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Fig. 1.

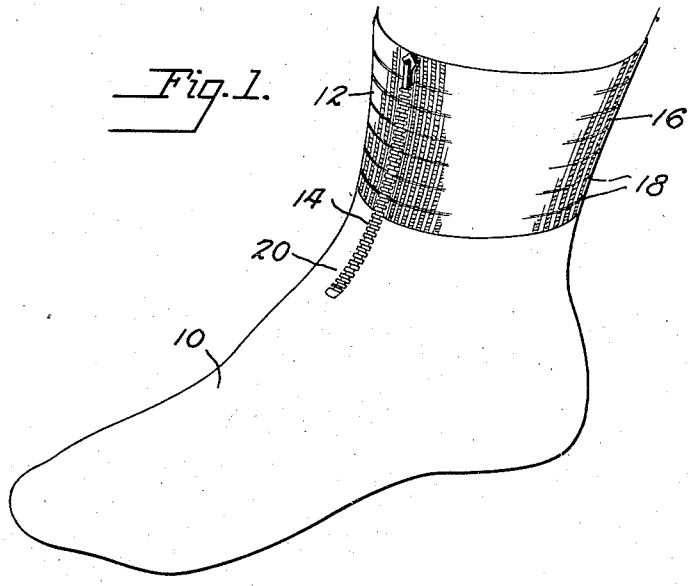
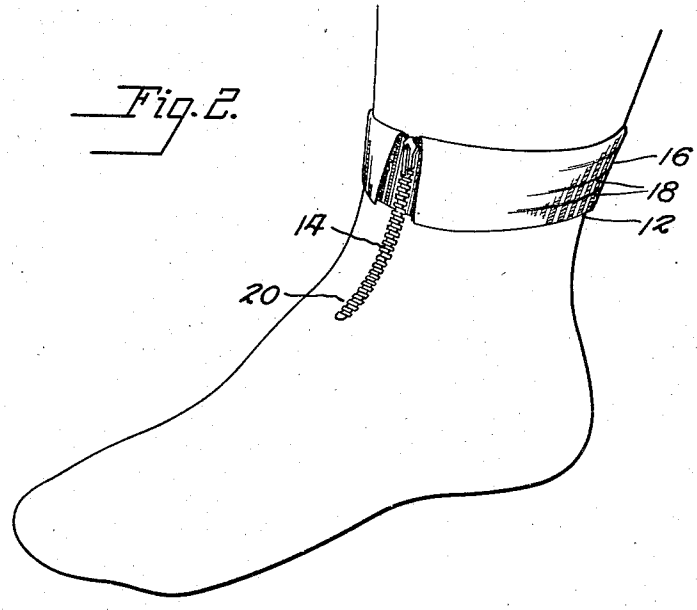


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to anklets and more particularly to anklets having a knitted elastic leg engaging portion utilizing quick, detachable fasteners, preferably of the hookless type.

One object of this invention is to provide an anklet which will remain upright and maintain its neat appearance at all times. Another object is to provide an anklet having an elastic leg-engaging portion which can be partially folded over without increasing the tension upon the wearer's limb. A further object is to provide an anklet having elastic portions which will have a longer life and which is not subjected to excessive stretching when being put on or taken off. Another object is to provide an anklet which is neat in appearance and which may be quickly removed or replaced. Other objects and advantages of this invention will appear in the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 illustrates a preferred embodiment of the invention showing the anklet in use;

Figure 2 illustrates an anklet in use with the upper part turned down.

Considering the drawing in greater detail, the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated wherein an anklet is shown including foot and leg portions 10 and 12, respectively, and the quick, detachable fastener of the hookless type 14 extending throughout the leg portion. The leg portion 12 includes an elastic section 16 having laid-in transversely extending elastic threads 18. The anklet is preferably of the knitted type having the elastic threads laid-in during the knitting operations. It will be readily appreciated that the elastic type of construction may be obtained by other methods of manufacture.

The "zipper" or hookless fastener of the linear type is preferably arranged throughout the forward portion 20 of the anklet so that it will maintain the leg portion in upright relation, giving a neat appearance at all times without adding objectionable stiffness. In Figure 2, the elastic portion has been turned down and the fastener partly disengaged. In this position, a single layer only of the elastic portion of the anklet applies pressure to the leg. In the usual anklet construction when an elastic portion is turned down, the inner and outer parts of the anklet apply pressure to the leg and in some instances may create interference with blood circulation, or at least an annoying amount of pressure. Such conditions are entirely avoided by the present construction. Furthermore, the elastic properties of the material are preserved and have a much longer life because of the reduced amount of stretching which occurs. The elastic is not extended to a maximum amount each time the anklet is put on or taken off, but is in reality stretched to a lesser amount than occurs while it is in normal use. When placing the anklet upon the foot, the leg portions are not greatly stretched about the heel. The open, hookless fastener allows the foot portion to be put on with a minimum stretching of the leg portion.

Although a preferred embodiment of this invention is illustrated and described, variations within the true spirit and scope of the same are to be determined by the appended claim.

What I claim is:

An anklet comprising knitted foot and leg portions, transversely extending elastic threads laid-in throughout said leg portion, and hookless fastener means of the linear type extending throughout the front of the elastic leg portion.

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