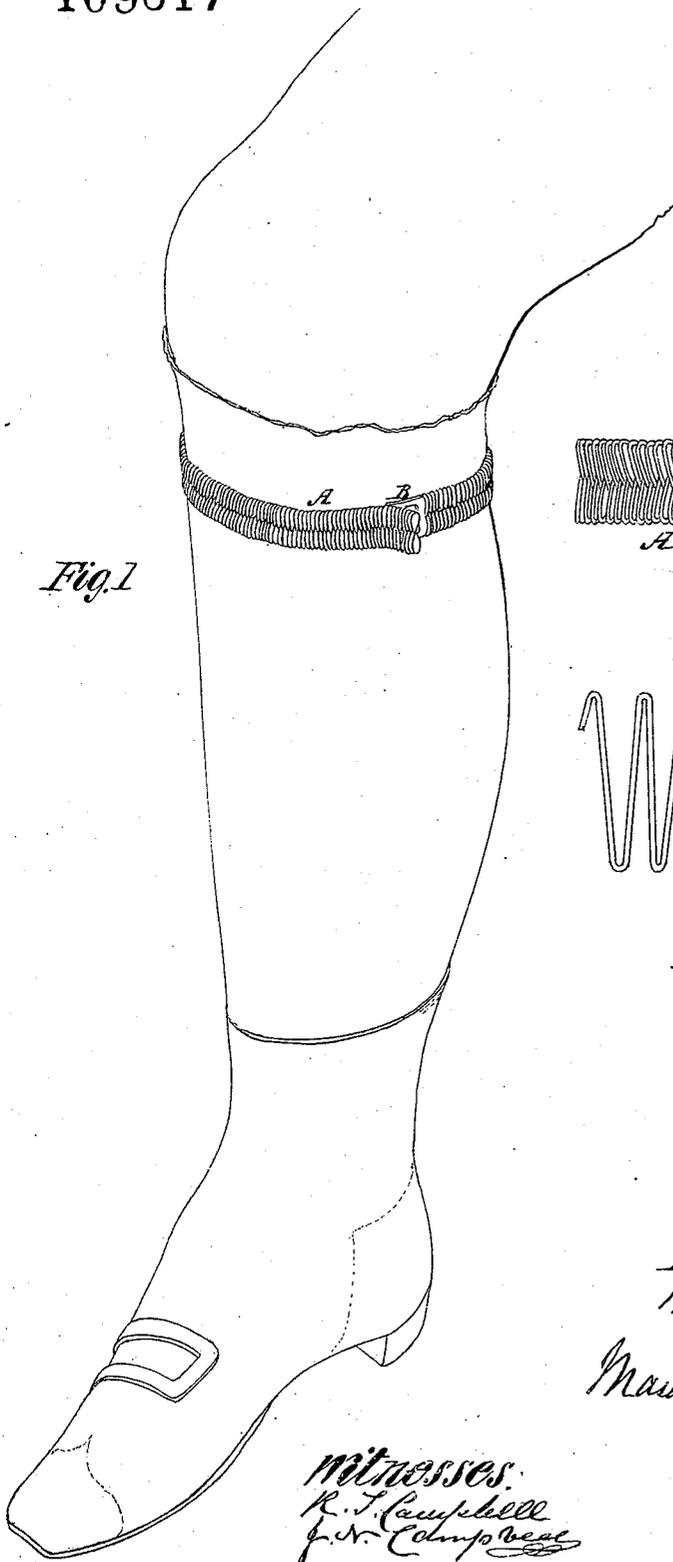


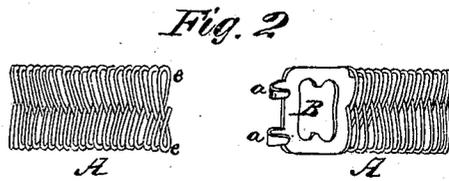
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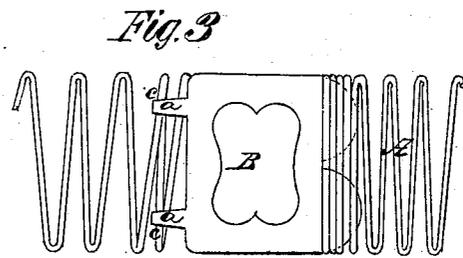
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*

*Fig. 4*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN GARTERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 109,617, dated November 29, 1870.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY A. HOUSE, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Garter; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the garter applied. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are views showing the construction of the garter.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

This invention relates to a new and improved garter for ladies' and children's use.

The invention consists in an elastic metallic garter, which is made of wire twisted and bent in such manner as to produce a flat strip having loops or eyes on each edge for receiving a hooked fastening, and allowing the garter to be adapted to larger or smaller limbs, as may be required.

The following is a description of my new article of manufacture:

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the elastic garter, and B the clasp thereof, which latter is suitably secured to one end of the garter, and constructed with two hooks, *a a*, on one of its edges. The garter is made of fine spring-wire coiled in such manner as

to present a flatness indicated in the drawings, and a row of loops or eyes, *ee*, along each edge. The mode of producing such a coil might be illustrated by taking two round rods, and, while holding them parallel to each other and at a short distance apart, wind a wire in a spiral manner around the rods, carrying it from one to the other, that the wires forming the coils cross a common center between the rods. This produces a flat spring, which presents two eyes for receiving hooks *a a* at each coil, and which consequently allows the said hooks to be applied to any one of the coils throughout the length of the garter, and to draw equally on both of its edges.

If desirable, the garter thus made can be covered with some light material and ornamented to suit the taste. It is durable and will not be liable to injure the wearer.

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

A coiled-spring garter the coils of which are on opposite sides of a common center, at which point the wires forming the coils cross, thus making fastening-eyes on both sides of center, substantially as described.

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