July 26, 1949. S. BAILEY, JR 2,477,036

HOSIERY NOVELTY

Filed March 17, 1948

Fig. 1.

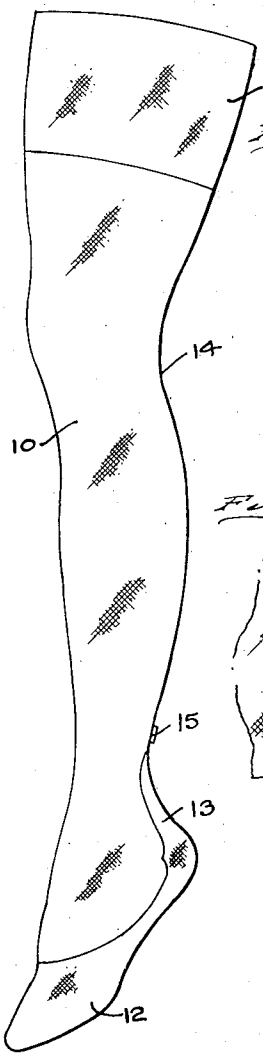


Fig. 5.

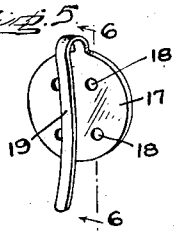


Fig. 6.

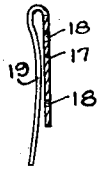


Fig. 2.

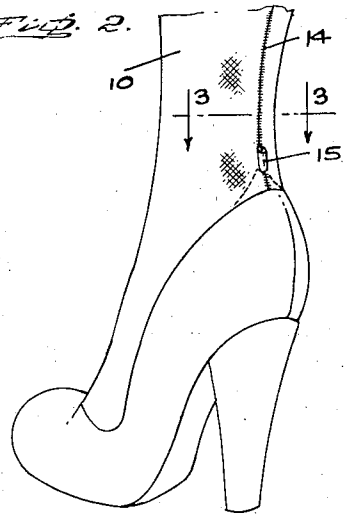


Fig. 3.

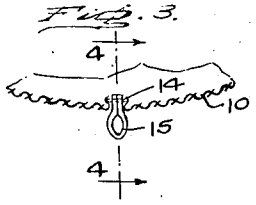


Fig. 4.

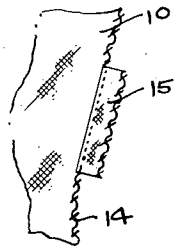


Fig. 8.

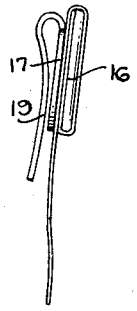


Fig. 7.

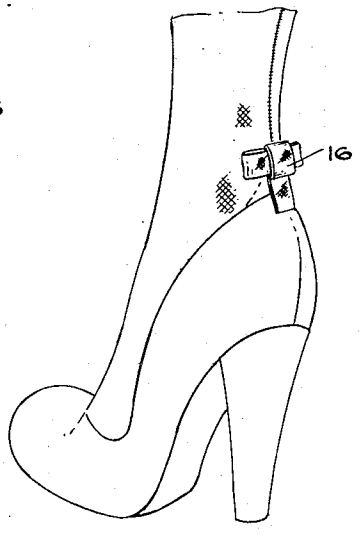


Fig. 9.

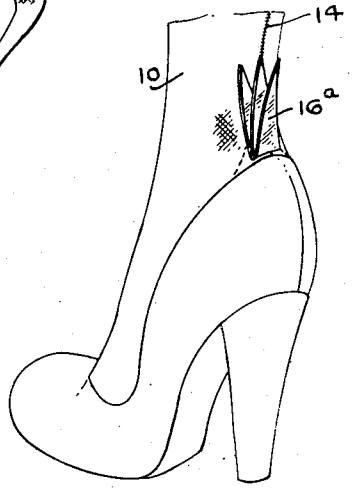


Fig. 10

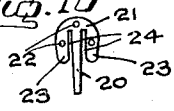
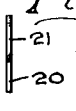


Fig. 11



Inventor

SIDNEY BAILEY, JR.

By

Attorney

Patented July 26, 1949 2,477,036

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,477,036

HOSIERY NOVELTY

Sidney Bailey, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.

Application March 17, 1948, Serial No. 15,291

5 Claims. (Cl. 2—239)

1

This invention, which relates generally to women's hosiery, has as its principal object the provision of means for embellishing the hose in the region of its upper heel portion through the use of detachable ornaments of various designs and effects, the selected ornament being fixed to the hose just above the heel of the shoe.

Other objects, purposes and advantages of the present invention will be apparent more fully hereinafter, it being understood that the present invention consists substantially in the combination, construction, location and relative arrangement of parts, all as will be described more fully hereinafter, as shown in the accompanying drawings and as finally pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which are illustrative of certain preferred embodiments of the present invention,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stocking constructed in accordance with the present invention:

Figure 2 is a view in rear perspective showing the foot of the stocking of the present invention fitted within a shoe;

Figure 3 is a sectional view of the stocking as taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a sectional view of a portion of the stocking taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a clip element such as may be employed for removably securing a decorative ornament in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 6 is a sectional view of the clip element as taken along the line 5—5 of Figure 4;

Figure 7 is a rear perspective view similar to Figure 2, but showing a selected ornament attached to the stocking;

Figure 8 is a side elevational view showing the ornament of Figure 7 secured to its supporting clip;

Figure 9 is a view similar to Figure 7, but showing another form or ornament attached to the stocking;

Figure 10 is a face view of a modified form of clip element for removably securing an ornament to the stocking; and

Figure 11 is a side elevational view of the form of clip shown in Figure 10.

