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Fig. 1

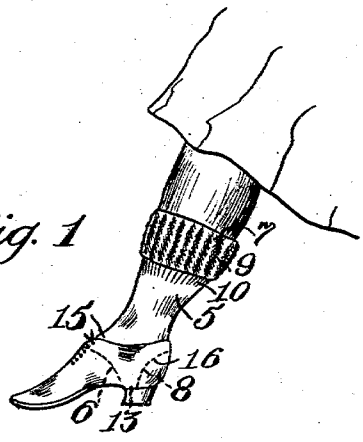


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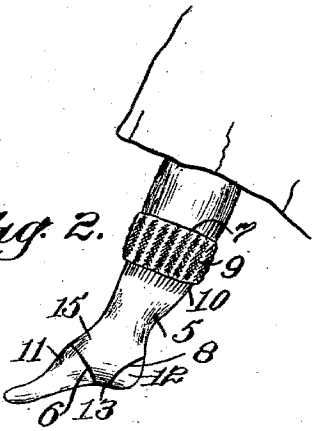


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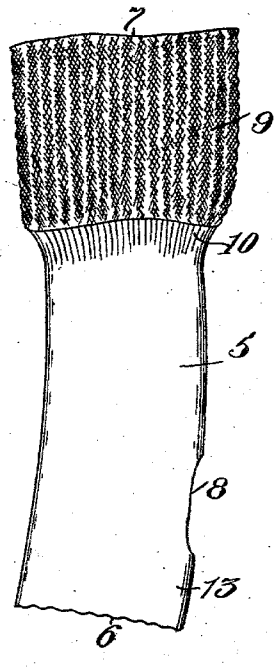
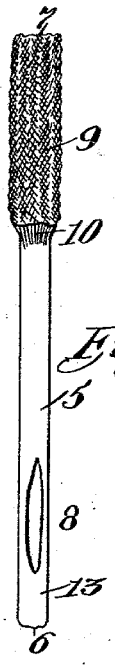


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH M. DOUGLAS, a citizen of the United States, residing in Tariffville, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Undergaiters or Anklets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to gaiters, and has for an object to provide an improved undergaiter or anklet.

This present improvement is intended to afford ample protection to the ankles, more especially to the wearers of low-quarter shoes. Heretofore when it has been desired to protect the ankles in addition to the hose which was worn overgaiters have been resorted to, which are inconvenient in many respects and take away the pleasing effect of a low shoe. It is also very difficult with the overgaiter to put on rubber overshoes. The present improvement, however, can be slipped on the foot and then the shoe put on, and the effect between the top of the shoe and the gaiter is the same as that between the shoe and ordinary hose.

In the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the foot and lower part of the leg with the gaiter applied and the shoe on the foot. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the shoe removed. Fig. 3 is a side view of the gaiter removed, and Fig. 4 is a rear view thereof.

A body portion 5 of the garment is shown substantially straight and may be made of some elastic material, which, if desired, may be a knit fabric. It is shown as having open ends 6 and 7, respectively. One side or the rear adjacent to the end 6 is shown as having a longitudinal slit or opening 8, and the material of the garment adjacent to the end 7 is shown as comprising an enlarged and thickened portion 9. The body portion 5 immediately adjacent to such thickened portion is shown as flaring slightly at 10. By reference to Fig. 2 it will be seen that the opening 6 permits the toe portion 11 of the foot to pass through and the opening 8 to permit the heel 12 to pass through. The portion 13 of the garment which is between the slit 8 and the opening 6 and opposite the portion 13 lies upon the instep 15 of the foot.

When in position upon the foot of the wearer and the shoe 16 being on the foot, the apertures 6 and 8 will be entirely concealed by the top of the shoe. The portion 9 of the garment will embrace the limb above the ankle and will assist in holding the garment in position without binding the cords or muscles, and the contraction of the garment incident to its spreading at 10 to accommodate it to the size of the portion 9 will cause it to contract and closely embrace the ankle and under ordinary circumstances maintain the garment snugly drawn over the ankle, so that there will be no slackness or sliding, causing unsightly wrinkles.

If the gaiter is made of knit fabric, the slit or opening for the heel may be made by not closing the seam for a short distance and the heel-strap be formed by again closing the seam.

It of course will be apparent that other expedients may be resorted to for holding the garment tightly in position. It will also be apparent that this anklet may be worn with any kind of shoes.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination of a straight elastic body portion open at both ends, an enlarged and thickened portion at one end, a contracted portion adjacent thereto; and a longitudinal slit in the back adjacent to the other end.

2. A garment comprising a tubular body having a seam down the back, an open lower end having an edge transverse to the body, an unseamed opening near such end, a continuation of the seam between such unseamed opening and the edge of the end, and a continuous uninterrupted portion upon the front of the body opposite such unseamed opening and the continuation of the seam.

3. A garment of the class specified embodying a straight elastic body portion, an aperture in one side thereof, and a closed side opposite said aperture.

4. A garment comprising a body open at both ends and continuous for its major portion, a slit in the back near the lower open end, a continuous portion below the slit and extending from the slit to the said lower open

end, and a continuous portion upon the front opposite such slit and continuous portion.

5. A garment comprising a tubular body having at one end an enlarged and thickened portion, a tubular portion therebelow having a seam down the back and an open end; an unseamed opening near such end; a continuation of the seam between such unseamed opening and the edge of the end; a continuous unopen front upon such tubular body extending to the edge of the open end and of a length equal to that of the seam.

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