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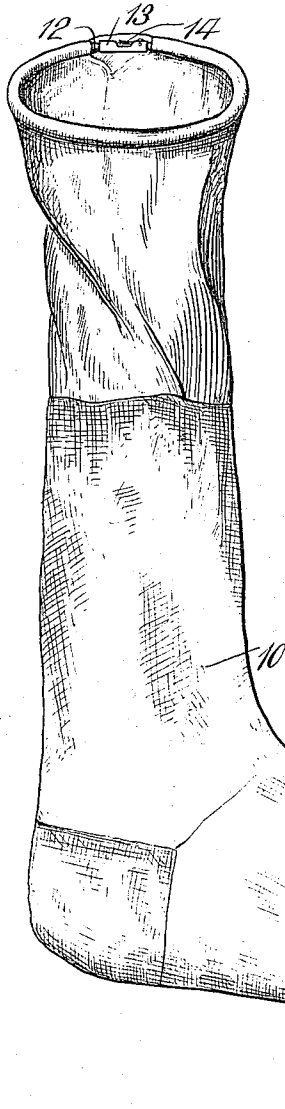


Fig. 1.

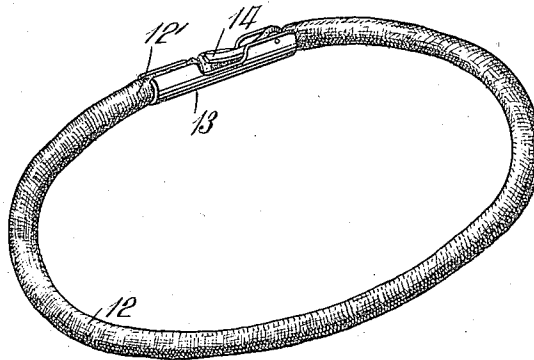


Fig. 2.

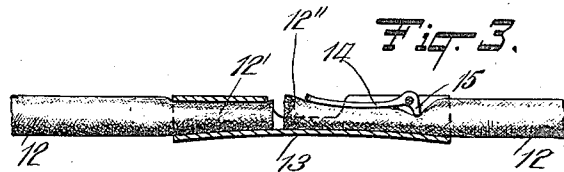


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELEANOR M. HATFIELD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Elastic for Children's Socks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 This invention relates to wearing apparel, and has particular reference to means for retaining stockings, socks, gloves, or other similar articles of wearing apparel in proper position.

15 Among the objects of the invention is to provide an elastic for the purpose indicated which is adjustable to suit the individual wearer of the garment, and when so adjusted to be capable of being locked or set so that no other adjustment will be necessary.

20 A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the character set forth which will be of a most simple nature, and hence cheap and easy of manipulation, and at the same time which will be reliable when in use.

25 The foregoing and other objects of the invention are attained by the mechanism hereinafter fully described and claimed and illustrated in the drawings accompanying this specification in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

30 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a child's sock fitted at its upper edge with my improvement; Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the elastic shown separate from the sock; and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section showing the preferred manner of forming the clip.

35 Referring to the drawings, at 10 is indicated a conventional sock. Around and within the upper edge 11 of the sock is introduced in any suitable manner a ring 12. This ring may be formed of any suitable material, but preferably comprises an elastic cord. To one end 12' of the cord is clamped a small strong metallic clip 13, said clip comprising a substantially hollow cylindrical body of a diameter approximating or at 40 most slightly larger than the diameter of the cord. In the other end of the clip is pivoted a tongue 14 having a short angularly ar-

ranged gripping point 15 adapted to bind more or less upon the loose end 12'' of the cord which is passed through the clip below 55 said tongue. The arrangement is such that by swinging the tongue outward on its pivot the loose end 12'' of the cord may be drawn up in case it becomes necessary to adjust the length thereof after the elastic has been 60 worn for some time. By depressing the tongue again into the position shown in full lines in Fig. 3, the elastic will again be gripped and held at the proper adjusted length. The end which projects beyond the 65 clip may be cut off if desired, and for this reason and because of the form of the clip the attachment is practically invisible when applied to the upper edge of the sock in the manner set forth. The cord may be threaded 70 through the upper edge of any ordinary sock by means of a needle or bodkin, but the stock may be made especially so as to include a hollow bead for the accommodation of the cord. The principle of operation and the 75 advantages which accrue from the use of the elastic ring would follow from either manner of applying it to the sock.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

The herein described elastic for socks or the like comprising an elastic member, circular in cross section, and a cylindrical clip, one end of the member being clamped rigidly 85 within one end of the clip and the other end of the member being passed loosely through the other end of the clip for the purpose of adjustment of the length of the member, the loose end being terminated within the clip 90 adjacent said rigidly clamped end, and said clip having a movable tongue lying substantially within the outlines of the clip serving to secure the loose end of the elastic member also within the clip, substantially as set 95 forth.

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

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