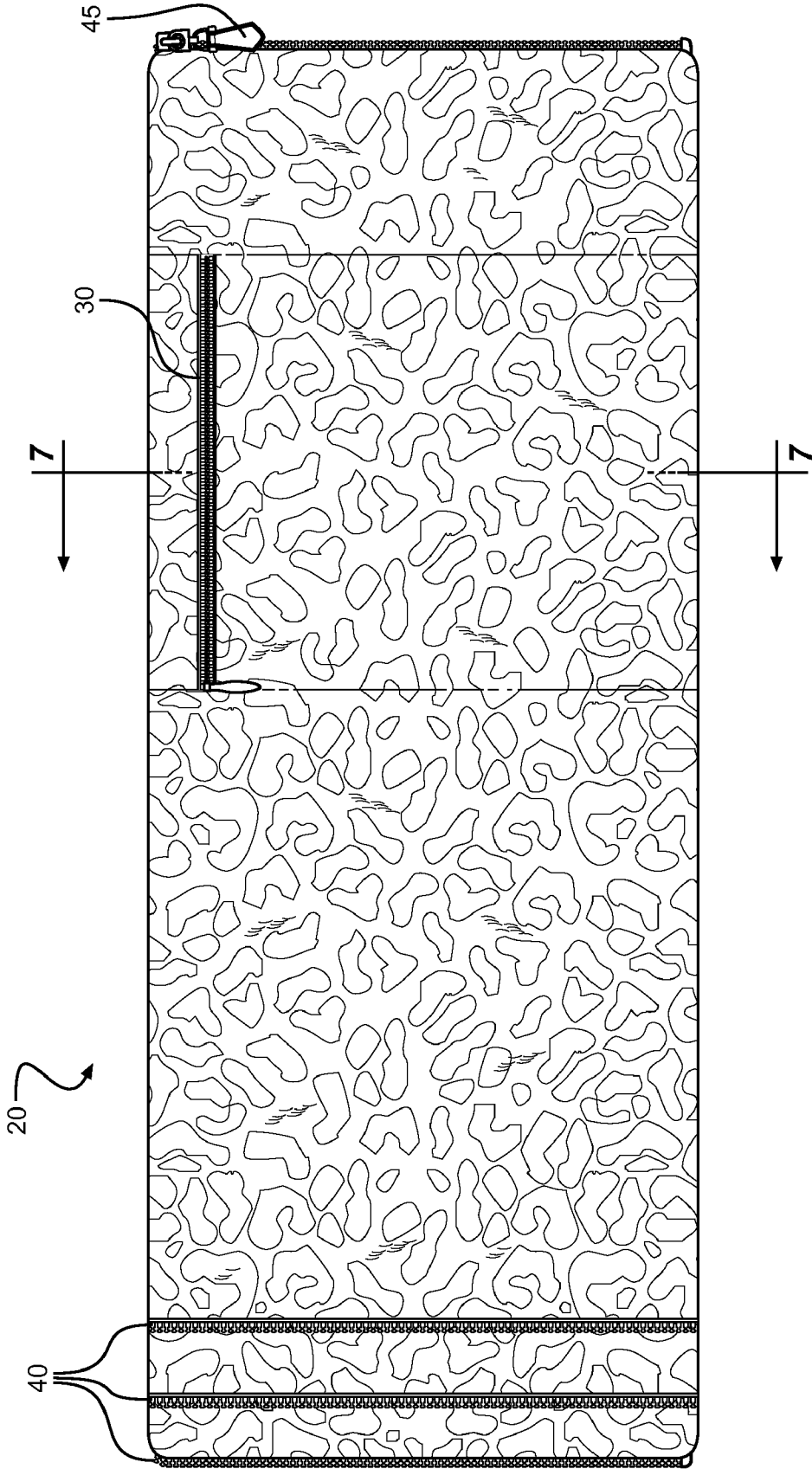


FIG. 1

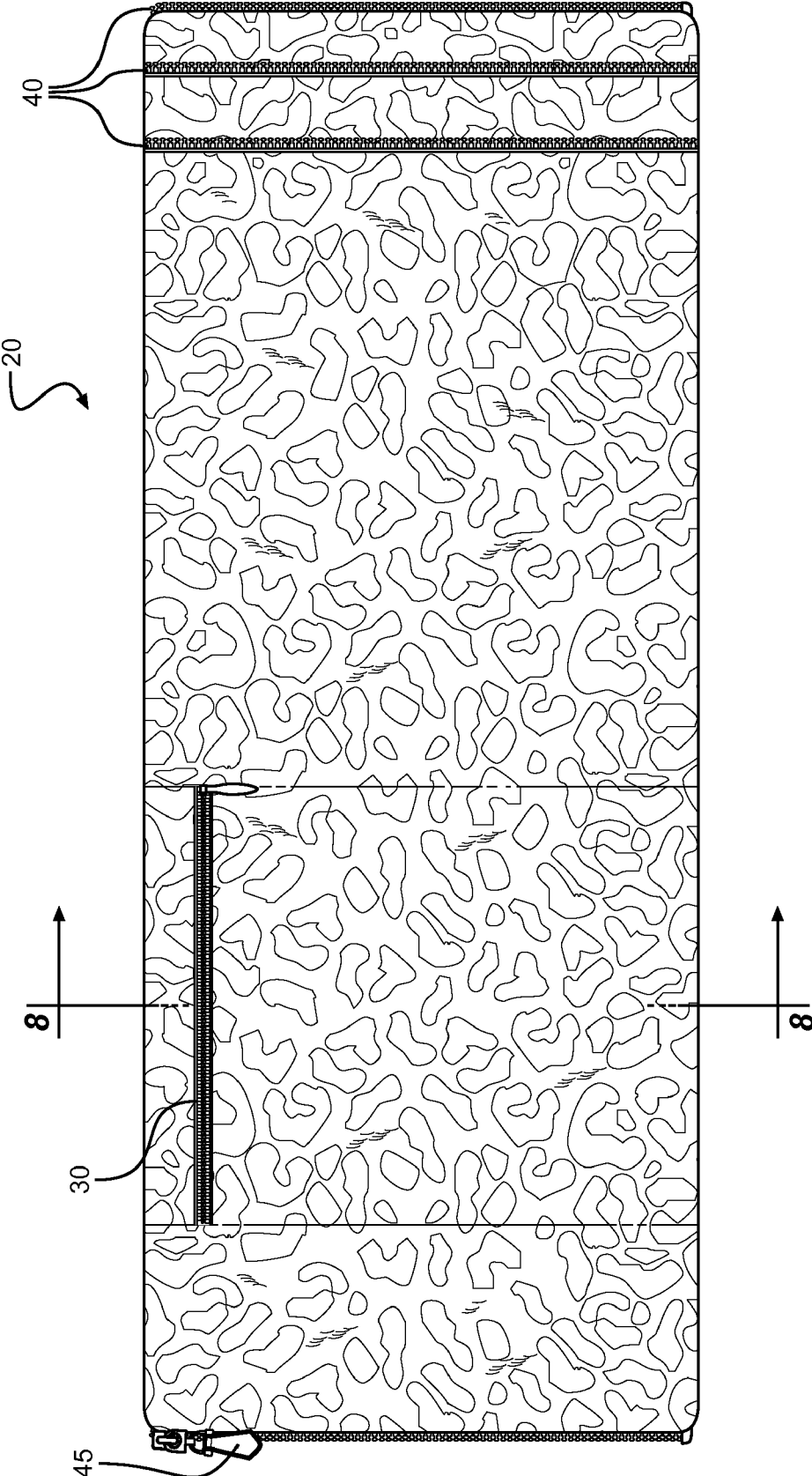


