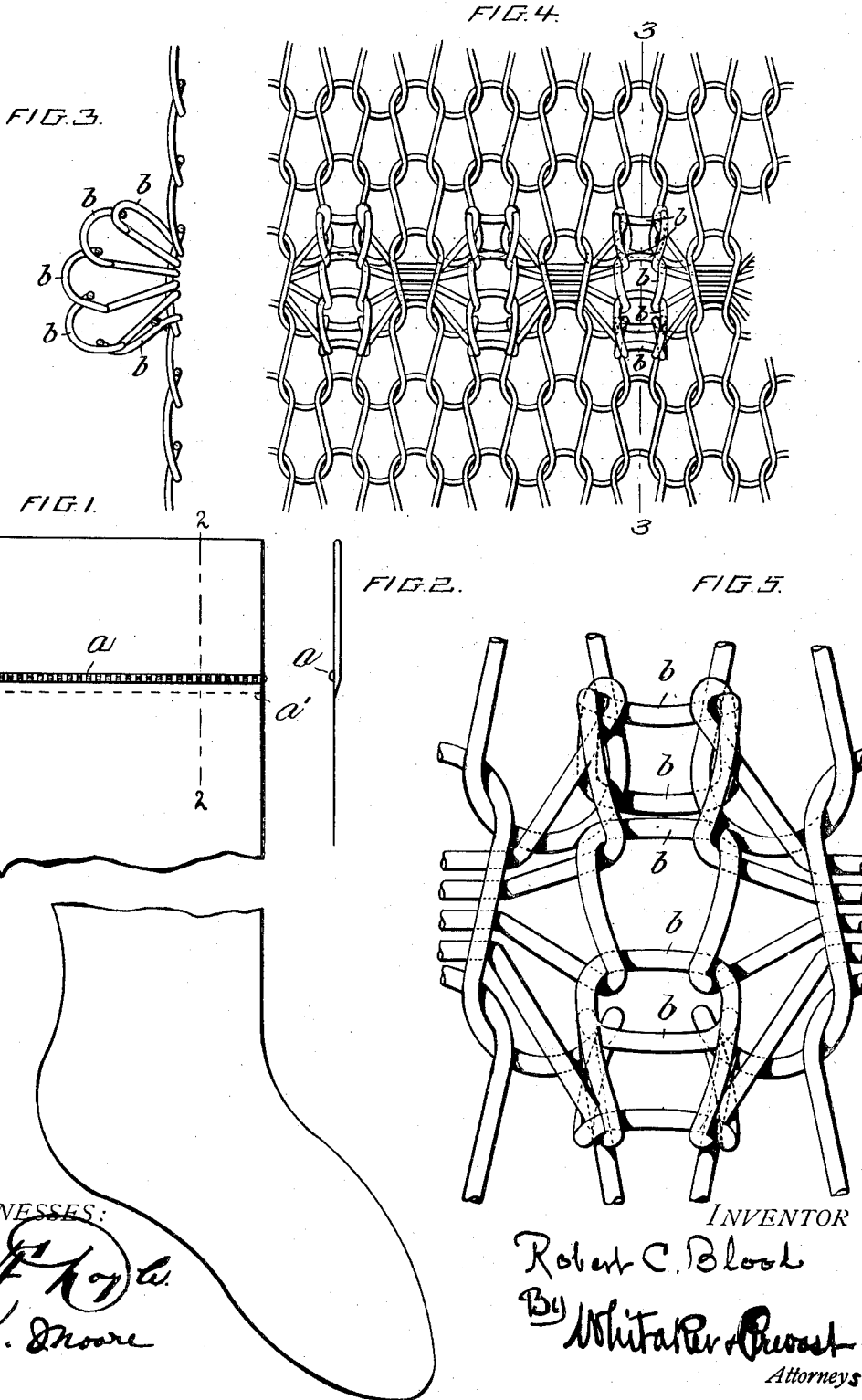


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT C. BLOOD, citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hosiery; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My present invention relates to hosiery and more particularly to full hose stockings for ladies' wear. Such stockings in use are commonly held in place by stocking supporters which are made to engage with the top of the stocking. The part engaging the stocking as just stated is usually a metallic clasp of one form or another and frequently breaks a stitch, or abrades the stitch so that it becomes broken, in which case the line or wale of stitches is ultimately drawn out or raveled all the way down to the heel or foot forming an unsightly open space upon an otherwise solid knit hose.

The object of my invention is to prevent the stitches broken by the supporters, from running down the leg of the stocking and it consists in forming a peculiar stitch construction around the stocking below the point at which it will be engaged by the supporter clasps, which stitch construction will not ravel and which will prevent the line of stitches from "running" or raveling below the same.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a stocking embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the top of the stocking on line 2—2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an enlarged view in elevation of the stitch formation, and Fig. 4 is a view of the same in a transverse section on line 4—4, Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a view greatly enlarged of a single group of projecting stitches.

In these figures A is the body of the stocking and *a* is the line of the holding stitch formation, extending in a narrow band around the web. In knitting this band of stitches every alternate needle is

caused to knit a single complete stitch while the remaining needles knit a number of stitches, preferably five complete stitches. The single stitches are of but little, if any greater length than the stitches of the main part of the web, or of the five thereby causing the latter to be gathered or bunched so as to form a projection extending outward beyond the main face of the fabric.

In Figs. 3 and 4, *b, b, b, b, b* are the five stitches that are knit and gathered to make the projecting formation clearly shown at B in Fig. 4.

In finishing the stocking the top is turned over inwardly and stitched to the web below the stitch formation *a*, as at *a'*, Fig. 1. This gives greater strength to the top of the stocking to withstand the wear of the supporter clasps, and the stitches of the sewed seam serve as an additional safeguard against the raveling or running down of stitches broken by the supporter clasps.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A stocking having at a short distance below the top of the leg, a narrow band consisting of a cluster of stitches projecting from the web alternating with a single stitch around the web, each of said cluster of stitches being of substantially the same length as the alternating single stitches.

2. A stocking having at a short distance below the top of the leg of the same, a narrow band around the web, said band consisting of a cluster of stitches projecting from the face of the web, alternating with single stitches, each of said clustered stitches being of substantially the same length as the alternate single stitches, the top of the leg of the stocking being turned inward and down below said band and secured by a line of stitching.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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