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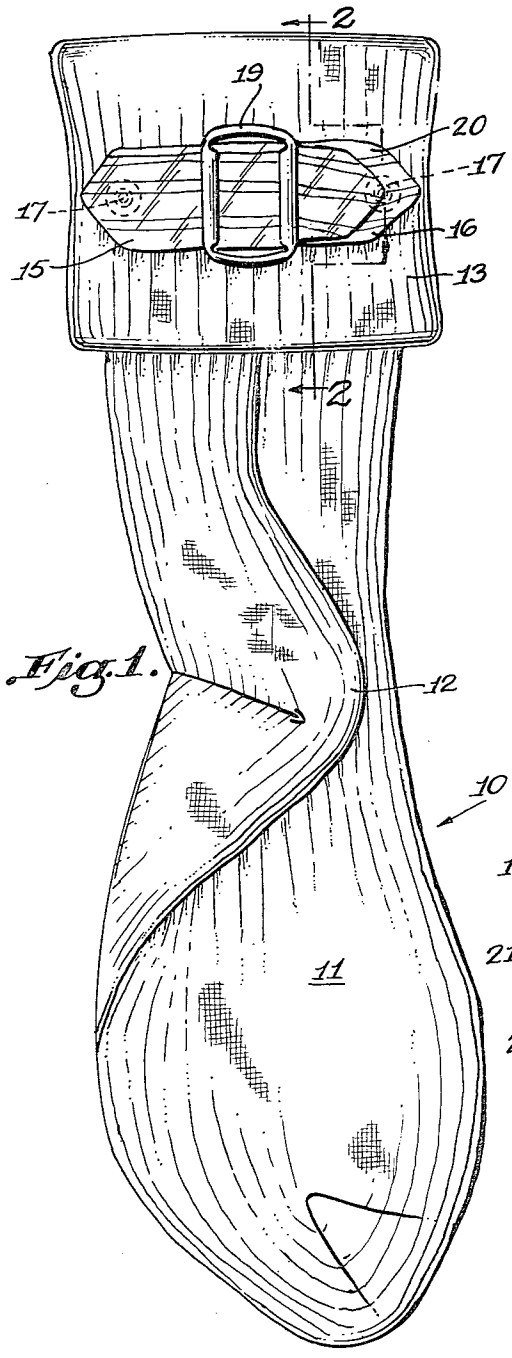


Fig. 1.

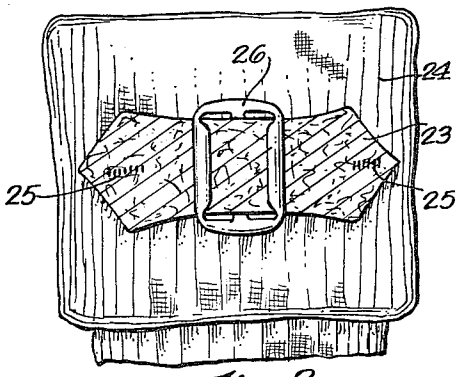


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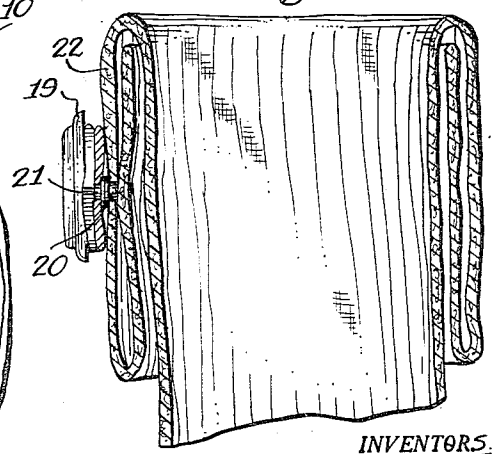


Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.

Fig. 2.



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The present invention relates to hosiery and more particularly to novelty bobby-socks or anklets.

At the present time, misses and children have made popular a roll-down bulky-cuff anklet and a convertible campus stocking which campus stocking may be turned down to form a bulky-cuff anklet. Frequently, the bulky knitted stitches may become distended in these anklets and some of the elasticity that is normally inherent in knitted structures may be removed thereby permitting the anklet in the rolled or turned condition to fall loosely or to sag unattractively about the wearer's ankle.

Therefore, it is an object of the present invention to provide a means for gathering or limiting the stretch of a substantial portion of a turned-down cuff of an anklet stocking to prevent sagging of a bulky cuff and to improve the quality of fit.

Yet another object of the present invention is the provision of a gathering means for the cuff portion of anklet hosiery suitable for collecting slack or distended portions of the anklet cuff.

This invention further contemplates the application of a limited band or belt for use in combination with the turned-down portion of an anklet cuff with means for adjusting the tension of the belt to control the tautness of the anklet about a wearer's ankle.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a novelty anklet which is pleasing in appearance, stylish, and one which incorporates means for performing the function of a garter band to support the cuff portion of the anklet in position.