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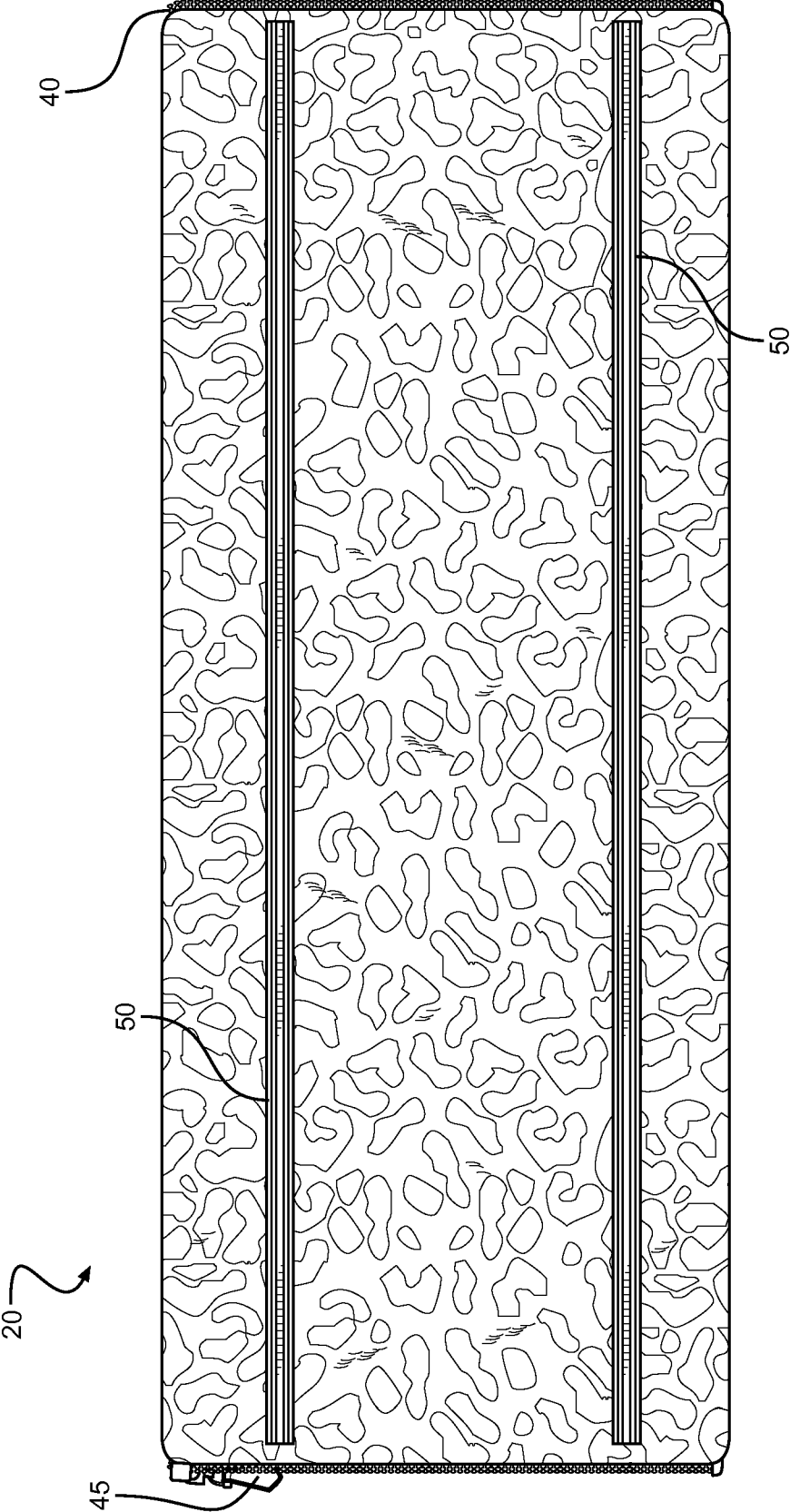


