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Fig. 1.

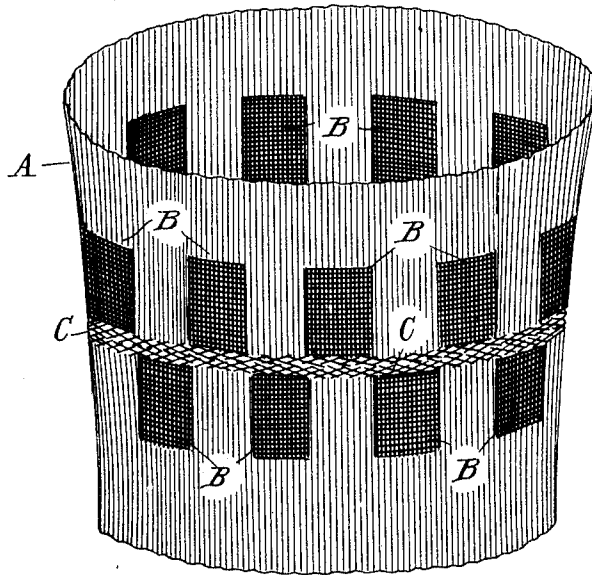
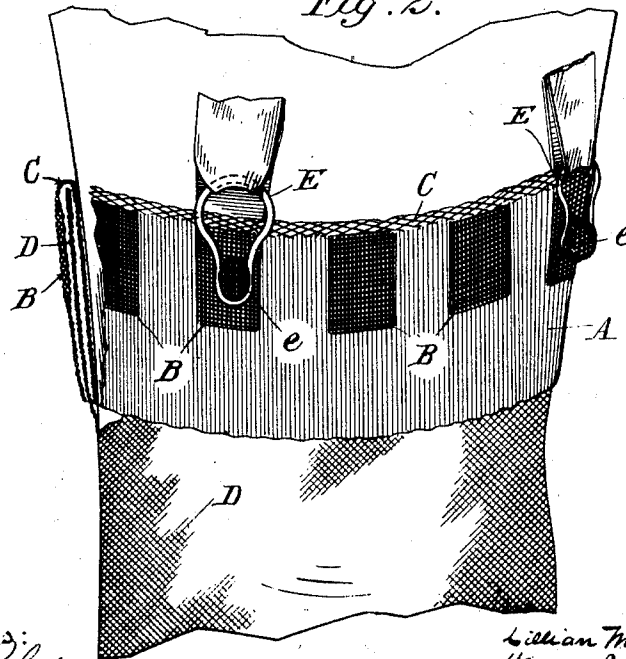


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LILLIAN MABEL MILLS, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city, county, and State of New York, and HARRY EDGAR MILLS, a subject of the Kingdom of Great Britain, residing at the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stocking-Caps, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to a device which we have designated as a stocking cap, which is adapted to be placed around the upper part of a stocking leg to reinforce it and to prevent its being cut and torn by the stocking supporters which are used to hold the stocking in position upon the wearer's limb.

Where stocking supporters hanging from the corsets are attached by metal fasteners to the top of the stocking leg, considerable strains are placed upon the material of the stocking during the movements of the wearer. And where the stocking is of a delicate fabric as silk, lisle thread or open work, it is liable, in a short time, to be stretched and torn by the strains, and to be cut by the fasteners which are commonly used for securing the supporters to the stocking. We avoid these injuries by the use of our improved stocking cap which reinforces the top of the stocking so as to prevent its being unduly stretched or distended, and which also interposes between the rigid members of the supporter fasteners and the stocking, so as to keep the fasteners from cutting the stocking.

In the drawings Figure 1 represents an elevation of one of our improved stocking caps, extended; and Fig. 2 shows the stocking cap folded in position over the top of a stocking, with the stocking supporters attached to it, the left hand portion of the drawing being partially in section to better show the relative positions of the parts.

Similar reference letters designate similar parts in both figures.

The body A of the stocking cap consists, essentially, of a tubular section of suitable textile material, that shown in the drawings being represented as being made of knit goods. This tubular section is adapted to be folded upon itself, as shown in Fig. 2; and, to facilitate such folding, we prefer to provide it with a central weft or guide line C, which we have shown as constituting a light and loosely knit portion of the material.

B B are reinforced or thickened or strength-

ened sections of the material, which are disposed alternately on opposite sides of the guide weft C, and which are so located that when the stocking cap is folded upon itself, as shown in Fig. 2, the upper sections will lie between the lower sections so as to form a reinforcement around the entire circumference of the stocking cap.

In use, the cap may be first drawn upon the leg and left in the extended position, as in Fig. 1; the stocking is then drawn on and its top brought up over the lower part of the stocking cap and to its central portion or guide weft C; the top of the stocking cap is then folded down over the outside of the stocking, the loose knit guide weft C stretching over the edge of the stocking cap so as not to make too heavy a rib or ridge; and the supporter fasteners E E are then applied to the outside and inside of the cap in the usual manner, forcing the material of the cap and stocking into the holding tufts e, e, and making a secure connection between the stocking and the supporters. The reinforcing sections B, B, alternating with each other, as described, so as to form a line of reinforcement around the whole circumference of the stocking cap, permits the fastener, wherever applied, to grip either a front or back portion of the reinforcing, so that it is not necessary for the wearer to select with care the exact spot to which the fastener shall be applied, but it may be attached at any point of the cap's circumference which the wearer finds to be most convenient. Furthermore, by forming reinforcing in alternating sections as shown, we retain between them portions of the lighter and more elastic body material, which gives a greater degree of elasticity in the reinforced portion of the cap than could be secured if the reinforcing was in a single, continuous band; while, we still retain the advantages of a thickened reinforcing between the fasteners and the stocking.

It will be readily understood that our stocking cap may be modified in details without departing from the spirit of our invention.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

1. A stocking cap consisting of a textile, tubular body, provided with a reinforced portion, and adapted to be folded upon itself so as to surround and embrace the upper end of a stocking leg.

2. A stocking cap consisting of a textile, tubular body, provided with a folding guide-line or weft, and adapted to be folded upon itself so as to surround and embrace the upper end of a stocking leg.

3. A stocking cap consisting of a textile, tubular body, provided with a folding guide-line or weft and with a reinforced portion, and adapted to be folded upon itself so as to surround and embrace the upper end of a stocking leg.

4. A stocking cap consisting of an elastic,

textile, tubular body, provided with a light, centrally - disposed guide - line or weft and with reinforced sections alternately disposed on opposite sides of said guide-line, and adapted to be folded upon itself so as to surround and embrace the upper end of a stocking leg.

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