

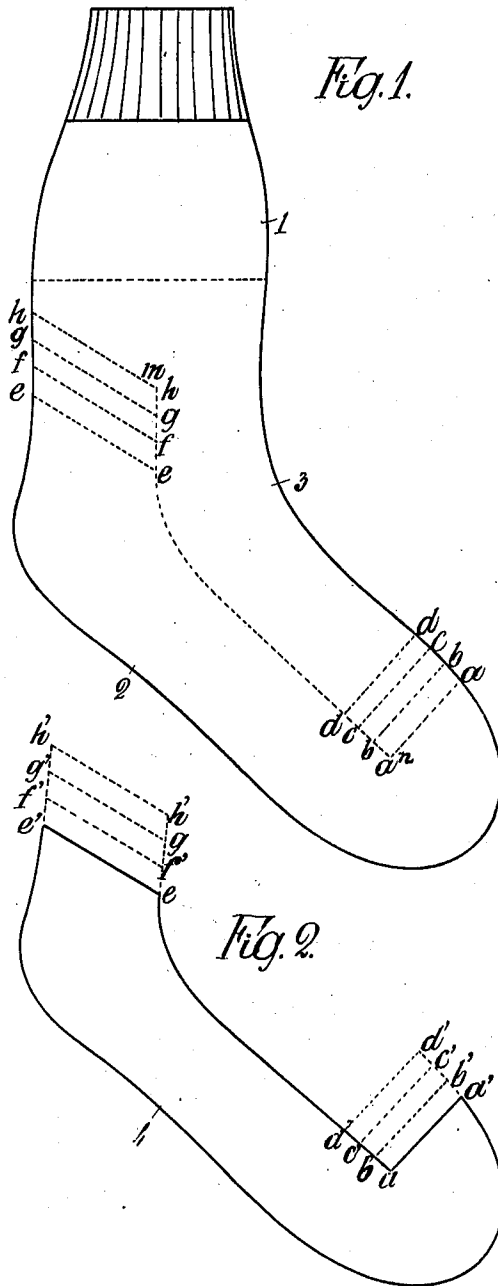
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It is a well-known trouble that stockings and socks, and in particular sporting hose and workmen's stockings, frequently are worn out at the toe and heel while the leg is not worn, and in such a case it has been necessary to refoot such stockings, which is almost as expensive as to buy new stockings.

The object of the present invention is to remedy this trouble by knitting the stocking in such a manner that anyone can, without difficulty, fit new foot sections to them, which foot sections could be made at the same time as the stockings or socks.

Such loose foot sections may also be manufactured on a wholesale scale and be sold with the respective stockings or separately. The essential feature of the invention consists therein that these loose foot sections are made with several finishing edges at heel and toe, so that the joining of a new foot section to an old leg may be higher or lower at the calf than if there were only one finishing edge which, normally, should be covered by the edge of the shoe. By the foot section thus provided with several finishing edges the wear will fall below these and the leg of the stocking will be saved, so that the hereinafter described foot sections will allow of successively replacing a number of foot sections.

The invention is exemplified in the drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 shows a stocking in side elevation, with a foot section sewn to it.

Figure 2 shows a foot section detached.

In the drawing the numeral 1 indicates a gentleman's sock or half hose. 3 is the instep and 2 the foot section. In knitting the stockings a finishing edge *m, n* is made, (shown by dotted lines) on each side of the stocking, commencing somewhat beyond the ankle and terminating a little before the toe. In this connection it may be stated that a finishing edge may be made in various manners, the particular formation constituting no particular part of the invention, it being sufficient that the article may be severed along such edge without causing an unravelling of the material while at the

same time two of such edges may be readily secured together.

From the lower end of the edge *m, n* a finishing edge extends from the one side across the foot to the other side as indicated by the line *a*, and parallel to this there are a number of further edges *b, c, d*. At the upper end of the finishing edge *m, n* there are a corresponding number of edges *e, f, g, h* around the back of the heel.

The loose foot sections 4 are provided with corresponding edges at the toe *a', b', c'* and *d'*, and *e', f', g'* and *h'* at the heel. When the original foot section 2 of the stocking has been worn out, it may be cut away along the edges *d—d', d—m, m—h*, and a loose new section may be sewn in along the thus freed edges. It will be possible, according to requirements, to choose which of the edges *a, b, c, d* or *e, f, g, h* respectively, shall be used, sewing the foot section in according to the respective edges, so that the size of the stocking and the position of its foot remain the same.

Whereas it, until now, has been assumed that both the stockings and the loose foot sections are provided with several finishing edges *a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h* or *a', b', c', d', e', f', g', h'*, respectively, it is of course not necessary that both stocking and foot section are provided with them, and it will be sufficient if the stocking has a suitable number of such edges so as to prevent, each time a foot section is fitted, the stocking becoming shorter.

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

In an improvement for hosiery, a secondary foot section provided with side finishing edges and with a plurality of transversely extending finishing edges at the toe and heel portions thereof, and said finishing edges being uniformly spaced and parallel to each other, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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