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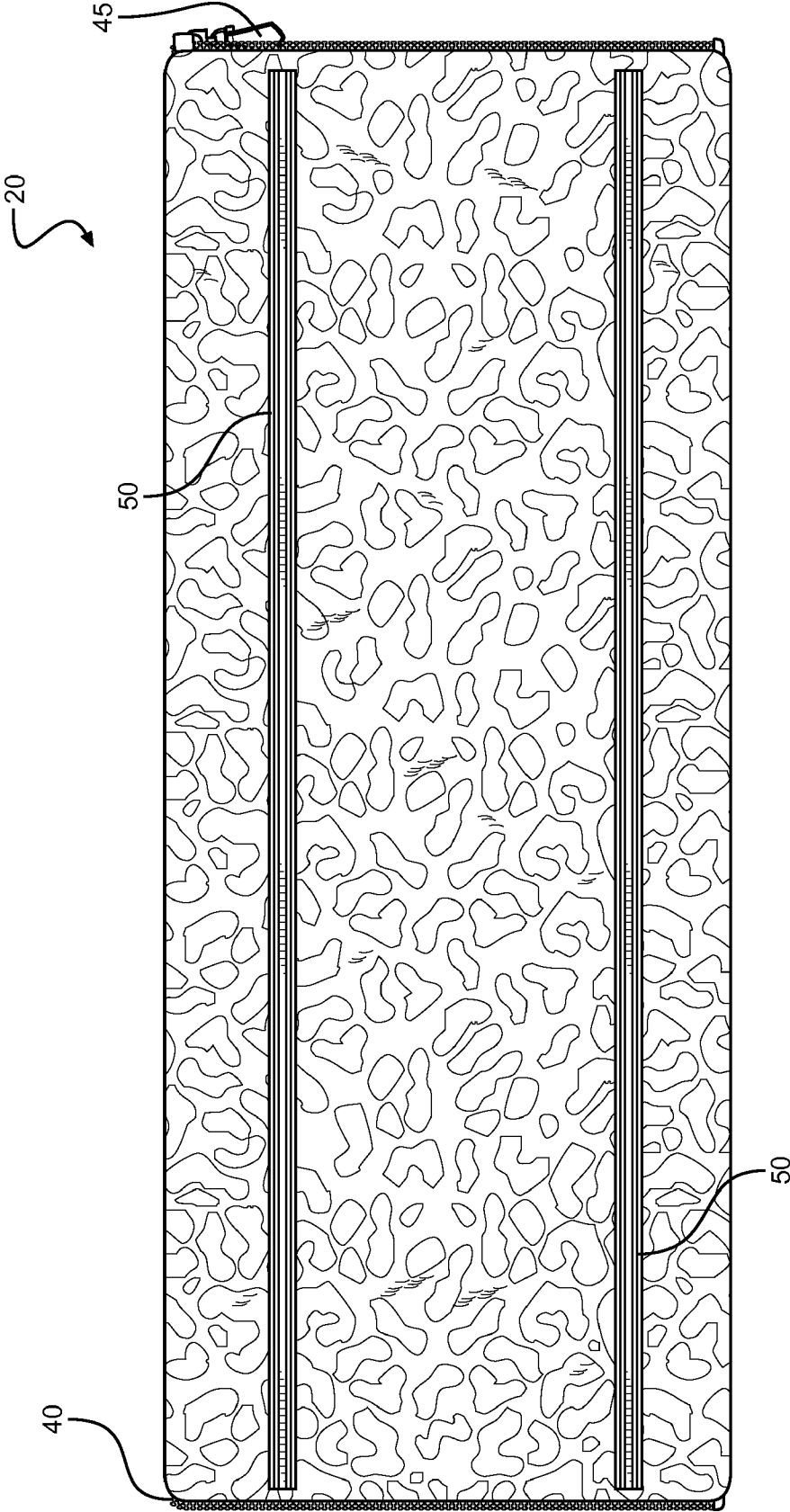


