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Fig. 1

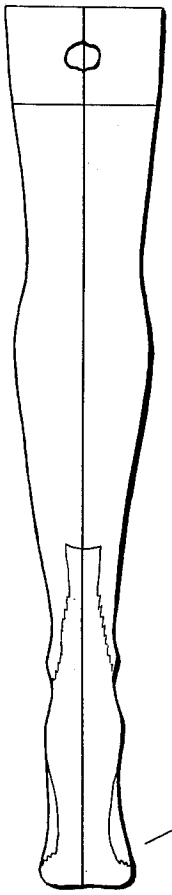


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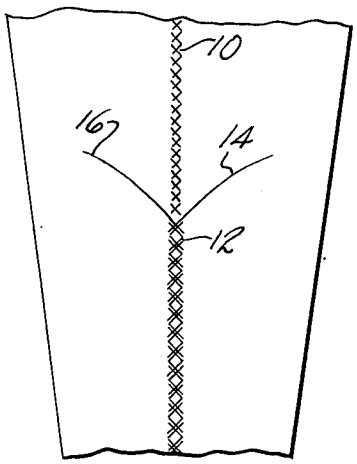


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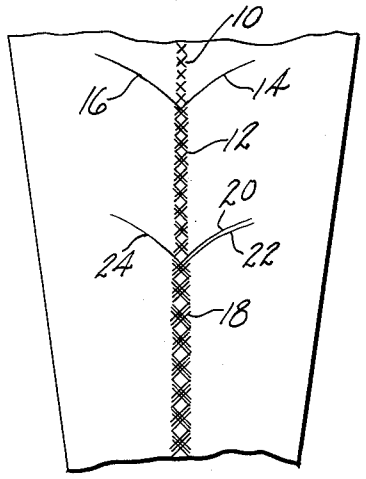
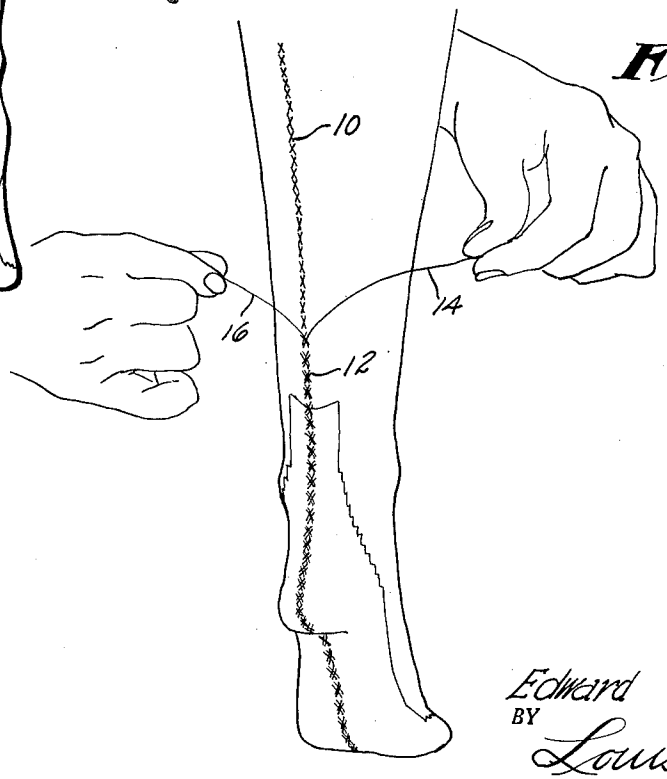


