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Fig. 1.

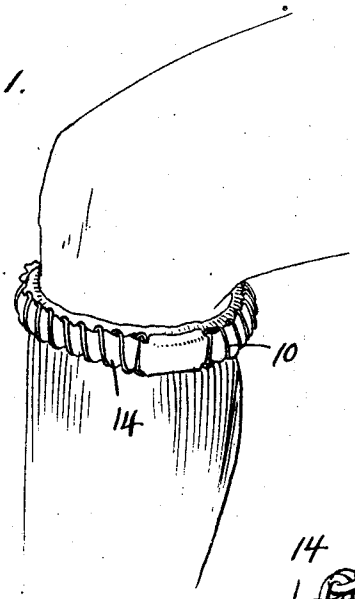


Fig. 2.

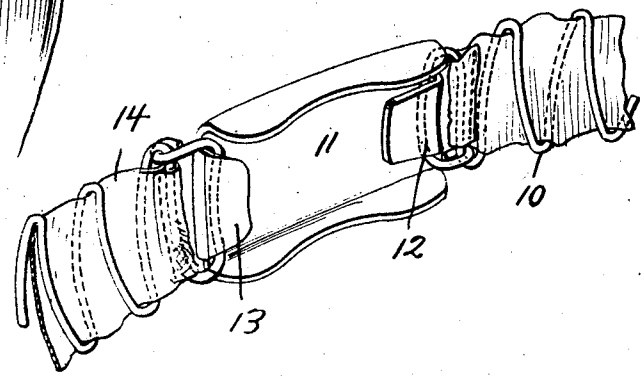
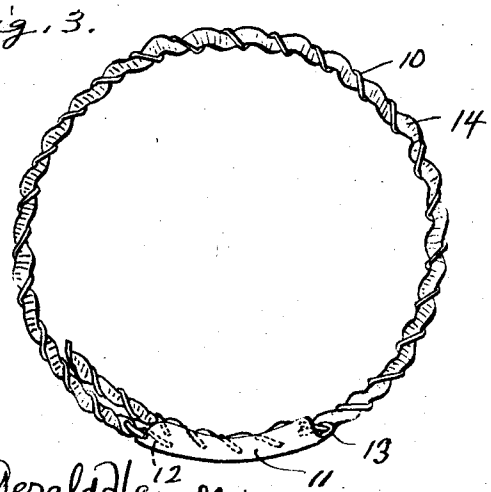


Fig. 3.



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This invention comprehends the provision of a garter primarily intended for use with roll top stockings, the invention being constructed to accommodate itself to the roll of the stocking, and possessed of the desired resiliency for the comfort of the wearer.

More specifically stated, the invention contemplates a garter formed from a single length of resilient material, including spaced coils, each of which is curved to provide one side of the garter with a concaved surface to receive the roll top of the stocking about which the garter is adapted to be arranged, and effectively supports the stocking upon the leg of the wearer, and also prohibits movement of the garter with relation to the stocking.

The nature and advantages of the invention will be better understood when the following detailed description is read in connection with the accompanying drawing, the invention residing in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as claimed.

In the drawing forming part of this application, like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a view showing the application of the invention.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary view.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the garter showing the ends of the same connected together.

As hereinabove stated, the invention is primarily intended for use with roll top stockings, and is formed from a single length of any suitable material, possessing the desired resiliency for the purpose for which it is used. The garter is preferably formed from a single length of wire which is shaped to provide an open band including a plurality of spaced coils 10, the coils being preferably of the configuration clearly illustrated in Figures 2 and 3, wherein it will be noted that each coil is curved to provide one side of the band or garter with a concaved surface to receive the roll top of the stocking as shown in Figure 1. When the garter is arranged about the rolled portion of the stocking it will properly support the latter, the garter having the desired resiliency for the comfort of the wearer. Furthermore by reason of the fact that one side of the garter is concaved, it accommodates itself to the rolled portion of the stocking in a manner to prevent casual separation of the garter from the stocking or movement with relation thereto. It is to be understood that the invention is to have a wide range of manufacture, that is to say that it may be formed from inexpensive material with different designs to add to its attractiveness. The adjacent or free ends of the garter may be connected together in any suitable manner, preferably by means of a buckle 11. This buckle may also be of expensive or inexpensive make, and is preferably attached to one end of the band as at 12, the other end of the buckle being formed with a hook 13 which is adapted to receive the other end of the band, or any of the coils for the purpose of shortening or tightening the garter as the occasion may require. The garter may also include a ribbon 14 which is adapted to be threaded through the coils as clearly shown and the ribbon may be of any suitable color to match the shade of the stocking with which the garter is used. Instead of ribbon the fabric indicated at 14 may be of elastic to add to the resiliency of the garter as a whole. The invention is in the nature of a novelty, and also very useful and ornamental.

While it is believed that from the foregoing description, the nature and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent, I desire to have it understood that I do not limit myself to what is herein shown and described, and that such changes may be resorted to when desired as fall within the scope of what is claimed.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

A garter of the character described comprising an open band formed from a single piece of resilient material and including spaced coils, means for connecting the adjacent ends of the garter together, and each coil being curved to provide one side of the garter with a concaved surface.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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