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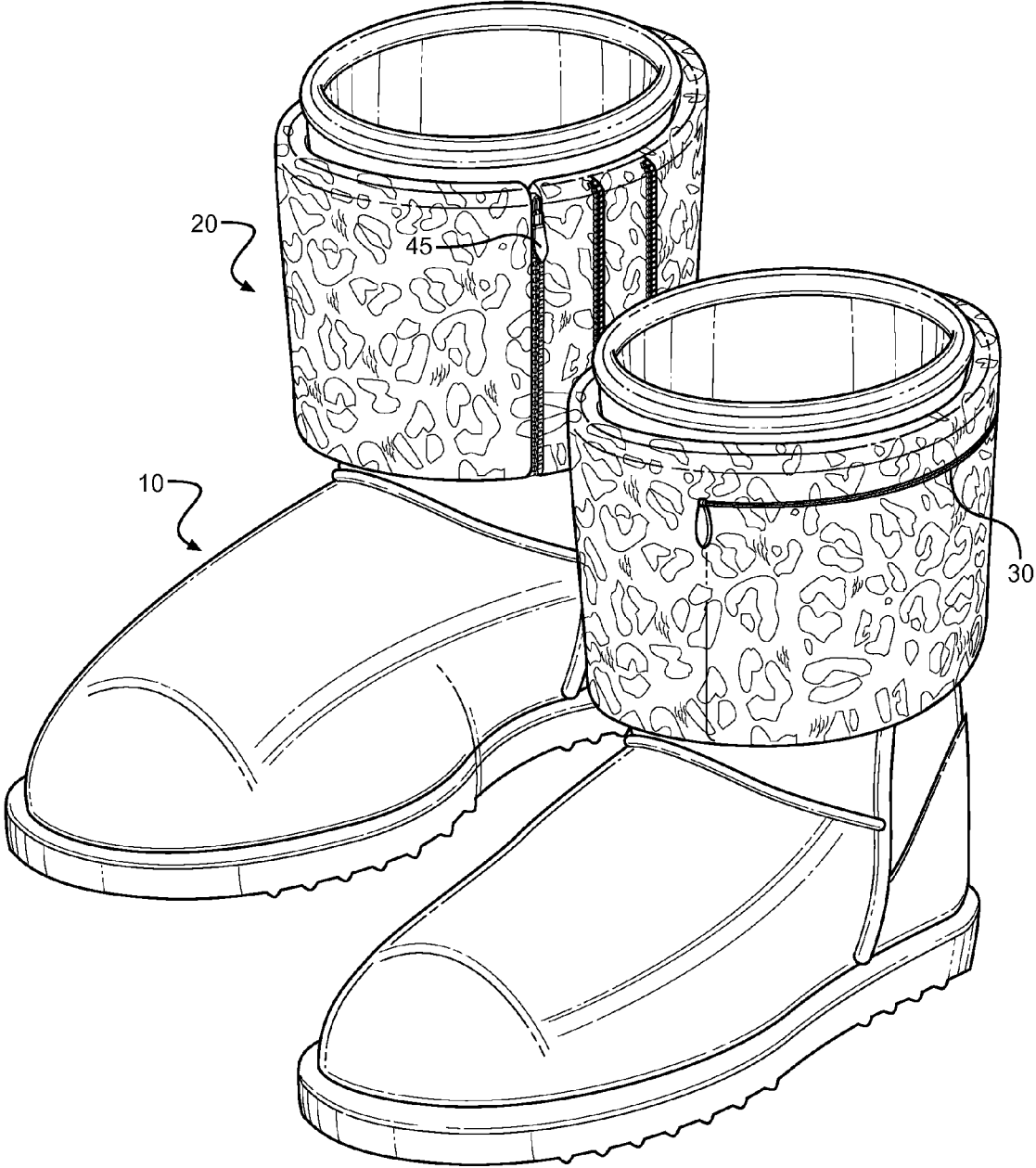