Fig. 4



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Fig. 5

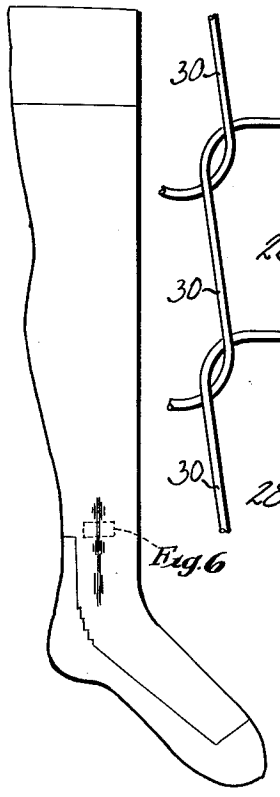


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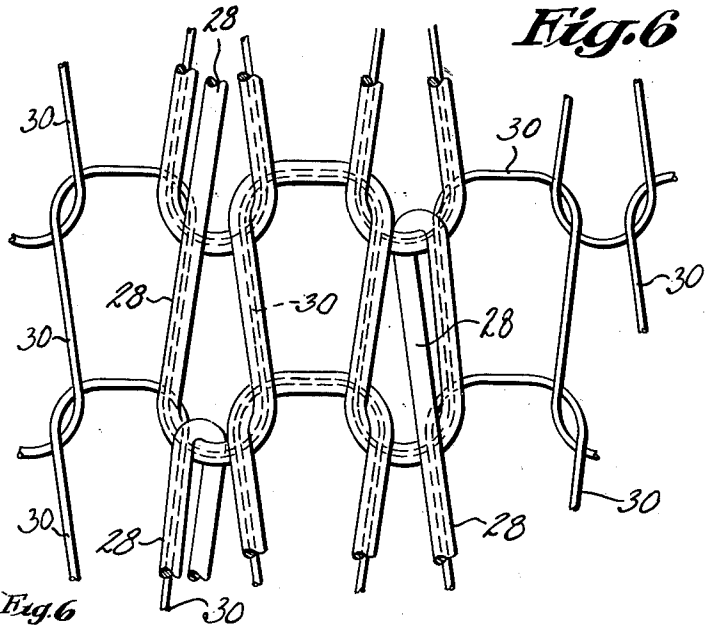
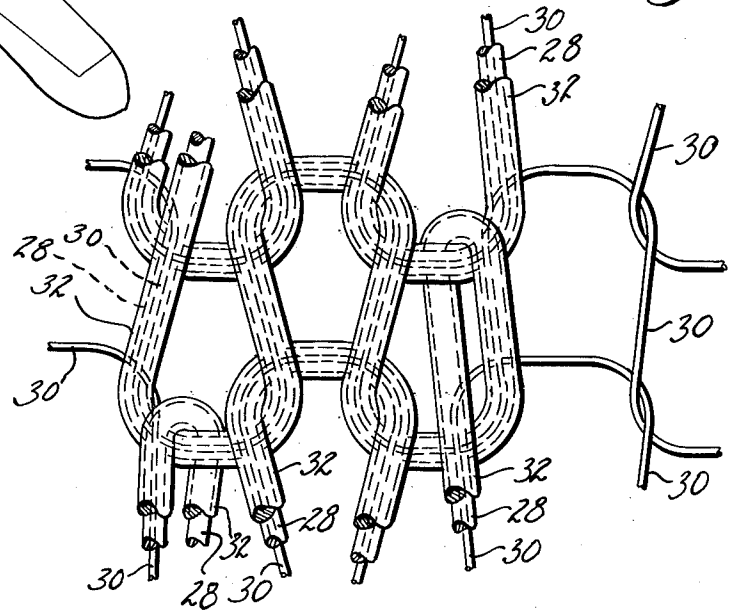


Fig. 7



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My invention relates to ladies' stockings of the type which have a seam at the back of the leg.

One object of the invention is to produce an improved stocking of the type set forth.

When a stocking is seamed with a thread of the same color as the stocking, the stocking will harmonize with, and be usable with clothes of one color, or at best, with clothes of one or two additional colors. When the stocking is seamed with a thread having a color different from the color of the stocking, the range of colors of clothes with which such stocking can be worn is correspondingly increased. But in both of these cases, the user has no choice in the matter for the reason that if the stocking and the seam are both brown, or if the stocking is brown and the seam is black, the user of the stocking is still limited to the color brown or to the combination of black and brown.

It is therefore a further object of my invention to produce a stocking construction wherein, within certain limits, the user of the stocking can select the color, or combination of colors, for any given occasion and wherein the same stocking may be worn with a seam of one color on one occasion and with a seam of a different color on some subsequent occasion or occasions.

More specifically, a further object of the invention is to produce a stocking having one or more auxiliary pull seams superimposed on the regular seam of the stocking with one or more of said seams of a color different from the color of the stocking itself.

These and other objects are attained by my invention as set forth in the following specification and shown in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a rear elevational view of a stocking embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged, fragmentary rear elevational view of the stocking of Fig. 1 showing the manner in which one auxiliary pull seam is superimposed on the regular seam of the stocking.

Fig. 3 is similar to Fig. 2 except that it shows the manner in which two auxiliary pull seams are superimposed over the regular seam of the stocking.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary rear elevational view showing the manner in which an auxiliary pull seam may be removed.

Fig. 5 is a side elevational view of a stocking in which the principle of the invention is used in the production of ornamental effects such as a clock or the like.

Fig. 6 is a line drawing, on an enlarged scale

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of the bracketed portion of Fig. 5 showing how one clock is formed of a yarn of the desired color and is superimposed on the stocking fabric.

Fig. 7 is similar to Fig. 6 but showing how two clocks, formed of yarns of different colors are superimposed on the stocking fabric.

In Fig. 1 there is shown a full fashioned stocking provided with the regular seam 10—formed of a yarn the color of which is the same as, or different from the color of the stocking itself. This seam is hereinafter referred to as the regular or ordinary seam. The structure of the stocking, and of the regular seam, and the manner in which they are produced may be conventional and need not be now described it being sufficient to say the seam 10 may be of the same color as, or of a color different from the color of the stocking itself.

