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Fig 1

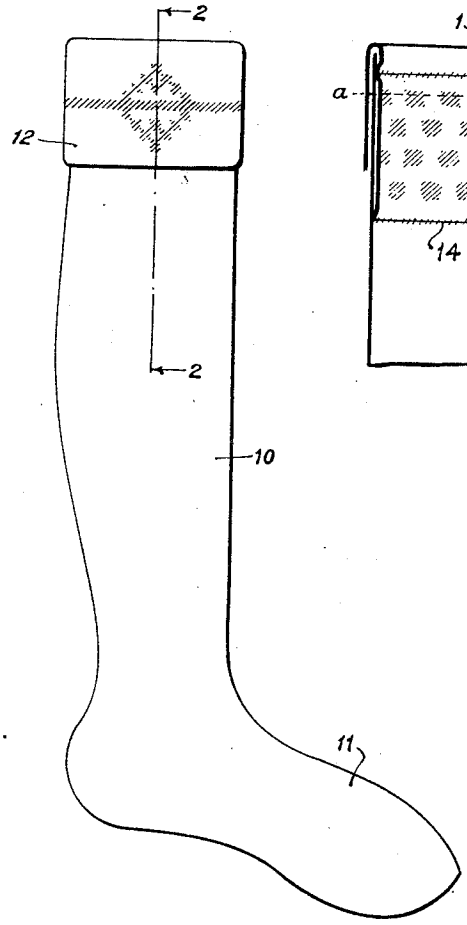


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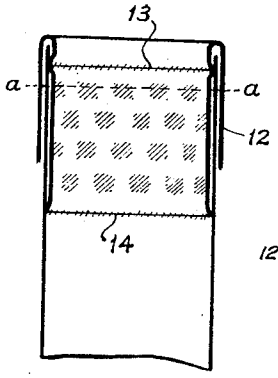


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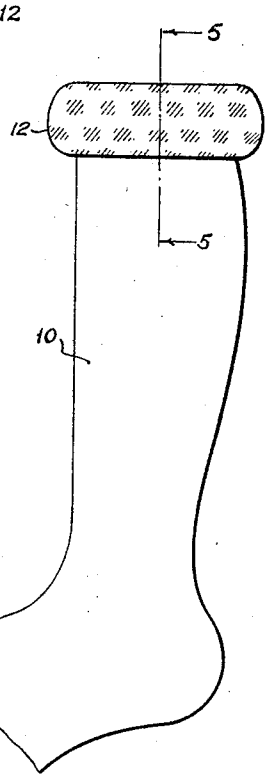


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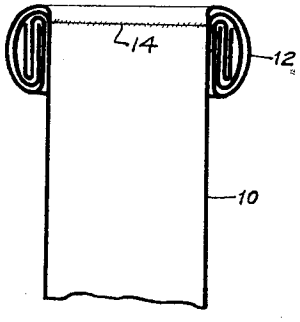
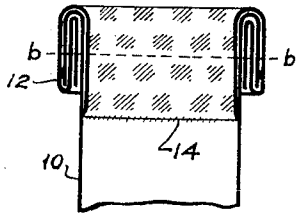


Fig 4



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This invention relates to improvements in hosiery, and in particular to hosiery so constructed that it may be worn as an ordinary golf stocking or may be readily converted into a golf stocking having a rolled and ornamental top.

The invention further relates to an improved method of folding said stocking so that the desired effects or styles may be obtained.

Referring to the drawings forming a part of this specification in which like characters represent similar parts throughout:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved golf stocking having the usual cuff;

Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of my improved stocking after the same has been converted into a golf stocking having a roll in lieu of the ordinary cuff;

Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the top portion of the stocking shown in Fig. 2 after it has been folded on the line *a*—*a* of Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a vertical section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3 showing the golf stocking converted from a cuff to a roll top after being folded on the line *b*—*b* of Fig. 4.

The stocking is provided with a shank portion 10 and a foot portion 11. A cuff portion 12 is sewed, knitted or otherwise secured to the shank portion 10 on the lines 13 and 14. The distance between the lines 13 and 14 is substantially the same as the distance that the cuff portion extends above and beyond the line 13 so that the cuff portion may be folded over on the outside of the stocking and extend for a substantial distance below the line 13 as shown in Fig. 2. The cuff portion, when forming an extension of the shank portion 10, is less than a full length stocking, but when folded as shown in Fig. 2 presents an ornamental design on the cuff portion as indicated in Fig. 1.

The lower portion of the cuff portion, that is, the part between the lines 13 and 14 is provided on the inside thereof with a suitable knitted design such as squares of a different color from the body portion. If the stocking, after being folded as indicated in Fig. 2, is then folded on the line *a*—*a* of Fig. 2, a very pleasing effect is obtained. The stocking is then folded into the configuration shown in Fig. 4. If the upper portion of the stocking is again folded on the line *b*—*b* of Fig. 4, a rolled top effect is secured as shown in Figs. 3 and 5. The checked inner portion between the lines 13 and 14 is then transformed into the rolled outer surface as shown in Fig. 3, presenting a highly pleasing appearance.

It is obvious that such a stocking may be worn as a regular golf stocking, and when so worn, would appear to be a cuff golf stocking of the conventional kind in which the cuff is of the usual turned-down type. When desired, such stocking may readily be converted into the conventional roll top golf stocking as heretofore described.

I have found that the best results are obtained by attaching the cuff portion 12 to the inside of the shank portion 10. This cuff portion may be formed separately from the shank portion and then secured thereto, or it may be formed in the same knitting process or operation with the shank portion 10.

I am aware that it has been suggested heretofore to roll the top portions of stockings, but I believe it to be novel to provide a stocking which may be worn as a regular golf stocking having an ornamental cuff or converted into a roll top golf stocking displaying the same, or different designs or colors shown in the cuff.

Various modifications of the foregoing construction and methods of folding the same may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention. I, therefore, do not limit myself to the specific construction shown except as I may limit myself in the annexed claim.

By the term folding as herein employed, I refer to a partial folding and rolling operation or a mere rolling operation.

Preferably before rolling the stocking it is first pulled up taut or stretched and then rolled whereby the elasticity of the completed stocking as so rolled will tend to hold the stocking at a higher point and approximately where the original cuff was posi-

tioned while at the same time tending to prevent it slipping out of this position even though no garters were employed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

A convertible stocking comprising foot and shank members, a cuff portion secured adjacent one of its ends to the inside of the shank member at the upper part of the latter, the cuff member extending substantially the same distance without the shank portion as it extends within the same, said cuff member being provided with ornamental designs on its upper and lower portions.

Signed at New York, in the county and State of New York, this 18th day of April, 1924.

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