A further object of this invention is to provide a removable partial belt for application to the turned-down cuff portion of an anklet stocking to improve the quality of fit and to permit interchangeability of belt color combinations.

Other and further objects and many of the advantages of this novelty stocking will become more readily apparent as the invention becomes better understood from the following detailed description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing in which like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Fig. 1 is a rear elevational view of an anklet stocking, in a longitudinally folded condition, with the foot and anklet portion collineated and with the cuff portion embodying one form of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a partial transverse sectional view taken substantially along the plane of section line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a modified embodiment of the invention affixed to the rear portion of a turned anklet cuff; and

Figs. 4 and 5 are side perspective views of further modifications of belt and bucklet attachments for application to anklet hosiery.

Referring to the drawing there is shown in Fig. 1 a rear view of a knitted stocking **10** of the conventional anklet type worn by misses and children comprising a foot portion **11** extended longitudinaly with the heel portion

12 folded over the foot portion and a cuff portion **13** shown in the rolled or turned-down condition to form a bulky or massive cuff. Hosiery of this type is presently being marketed under the trademark "Morpul," however, this invention is applicable to other types of rolled-down or turned cuff anklets. The turned-down cuff portion **13** may also be the result of turning down three-quarter or knee length campus stockings. In the turned-down condition the hosiery exposes at the rear of the cuff a pair of belt tabs **15** and **16**, one of the ends of each of the tabs being releasably fastened to the turned-down cuff by conventional fastening snaps **17** or other suitable fastening elements, in spaced circumferential relation at the rear of the stocking cuff. It has been found desirable to mount the belt and buckle attachment to include approximately the rear quadrant of the turned-down cuff.

A buckle member **19** is affixed by suitable means, such as sewing, to the free end of one of the belt tabs, such as **15**; the other belt tab is of sufficient length to be received in the buckle **19** for adjustment in clamping engagement with the buckle member. Upon introducing the belt tab end **20** of tab **15**, the reach between the belt fastening means **17** may be adjusted upon regulating the distance between the buckle and the fastened end of the tab **15**.

For convenience in laundering as well as to provide interchangeability for various color combinations, it is contemplated to facilitate the removal of the belt and buckle attachment by means of conventional snap fastening means **17**. Fastening means **17**, at least one being used to secure each tab is composed of two cooperating or mating elements **20** and **21**, each of which is securely fastened as by a grommet and rivet or by sewing the snap fastener to the cuff. One element **20** of the fastening means is securely fastened to the cuff portion of the stocking intermediate the boot length so that in the folded or rolled condition the fastener **20** will be located intermediate the vertical reach of the outer ply **22**, as is more clearly shown in Fig. 2.

There is illustrated in Fig. 3 a modification of the belt and buckle attachment employed in Fig. 1 in that a single belt or tab member **23** reaches about a portion of the perimeter of a rolled-down cuff **24** and is secured to the cuff by stitches **25** which secure the ends of the single tab to the turned-down portion of the cuff intermediate. An ornamental buckle **26** will be mounted initially on the belt member **23** before sewing the member to the cuff portion to simulate a two-piece belt member. It will be apparent that the cuff portion encompassed by the belt member **23** will be restricted from stretching over that lineal reach portion covered by the belt member. For some applications, it has been found desirable to use an imitation leather or plastic belt member, as is represented in Fig. 3. However, a fabric strap and buckle attachment **28**, as is illustrated in Fig. 5, may be provided for attachment to the turned-down cuff portion. Obviously, it is desirable to provide a fabric which will be color-fast for laundering purposes.

The belt and buckle attachment **29** as shown in Fig. 4 is a modification of the belt and buckle attachment shown in Fig. 1 in that the tabs **30** and **31** will have their free ends **32** and **33** secured as by sewing to the turned-down cuff portion of the anklet.

Obviously, many modifications and variations may be made in the belt tabs and buckle arrangement in the light of the above teaching without departing from the real spirit and purpose of this invention. It is, therefore, to be understood that within the scope of the appended claims many modified forms of structure for limiting the extensibility of the cuff portion of hosiery

may be reasonably included and modifications are contemplated.

What is claimed is:

1. Hosiery of the character described comprising, in combination, an anklet of the type having a cuff adaptable to be turned down, a pair of belt tabs, each of said tabs being fastened at one end of each and in circumferential spaced relation to each other to the interior of the anklet and intermediate its length whereby the belt tabs will be exposed on the cuff exterior at the rear of the anklet in the cuff turned-down position, and a buckle member fastened to one of the free ends of one of the tabs to receive the free end of the other tab.

2. In combination, a knitted stocking of the turned-down cuff anklet type, a pair of belt tabs, each of said belt tabs being releasably fastened at one end of each

to the turned-down cuff portion exterior and intermediate the height thereof, said belt tabs being spaced apart to encompass a reach extending partially about the cuff circumference, and a buckle member fastened to one of the free ends of one of the tabs to receive the free end of the other tab.

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