To carry out my invention as illustrated in Fig. 2, I superimpose an auxiliary seam 12 over the regular seam 10. In order fully to cover the regular seam 10, the seam 12 is formed by using two yarns 14 and 16 which are of the same color but the color of which is different from the color of the stocking and of the color of the regular seam 10. The seam 12 is in the nature of a pull seam that is, it may be removed without in any way affecting the regular seam or the adjacent stocking fabric. The auxiliary pull seam 12 is made by means of a machine which is available at Union Special Machine Co. of 1316 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and which is known as Model 4300. It is therefore thought unnecessary to illustrate or describe the formation of the auxiliary seam 12.

A stocking thus formed will have the regular seam 10 and the pull seam 12 which completely covers the regular seam. If it is assumed that the stocking is brown, that the regular seam is of the same color, and that the auxiliary seam 12 is black, then the stocking may be worn with the auxiliary black seam or the black seam may be removed and the stocking worn with the brown seam. Alternately, the regular seam may be of a color different from the color of the stocking and, in that case, the wearer can use the stocking with a wider range of color of clothes than when the regular seam is of the same color as the stocking.

If it is desired to superimpose a second pull seam 18 over the first pull seam 12, the stocking is subjected to a third seaming operation with yarns 20, 22 and 24 the color of which is different from the color of the seams 10 and 12 and,

preferably, also different from the color of the stocking.

It will be noted that the second pull seam 18 is made of three yarns of the same color so as to make sure that auxiliary seam 12 is adequately covered. To remove the seam 18 or the seam 12, the user locates the ends of the yarns 20, 22 and 24, or the ends of the yarns 14 and 16, as the case may be, and pulls in the manner and direction shown in Fig. 4.

While I have shown the superimposition of two auxiliary pull seams 12 and 18, it will be understood that additional seams can be superimposed if so desired. Also, while I have shown the invention as applied to full fashioned stockings, it is obvious that the invention is equally applicable to tubular stockings, which can, and sometimes are, provided with a mock seam to simulate the appearance of full fashioned stockings.

To produce an ornamental effect, a yarn 28 of the desired contrasting color is introduced to form a clock which is superimposed on the fabric of a stocking formed of yarn 30, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6. If it is desired to superimpose a second clock over the first one, a second yarn 32 of the desired contrasting color is added, as shown in Fig. 7. It will be understood that the second clock is of the identical configuration as the first clock so that the second clock completely covers the first clock whereby the only clock or other visible ornamentation will be the uppermost or the one last formed.

A stocking made according to Fig. 6 can be worn with the contrasting color clock or the clock, which is made of pull stitches, may be removed to leave the stocking in its original or plain form. The same is true of the structure of Fig. 7 in which one or both clocks may be removed. By this arrangement, a brown stocking provided with a black clock or black clock and a red clock may be used with ensembles which harmonize with brown, with black or with red, by merely retaining or by removing one or both of the clocks, depending on whether the stocking is made according to Fig. 6 or according to Fig. 7.

If desired, the auxiliary seam or seams, and the clock, or clocks may be made of a yarn treated with luminescent material of the type which stands out and is especially visible and noticable at night or in the daytime. Such luminescent, or radiant yarn is now available on the market and may be purchased from Aberfoyle Mfg. Co. of Chester, Pa., or from Aberfoyle's office at 123 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. It is therefore unnecessary to describe the manner in which luminescent yarn is produced and it is

sufficient to point out that my invention includes the use of luminescent yarn for forming the auxiliary pull seams 10 and 12 or the pull stitch clock of Fig. 6, or the pull stitch clocks of Fig. 7.

The seams of Figs. 2 and 3, the clocks of Figs. 5, 6 and 7, or any other pull seam decoration selected, may be applied to the stocking in the griege by using pre-dyed yarns which will resist the finishing operations to which the stocking is subjected, or such seams, clocks, or other decorations may be applied, to the stocking after the stocking has been finished. In practice, it is considered more advantageous to use pre-dyed yarns and to incorporate the seams, clocks or other decorations in the stocking prior to the finishing operations.

In Figs. 6 and 7 I have diagrammatically illustrated the superimposition of the clocks formed by yarns 28 and 32 upon each other and upon the conventional fabric, but I did not show in detail the formation of the pull stitch used in forming the clocks because such pull stitches are well known in the art and can be formed by a machine known as Model 410W10 which is made and sold by the Singer Sewing Machine Co. In other words, the invention resides in superimposing one or more clocks formed of pull stitches over each other and over the regular stocking fabric, such clocks being of the same or of different colors, regardless of how the stitches are formed or by what machine they may be formed.

What I claim is:

1. As an article of manufacture, a stocking and a plurality of pull-stitch decorations of identical configuration superimposed on each other and on the same portion of the stocking.

2. The article defined in claim 1 in which said decorations are formed of yarns of different colors.

3. The article defined in claim 1 in which said decorations are in the nature of a plurality of seams of different colors superimposed on the regular seam of a full fashioned stocking.

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