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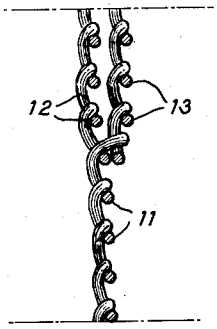


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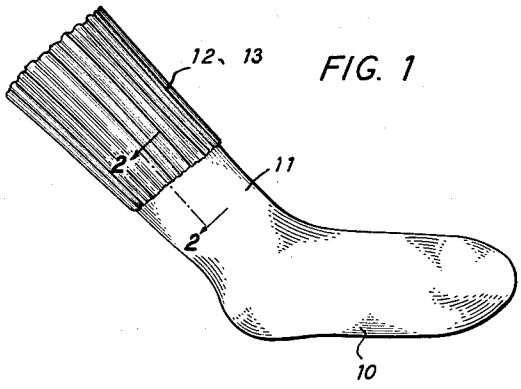


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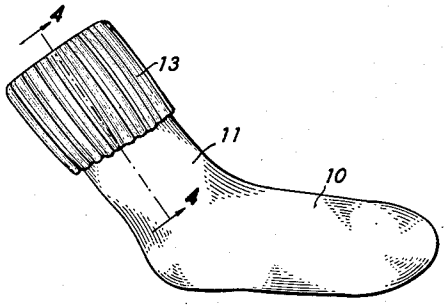


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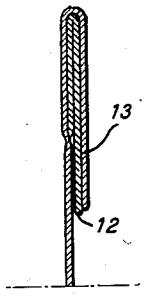


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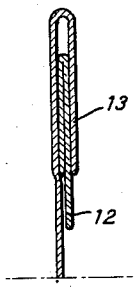


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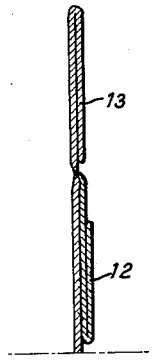


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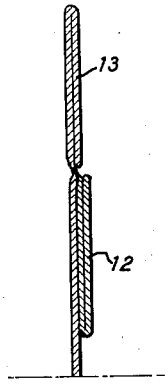


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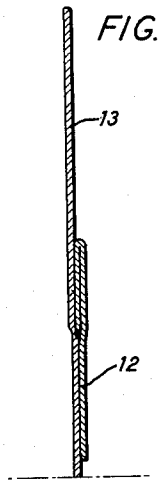
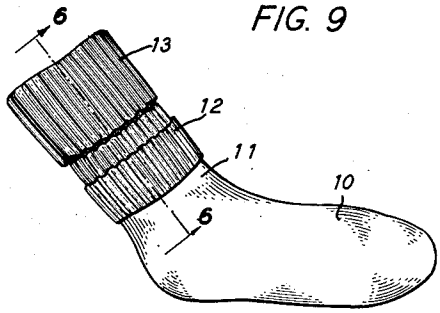


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This invention relates to knitted articles, and more particularly to wearing apparel, and specifically socks, the desirability of increasing the attractiveness of hose having been recognized and undertaken for a substantial period of time.

It is an object of the invention to provide socks or ankle-type hose which not only are of improved appearance, but on account of the character of the same and the increased capacity for variation can be worn in different ways or styles thereby changing the appearance and effect presented.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a sock embodying the invention, and with the top in a definite position;

Fig. 2, an enlarged fragmentary detail on the line **2—2** of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3, a side elevation with the top in a definite position;

Fig. 4, a section on the line **4—4** of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5, a similar view with the two tops in a slightly different arrangement;

Fig. 6, a similar view with the two tops in another arrangement, as illustrated on the line **6—6** of Fig. 9;

Fig. 7, a similar view with the two tops in a further arrangement;

Fig. 8, a section of another arrangement; and

Fig. 9, a perspective of the arrangement of Fig. 6.

Briefly stated, the invention comprises a sock or anklet having continuously knit foot and leg portions of single thickness, and a pair of tops connected thereto. This enables the two tops to be arranged in several ways to vary the appearance with or without the use of colors.

With continued reference to the drawings, a sock or anklet is provided having a foot portion **10**, a leg portion **11**, and a pair of identical top portions **12** and **13**. The bottom ends of the tops are knitted to the upper end of the leg portion, the tops being rib knitted and the leg and foot portions being plain knitted. The cuff portions **12** and **13**, on account of being rib knit, are inherently elastic and are adapted to be folded over for modifying the appearance of the sock, such folding over increasing the tension or stress upon the tops and assisting in maintaining them in such folded-over position while the sock is being worn.

As shown in Fig. 1, in the production of the sock of the present invention the foot and leg are knitted and two tops are knitted and transferred or attached thereto. These tops may be independently knitted and then transferred to the combination leg and foot portions in the usual way, or they may be produced in any other desired manner, thus providing an article susceptible of various modifications to obtain distinctive results in style and appearance.

In Fig. 1 the two tops are fully extended in an upward manner.

In Figs. 3 and 4 the tops are outwardly turned in a similar manner to form a cuff.

In Fig. 5 the tops are outwardly turned, however, the inner top is not extended downwardly as far as the outer. This leaves a substantial portion of the outer top exposed below the extremity of the inner, thus providing a double cuff effect.

In Figs. 6 and 9, the outer top is extended downwardly and then reversely upon itself to leave uncovered approximately one-third of the interior surface of the outer top, and the inner top is extended upwardly and then folded reversely so that it is of double thickness substantially its entire width, thus providing a triple cuff effect.

In Fig. 7, the inner and outer top sections are disposed in opposite directions from their line of attachment, and then are brought back upon themselves until their unattached edges are in contiguous relation, providing a different double cuff effect.

In Fig. 8 both the inner and outer tops are extended from the leg portion of the sock. The inner and outer top is fully extended and the free edge of the outer top is moved reversely so that there is a double thickness near the attached end of the outer top.

Numerous additional styles or arrangements may be had by the use of colors and other means as will be apparent to those skilled in the art, and various changes may be made in the invention without departing from the spirit and scope thereof. Therefore the invention is not limited by the showing in the drawings and as described in the specification, but only as indicated in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A sock comprising continuous knit foot and leg portions and two identical tops rib knitted to provide inherent transverse elasticity and of a thickness and width to resiliently and retainingly embrace the leg and thereby be maintained in position thereon, said tops encircling and being connected at their inner ends to said leg portion at the same location, such two tops being disposable in an extended position away from said leg portion, in an opposite position overlying the leg portion, and in intermediate positions, and said top portions each being adjustable relative to said leg portion each independently of the other.

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