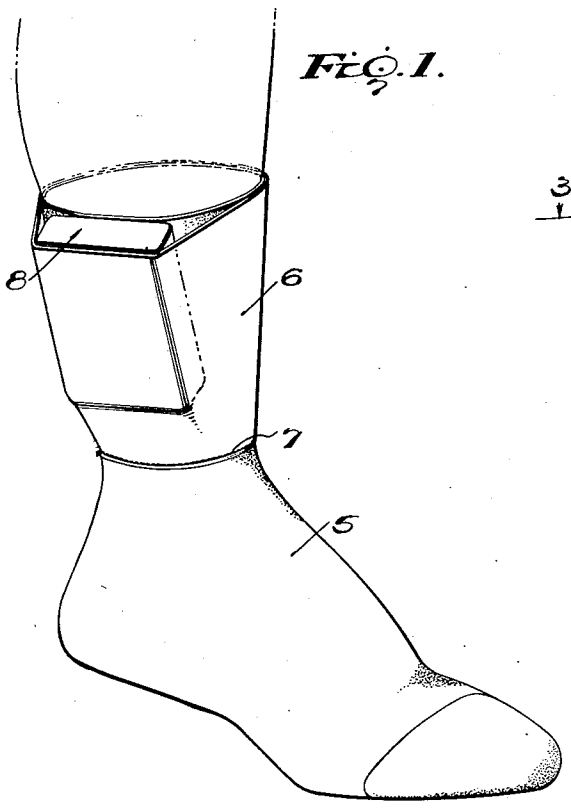
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Fig. 1.



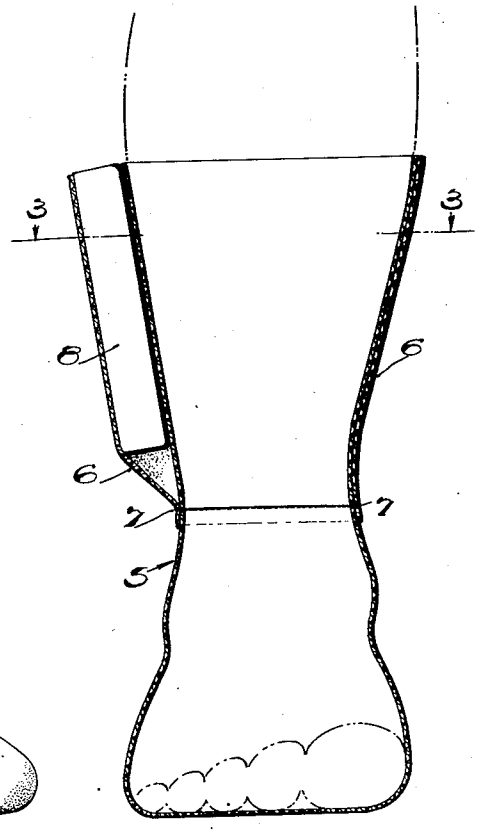


Fig. 2.

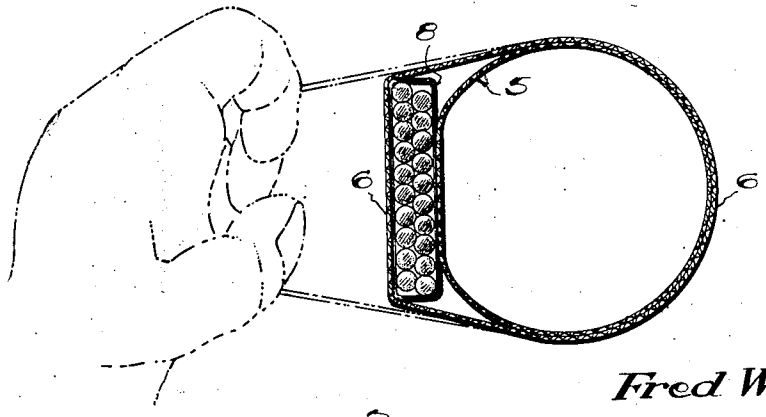


Fig. 3.

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The invention described herein, if patented, may be manufactured and used by or for the Government for governmental purposes, without the payment to me of any royalty thereon.

This invention relates to socks and among other objects, aims to provide a man's sock which has a pocket-like top portion to carry small articles such as a package of cigarettes, thereby concealing the articles beneath the trouser leg normally surrounding the sock.

It is well understood among service men that the pockets provided in uniforms for holding articles are not satisfactory because they will sometimes bulge outwardly when filled with the personal possessions carried by service men. These bulges are considered to detract from the neat military appearance demanded of men in the several services, especially when a parade or review is to be staged. Enlisted Navy men because of the character of their uniforms encounter special difficulty in carrying bulky personal articles while maintaining a neat appearance.

According to the invention, a conventional knitted man's stock is provided with an extra layer of easily stretched knitted textile material extending all around from the top of the sock nearly to the ankle portion. This layer is secured only at its bottom edge to the sock and may be pulled away from the sock at the top to expose a pocket-like cavity which may hold a cigarette package, a box of matches, a lighter, a pack of disposable tissues, or other small articles. Any items placed in the cavity are held therein by the resilience of the knitted extra layer, which when released closes against the leg of the wearer when the pull on the layer is discontinued.

In addition to the broad object mentioned above, the invention further aims to provide a pocket which does not materially detract from the appearance of the sock, which does not add too much weight or stiffness, does not give rise to discomfort, is not too expensive, and is easily manufactured.

In the accompanying drawings showing a preferred embodiment of the invention—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the sock of the invention shown on a foot and showing a pack of cigarettes held in the pocket;

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the parts of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 2, showing in full lines the extra layer resiliently holding a cigarette package and showing in dotted lines how the extra layer can be pulled out by the fingers of the user.

Referring particularly to the drawings, a conventional knitted man's sock 5 of any textile material meeting Government specifications has a tubular layer 6 of resilient stretchable knitted material secured thereto as by stitches 7. The tubular layer 6 completely surrounds the top portion of sock 5 and is so knitted that it normally lies snugly against the sock and hence tends to hug the leg of the wearer. The top layer 6 is normally adjacent the top of sock 5, while the lower edge of layer 6 lies a little above the ankle portion of the sock. The layer 6 may be of the same material dyed in the same way as the sock, and if so when worn will not be noticeable.

Layer 6 may be pulled out or stretched laterally by the fingers, as indicated in the dotted lines in Fig. 3, and an article such as a package of cigarettes may then be inserted in the pocket provided by layer 6 in conjunction with the top portion of the sock. When so inserted, the article will be securely held, as the resilience of the knitted layer causes the latter to close around and bind the article. Several small articles may be carried by each sock and the user will have ready access to the articles whenever a moment of leisure arises, without loading his blouse or shirt pockets with bulging possessions.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. In a knitted sock comprising a foot portion and a leg portion terminating in a free top edge, the improvement comprising a tubular layer of resilient stretchable knitted textile material overlying all of said leg portion, said tubular layer having a lower edge, means securing said lower edge to said leg portion in the region of said foot portion, said tubular layer providing an upwardly opening cylindrical pocket about said leg portion, and said cylinder pocket having an annular open mouth providing access to said pocket from every side.

2. In a knitted sock comprising a foot portion and a leg portion terminating in a free top edge; the improvement comprising a tubular layer of resilient stretchable material, disposed concentrically of said leg portion outwardly thereof, said tubular layer having a lower edge, means securing said lower edge to said leg portion, said tubular layer providing a cylindrical upwardly opening pocket about said leg portion, and said tubular layer having a free top edge defining an annular open mouth for said pocket providing access to the same from all sides.

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