FIG. 5

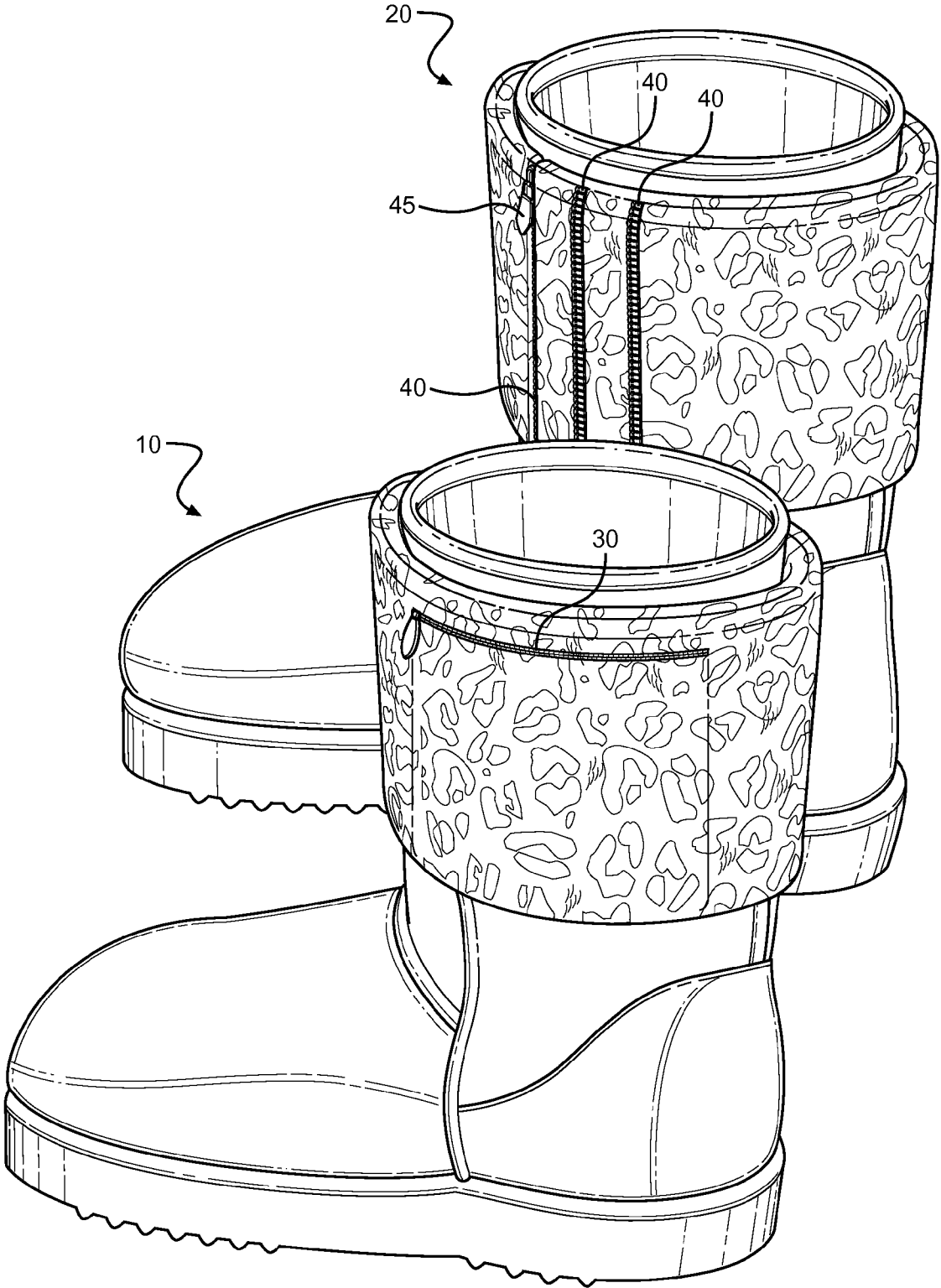


FIG. 6

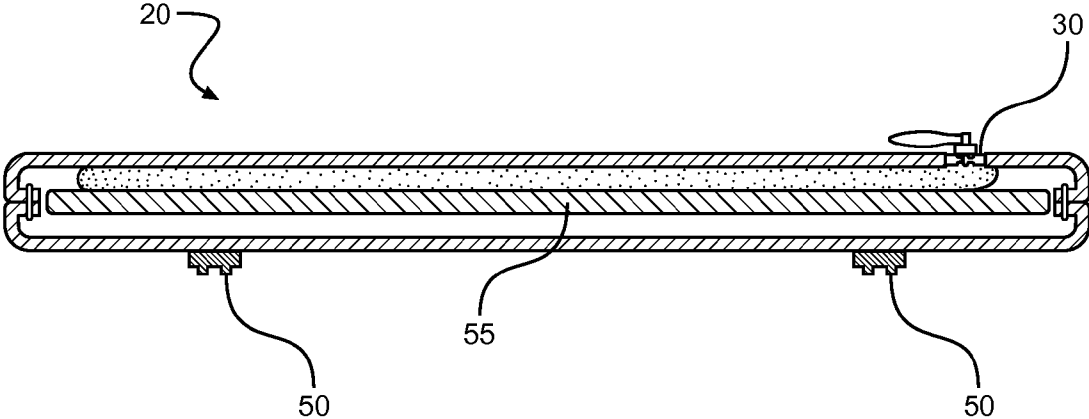


FIG. 7

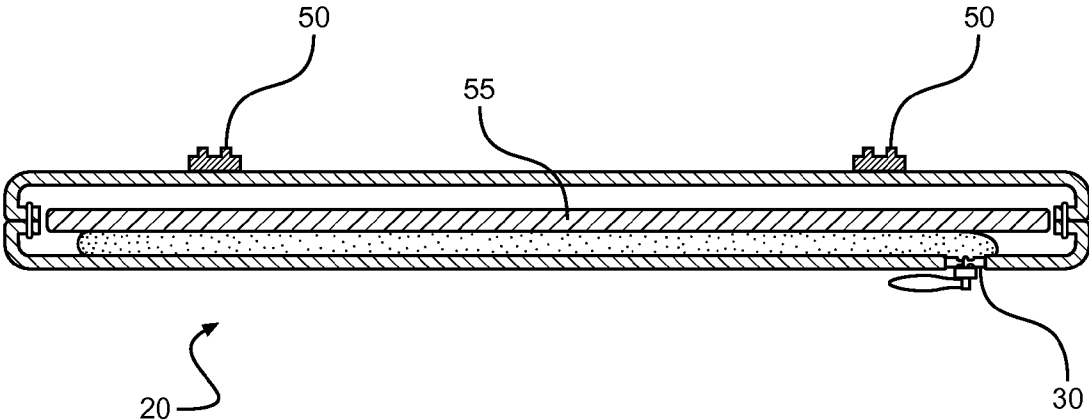


FIG. 8

BOOT POCKET

**STATEMENT OF RIGHT TO PREVIOUS
PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

[0001] I (Michael Romer) want to assert my right to Provisional Patent Application No. 61/503,825, Titled "Boot Pocket" filed Jul. 1, 2011.

**STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY
SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT**

[0002] The present invention was not developed with the use of Federal Funds, but was developed independently by the inventor.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] This invention relates to articles of manufacture. More specifically, the invention relates to a novel and non-obvious article that provides carrying space for personal effects that attaches to a boot. The article adds pockets to existing boots, allowing boot wearers to carry personal items without the need for a purse, a bag, or pant pockets. The article is suitable for use at sporting events, night clubs, and any other place where carrying a bag is unwieldy or inconvenient.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] People in their daily lives have to carry personal effects or valuables from place to place. These can include wallets, money clips, change, keys, cash, credit cards, wireless phones, identification, makeup, or medication. Typically these items are carried in bags, briefcases, purses, or pocketbooks. Some of these items might also be carried in pants pockets. However no solution has yet been developed that would permit the carrying of these items without the need for pants pockets and without the need for a separate carrying item such as a purse, handbag, pocketbook, bag or briefcase.

[0005] The need to carry personal effects without the use of carrying items arises in many social or business situations. These can include situations where personal space is limited and storage of bags is difficult, such as sporting events. These can also include situations where personal space is fluid or non-existent as people move to different parts of a room or venue throughout an event, such as a bar or night club. The ability to carry valuables or personal effects without the use of a carrying item can be useful when using modes of transportation without storage space, such as bicycles or motorcycles.

[0006] There is a need, therefore, for an article to carry personal effects or other items without the need for a separately carried item, and without the need for pants pockets.

BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007] FIG. 1 is a front view of a right boot pocket in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention

[0008] FIG. 2 is a front view of a left boot pocket in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0009] FIG. 3 is a back view of a left boot pocket in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0010] FIG. 4 is the back view of a right boot pocket in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention

[0011] FIG. 5 is the front view of both the left and right boot pockets as worn on a pair of boots in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0012] FIG. 6 is the left side view of both the left and right boot pockets as worn on a pair of boots in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0013] FIG. 7 is a cross sectional view of a left boot pocket in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0014] FIG. 8 is a cross sectional view of a right boot pocket in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED
EMBODIMENT**

[0015] In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, a boot pocket is disclosed. The boot pocket comprises in summary, a piece of fabric or other material sized and designed to wrap around the top of a boot. In a preferred embodiment, the material has an ornamental or aesthetic design that can change the appearance of the boot when worn. As discussed in greater detail below, the material would have a cut out pocket, which would be sealable, preferably by an inconspicuous zipper. The boot pocket of the preferred embodiment would have 3 zipper chains that include a pin on 1 side of the preferred embodiment. The 3 zipper chains including pins would be spaced with 1 on the end of the material of the preferred embodiment and the other 2 zipper chains with pin spaced 1 inch and 2 inches from the first. The other end of the material of preferred embodiment would have a zipper chain to include the box and pull. To connect one end of the material of the preferred embodiment to the other, the zipper chain with pin would be attached to the zipper chain with the box and using the pull the 2 halves would become one zipper forming a complete circle or cuff. Spacing the 3 zippers with pin on one end of the material of the preferred embodiment allows for the invention to fit 3 different sized boots when connected to the 1 zipper chain with box and pull that is attached to the other end of the material of preferred embodiment. On the back side of the material of preferred embodiment (2) 1 1/2 inches long by 5/8 wide silicone strips would be attached. One would be attached 1 inch from the top and ending a 1/2 inch from each side of the back of the material of preferred embodiment. The other silicone strip would be attached 1 inch from the bottom and ending a 1/2 inch from each side of the back of the material of preferred embodiment. When the zippered chains are attached forming a circle the silicone strips would also form a circle on the inside of the material of preferred embodiment. The silicone strips perform as an anti-slip device so as to keep the material of preferred embodiment from sagging or riding or turning on the boot the Boot Pocket is attached.

[0016] FIG. 1 is a front view of a right boot pocket of the preferred embodiment. The material in FIG. 1 (20) is 16.75 inches long by 6 inches tall. To make the piece of material with these dimensions, an original piece of material 17.5 inches long and 13 inches tall is folded in half and a piece of stiffening material (such as Brand Name Pellon) 1 1/4 inches long by 5.5 inches tall is inserted and then the bottom is seamed and the two side are unseamed. The 3 zipper chains (40) 5 1/2 inches tall with pin are attached to the left end using the open end for the first and then slits are cut at 1 inch and 2 inches. The 3 zipper chains with pin are sewn into place, leaving a space of 1 inch between each completing the left

side. The zipper with box and pull (45) is 5½ inches tall and inserted into the right side and sewn into place completing the right side. The pocket begins 7¾ inches from the left of FIG. 1 and is 5¾ inches wide and 6 inches high. Seams are made at 7¾ inches left and 3¼ inches right to form the pocket. A slit is cut in the outer layer of material ¾ inches below the top of the pocket and an invisible zipper (30) is sewn into place forming a zipper pocket. The pocket then has a lining material sewn into it. The inconspicuous zipper appears at the top of the boot pocket, when the boot pocket is arranged for wearing.

[0017] FIG. 2 is the front view of the left boot pocket embodiment. The material in FIG. 1 (20) is 16.75 inches long by 6 inches tall. To make the piece of material with these dimensions, an original piece of material 17.5 inches long and 13 inches tall is folded in half and a piece of stiffening material (such as Brand Name Pellon) 16¼ inches long by 5.5 inches tall is inserted and then the bottom is seamed and the two side are unseamed. The 3 zipper chains (40) 5½ inches tall with pin are attached to the right end using the open end for the first and then slits are cut at 1 inch and 2 inches. The 3 zipper chains with pin are sewn into place, leaving a space of 1 inch between each completing the right side. The zipper with box and pull (45) is 5½ inches tall and inserted into the left side and sewn into place completing the left side. The pocket begins 7¾ inches from the right of FIG. 1 and is 5¾ inches wide and 6 inches high. Seams are made at 7¾ inches right and 3¼ inches left to form the pocket. A slit is cut in the outer layer of material ¾ inches below the top of the pocket and an invisible zipper (30) is sewn into place forming a zipper pocket. The pocket then has a lining material sewn into it. The inconspicuous zipper appears at the top of the boot pocket, when the boot pocket is arranged for wearing.

[0018] FIG. 3 is the back view a left boot pocket with the preferred embodiment of the top of the boot pocket facing down.

