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Fig. 1.

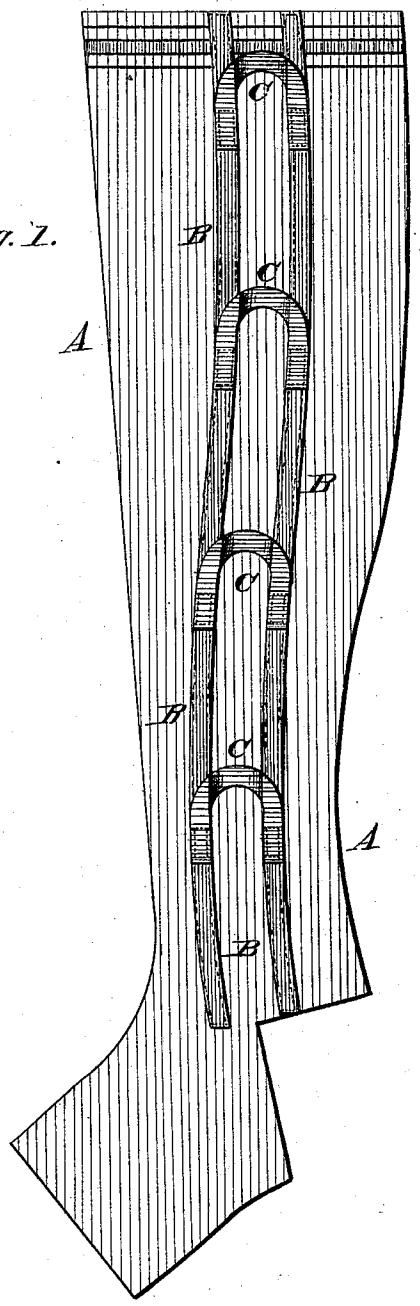
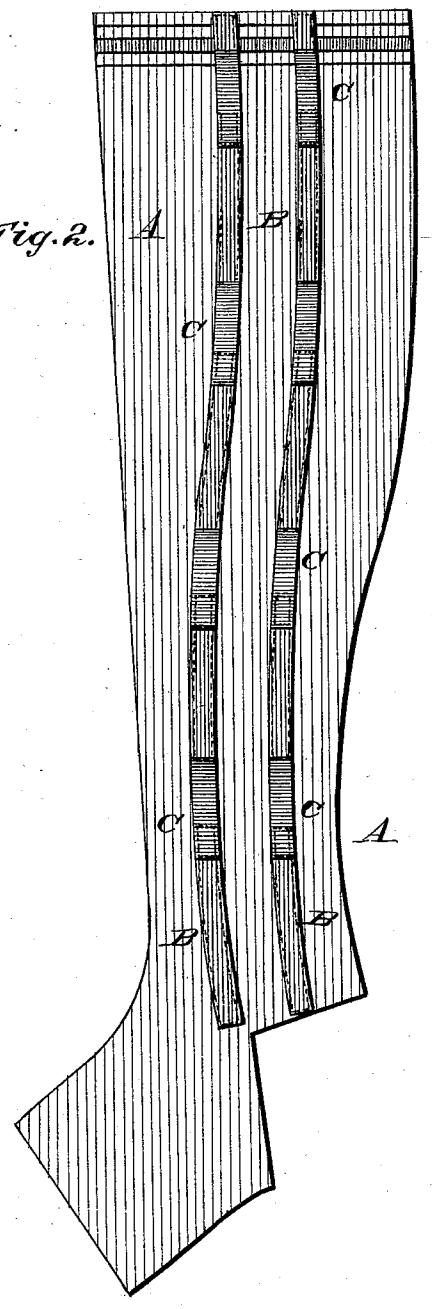


Fig. 2.



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ELASTIC STOCKING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID D. M. MASTER, of Flushing, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Elastic Stockings; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to elastic stockings and similar bandages; and it consists in certain improvements in the same, which will be hereinafter fully described, with reference to the drawings hereto annexed, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of my improved elastic stocking; and Fig. 2 is a side view, illustrating a modification.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

My present invention is an improvement on the device for which Letters Patent of the United States No. 250,154 were granted to myself, on the 29th day of November, 1881. In the said patent the elastic stocking was provided on each side with a pair of longitudinal, flexible, but non-elastic stays to prevent it from expanding longitudinally in adjusting it upon the limb.

My present invention consists in supplying the sides of the stocking, in addition to the longitudinal stays, with a series of loops or straps, located at suitable intervals and forming handles, which may be conveniently grasped when the stocking is put on, thus enabling this to be done without straining the entire length of the fabric at any one time.

In the drawings hereto annexed, A represents the elastic stocking; and B B, the longitudinal, flexible, but non-elastic stays secured to the side of the same.

C C are straps, having their ends attached to the stays B, as shown, so as to form loops or handles, which may be conveniently grasped when the stocking is to be pulled on. Of the straps or loops C two or more may be secured at suitable intervals, to each side of the stocking, so that it may be pulled on or adjusted in sections, as it were, without at any time exercising a longitudinal strain upon the entire fabric.

Instead of securing the ends of the straps C to both of the stays B, as in Fig. 1, both ends may be attached to the same stay, as in Fig. 2. By this construction substantially the same result is attained, with this difference, that the strain or draft may be exercised upon either stay alone or upon both stays independently or simultaneously, as required.

The advantages of my invention will be readily understood from the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings hereto annexed. Elastic stockings and similar bandages are necessarily made to fit the limb very tightly, and much difficulty has been experienced in putting them on. By my improvement the strain or pull may be exercised upon a small section at a time, thus making the stocking or bandage more easily adjusted, with less liability to tear and injure it.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. An elastic stocking provided on each side with a series of loops or straps, C, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. An elastic stocking provided on each side with longitudinal, flexible, but non-elastic stays, in combination with loops or straps attached to said stays, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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