Referring now to the drawings and more particularly to Figures 1 to 4 thereof, it will be observed that the stocking of the present invention, designated generally by the reference numeral 10 is of conventional construction having the usual welt 11 and the usual reinforced toe and heel

2

portions 12 and 13. Also, in accordance with conventional practice, the stocking 10 is provided with a rear seam 14, which may be a true seam in the case of full-fashioned stockings and a mock seam in the case of seamless or circular knit stockings.

Secured in the leg seam of the stocking, preferably at a point just above the reinforced high spliced portion of the heel 13, is a loop 15 formed of a narrow tape of fabric folded upon itself as shown in Figure 3, the inner free edges of the folded tape being incorporated into the seam 14 during the operation of stitching the seam. The loop-forming tape is so incorporated into the seam of the stocking as to present the eye of the loop 15 as closely as possible to the finished outer surface of the stocking, the axis of the eye of the loop being thus parallel to and closely adjacent the leg seam 14. Preferably, the fabric of which the loop 15 is formed is of non-stretch characteristic.

The width of the loop-forming tape preferably measures ⅜'' and may vary from ¼'' to ½'' to provide a loop having an eye of an axial length adequate to maintain the shank of a clip member, to be presently described, substantially parallel to the line of the stocking seam 14, the diameter of the loop eye being only large enough to snugly receive the shank of the clip member. Preferably, the material of which the loop 15 is formed is such that when the stocking of the present invention is dyed and finished the loop is so inconspicuous that the stocking may be worn even without any of the accessory ornaments designed to be supported by the loop.

Figures 7 and 9 show two different designs of ornamental accessories which may be fitted upon the stocking of the present invention to embellish the stocking in the region of its upper heel portion, these accessories being distinguished generally by the reference numerals 16 and 16*a*. It will be understood, of course, that an infinite variety of ornaments may be devised to be worn with the present stockings, and that accordingly, it is not intended to limit the present invention to the use of any particular design of ornamental accessory for the stocking. In all cases, however, the ornamental accessories are each provided with a more or less rigid mounting support or clip for facilitating removable attachment of the accessory upon the stocking. Figures 5 and 6 illustrate one form of such mounting clip, while Figures 10 and 11 illustrate another form thereof.

In the form of the accessory mounting shown in Figures 5 and 6, the clip includes a main body

member 17, preferably of circular form, having a plurality of apertures 18 by means of which the ornamental accessory may be sewed or stitched to the outer face of the member 17. Extending across the rear face of the clip member 17 is an integral shank 19, this shank being adapted for projection into the eye of the loop 15 formed in the stocking to detachably secure the mounting clip to the stocking, and so in turn support upon the stocking the particular ornamental accessory which is fastened to the mounting clip.

In the form of mounting clip shown in Figures 10 and 11, the shank 20 thereof is coplanar with the main body portion 21 to which the ornamental accessory is attached by sewing or stitching. To facilitate such attachment, the main body portion 21 of the mounting clip is provided with a plurality of apertures 22. In this modified form of mounting clip, the body portion 21 is provided with a pair of wings 23 spaced slightly to either side of the central shank 20 so as to provide a pair of slots 24 which respectively receive the opposite side walls of the loop 15 when the shank 20 of the clip is inserted into the eye of the loop.

It will be understood, of course, that the form of mounting clip may vary as desired without departing from the principles of the present invention, it being only necessary that said mounting clip be so designed as to adequately support the ornamental accessory, of which those designated 16 and 16a are examples, removably within the loop 15 of the stocking. Obviously, any one of a number of different accessories may be selectively employed in conjunction with a given stocking, the choice of accessory being determined by the personal whim of the wearer, the selected accessory being readily secured to or removed from the stocking while the latter is fitted upon the leg of the wearer.

It will be understood, of course, that the present invention is susceptible of various changes and modifications which may be made from time to time without departing from the general principles or real spirit of the invention, and it is accordingly intended to claim the same broadly, as well as specifically as indicated by the appended claims.

What is claimed as new and useful is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a stocking having a longitudinally extending closed rear seam, and an open-ended loop disposed outwardly of the seam with the axis of its eye closely adjacent and parallel to the line of the seam, said loop being formed of a fabric tape folded upon itself and having its overlapping terminal ends incorporated within the body of the closed seam.

2. In a novelty of the character described, in combination, a stocking having a longitudinally extending rear seam and a loop disposed outwardly of the seam with the axis of its eye closely adjacent and parallel to the line of the seam, said loop being permanently incorporated in the stocking by the seam thereof, and an ornamental accessory designed to embellish the stocking when fitted upon the leg of its wearer, said accessory having a securing element adapted for removable insertion into the eye of the loop.

3. In a novelty as defined in claim 2 wherein said ornamental accessory includes a decorative device secured to and carried by a mounting clip, and wherein said mounting clip includes said securing element as a part thereof.

4. In a novelty as defined in claim 2 wherein said loop is of an axial length adequate to maintain said securing element of the accessory parallel to the line of the stocking seam.

5. In a novelty as defined in claim 2 wherein said loop is formed of a fabric tape folded upon itself and having its overlapping terminal ends incorporated within the body of the seam.

SIDNEY BAILEY, JR.

REFERENCES CITED

The following references are of record in the file of this patent:

UNITED STATES PATENTS

Number	Name	Date
D. 60,835	Tagliaferry	Apr. 11, 1922
862,328	Figg	Aug. 6, 1907
872,517	Irwin	Dec. 3, 1907
1,693,141	Ducat	Nov. 27, 1928
2,152,288	Schaefer	Jan. 3, 1939
2,243,742	Silverstein	May 27, 1941
2,342,974	Sepessy	Feb. 29, 1944