[0019] On the back side of the material of preferred embodiment (2) 15½ inches long by ⅝ wide silicone strips (50) would be sewn. One would be attached 1 inch from the top and ending a ½ inch from each side of the back of the material of preferred embodiment. The other silicone strip would be attached 1 inch from the bottom and ending a ½ inch from each side of the back of the material of preferred embodiment. When the zippered chains are attached forming a circle the silicone strips would also form a circle on the inside of the material of preferred embodiment. The silicone strips perform as an anti-slip device so as to keep the material of preferred embodiment from sagging or riding or turning on the boot the Boot Pocket is attached. Shown on the left side of FIG. 3 is the zipper chain with box and pull (45) and on the right side is the zipper chain with pin (40) sewn to the end seam.

[0020] FIG. 4 is the back view a right boot pocket with the preferred embodiment of the top of the boot pocket facing down. On the back side of the material of preferred embodiment (2) 15½ inches long by ⅝ wide silicone strips (50) would be sewn. One would be attached 1 inch from the top and ending a ½ inch from each side of the back of the material of preferred embodiment. The other silicone strip would be attached 1 inch from the bottom and ending a ½ inch from each side of the back of the material of preferred embodiment. When the zippered chains are attached forming a circle the silicone strips would also form a circle on the inside of the material of preferred embodiment. The silicone strips per-

form as an anti-slip device so as to keep the material of preferred embodiment from sagging or riding or turning on the boot the Boot Pocket is attached. Shown on the right side of FIG. 4 is the zipper chain with box and pull (45) and on the left side is the zipper chain with pin (40) sewn to the end seam. The material is represented by (20) in FIG. 4.

[0021] FIG. 5 is a front view of both the left and right boot pocket of preferred embodiment shown on a pair of boots (10). FIG. 5 shows material (20) used to create the boot pocket. FIG. 5 shows the invisible zippered pocket (30) as worn on the outside of the left leg. The pocket is worn on the outside of the leg as not to obstruct with mobility. The placement of the pocket also distinguishes a right boot pocket, with the pocket worn on the outer right boot and the left boot pocket with worn on the outer left boot. FIG. 5 also shows the zipper chain with box and pull(45) attached to the zipper chain with pin and the 2 additional zipper chains with pin. FIG. 5 illustrates the largest setting for the boot pocket it can be made smaller by attaching the zipper chain with box and pull to one of the other zipper chains with pin.

[0022] FIG. 6 is a side view of both the left and right boot pocket of preferred embodiment shown on a pair of boots (10). FIG. 6 shows material (20) used to create the boot pocket. FIG. 6 shows the invisible zippered pocket (30) as worn on the outside of the left leg. The pocket is worn on the outside of the leg as not to obstruct with mobility. The placement of the pocket also distinguishes a right boot pocket, with the pocket worn on the outer right boot and the left boot pocket with worn on the outer left boot. FIG. 6 also shows the zipper chain with box and pull(45) attached to the zipper chain with pin (40) and the 2 additional zipper chains with pin (40). FIG. 6 illustrates the largest setting for the boot pocket it can be made smaller by attaching the zipper chain with box (45) and pull to one of the other zipper chains with pin (40).

[0023] FIG. 7 is a cross section view of a left boot pocket of the preferred embodiment. FIG. 7 illustrates the material (20) of the preferred embodiment to create the boot pocket. FIG. 7 also shows the anti slip silicone strips (50). FIG. 7 reveals the stiffening material(55) such as Pellon inserted between the fabrics before it is sewn. FIG. 7 shows the invisible zippered pocket (30) as worn on the outside of the left leg.

[0024] FIG. 8 is a cross section view of a right boot pocket of the preferred embodiment. FIG. 8 illustrates the material (20) of the preferred embodiment to create the boot pocket. FIG. 8 also shows the anti slip silicone strips (50). FIG. 8 reveals the stiffening material(55) such as Pellon inserted between the fabrics before it is sewn. FIG. 8 shows the invisible zippered pocket (30) as worn on the outside of the right leg.

[0025] The FIGS. 1-8 show the boot pocket in a variety of views and illustrations in order to easily understand the construction of the invention.

[0026] Persons having skill in the art will appreciate that measurements listed herein are approximate, and that the present invention can be manufactured with the elements in different places. Also fasteners, hooks, and zippers can be replaced with other known implements performing a similar function, and not all of such fasteners, hooks, zippers may be necessary to make or use the invention.

I claim:

1. An improved boot cuff construction with a means to carry valuables and personal items on a pair of boots comprising:

a pocket within of said boot cuff, and
a zipper as a securing device on said pocket of said cuff.

2. The boot cuff construction of claim **1** wherein said cuff includes use of multiple fastener zippers to secure the ends of said cuff to said pair of boots,

said multiple fastener zippers of said cuff in order to adjust size of said cuff,

said fasteners zippers of said cuff to install and remove said cuff from said pair of boots.

3. The boot cuff construction including silicone strip(s) to the back of said cuff and said pocket as an anti slip device between said cuff and said boots.

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