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NO MODEL.

Fig 1.

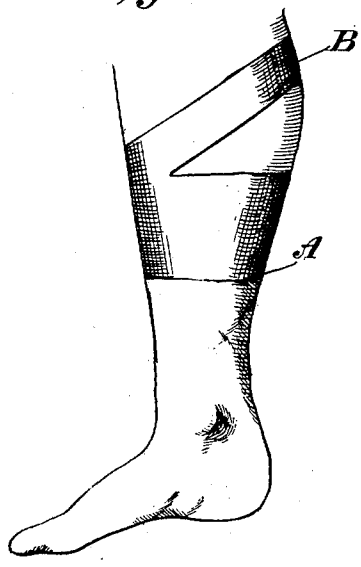


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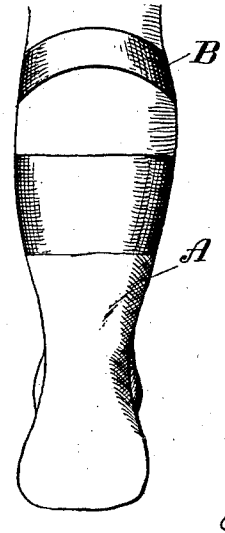


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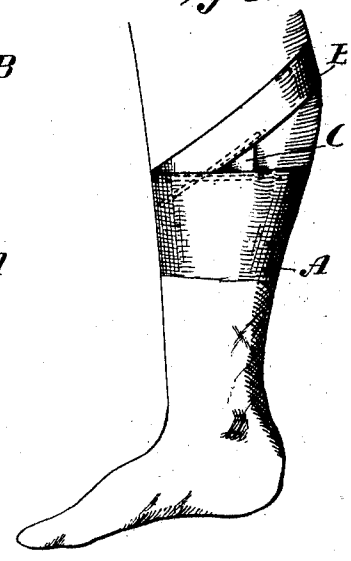


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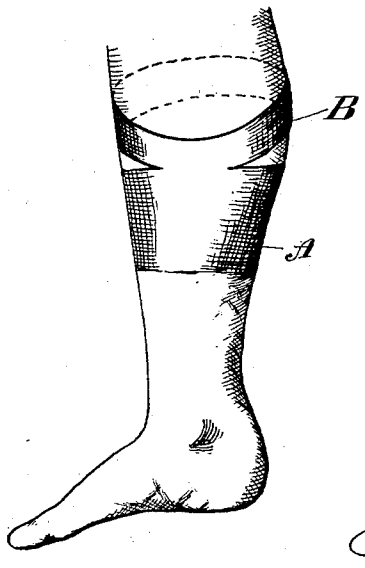


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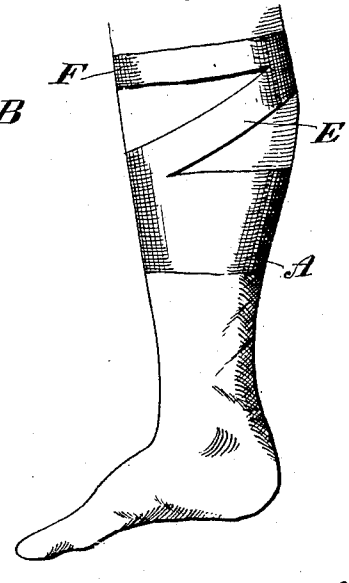
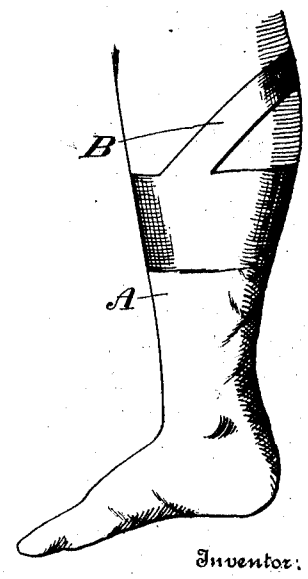


Fig 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM CARVEL HALL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Baltimore county, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Socks, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention pertains to improvements in socks, the construction and advantages of which will be hereinafter set forth, reference being had to the annexed drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved sock; Fig. 2, a rear view of the same; Fig. 3, a side elevation showing a modified form; Fig. 4, a further modified form, and Figs. 5 and 6 still further modifications.

The object of the present invention is to provide a sock with an integrally-formed member which will serve to support and hold the sock in position when in use.

The present construction is advantageous in that it does away with the use of a separate and independent garter or garment supporter, the supporting member, which is permanently attached to or formed integrally with the sock, being always present and in ready position to be drawn up over the calf of the leg of the wearer to hold the sock in its proper extended position.

Referring to the drawings, and more particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, A denotes the body of the sock, knitted or made in any desired manner and having formed integrally therewith a strap or band B, which is connected to the front or forward portion of the sock at the upper edge thereof only. In the article which I have used the strap or band B was formed as an integral part of the sock—that is to say, the sock as a whole was knitted—the band being formed as a part of the sock and afterward severed therefrom, except at the forward portion or point of attachment to the body of the sock. The edge of the upper portion of the sock and the edges of the band or supporting member B may be formed with a selvage, or the sock may be so knitted that when the strap or supporting member is severed from the body an edge which will not ravel will be left upon both the body of the sock and the strap. If so desired and found expedient, the strap or supporting member may be formed with a stitch, which will render the strap more elastic than the body of the sock, permitting the strap to be extended slightly to pass over the upper portion of the calf of the wearer and to firmly seat itself, so that it will not slip down when in use.

In Fig. 3 there is illustrated a modified form, wherein instead of forming the strap at the same time the body of the sock is formed the strap is formed as a separate and independent band in the first place and then permanently attached to the forward side of the upper edge of the sock, so that it becomes, in effect, an integral part of the structure. While the most feasible point of attachment between the band and the sock is at the forward portion of the sock, still it is manifest that the point of attachment may be varied. For instance, the point of attachment might be to one side of the sock, as shown in Fig. 4.

In Fig. 5 the strap is shown as attached to the opposite sides of the sock instead of both ends of the strap being connected simply at one point, as in the forms above described.

The sock illustrated in Fig. 6 shows a still further modification. In said figure a strap or band E extends from the upper edge of the sock and is adapted to pass about the upper part of the calf of the wearer, as in the other forms. A second continuous band or strap F is formed with or permanently secured to the upper part of the strap E and is designed to be passed or drawn around the leg of the wearer, as shown in the figure referred to.

A gusset or stay C may be formed or secured at the point of junction of the upper edge of the sock and the lower edge of the band or strap upon each side of the sock in order to render the article less liable to be torn, or this point of juncture may be strengthened in any desired manner.

It is to be understood that the supporting band or strap is at all times attached to the sock, or, in other words, is integral with the sock, and it is to be clearly distinguished from those garment-supporters which of necessity have to be detached from the sock as occasion may require. Being an integral part of the structure, the strap or band will be laundered with the sock as a part of the same.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A sock provided with a supporting member formed integral therewith, said supporting member, when in use, passing about and embracing the upper portion of the calf of the wearer in a plane above the upper edge of the sock, substantially as described.

2. A sock provided with a supporting-strap formed integral therewith, said strap being connected to the forward upper edge of the upper portion of the body of the sock and, when in use, passing about and embracing the upper portion of the calf of the wearer, substantially as described.

3. A sock having a strap or band extending from its upper edge, said strap, when in use, passing about the upper portion of the calf of the wearer, with a second band or strap secured to the upper portion of the first band and passing around or about the leg of the wearer, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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