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*Fig. 1.*

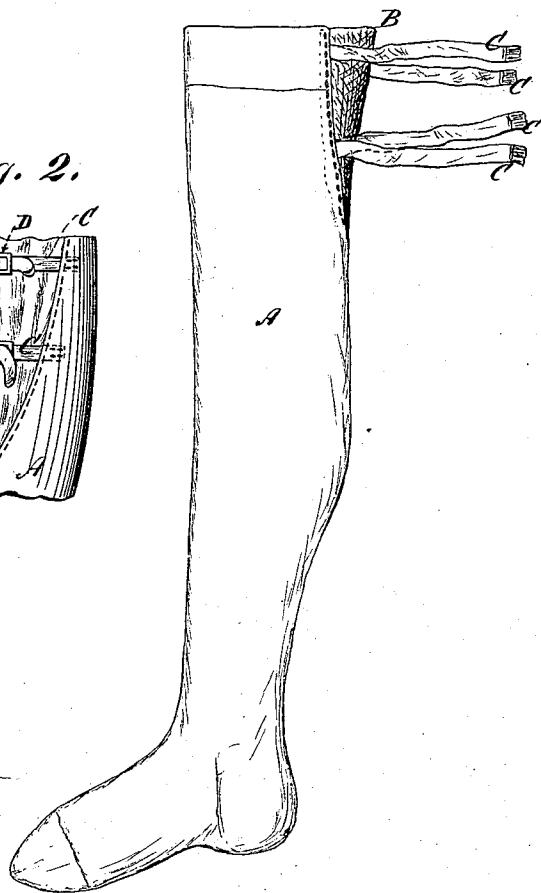
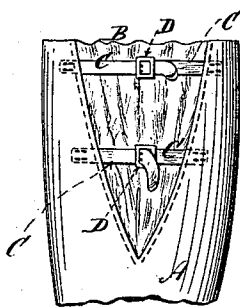


*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, HANS LOESNER, a citizen of Germany, now residing in the city of New York, and FLORA B. PERSCH, of the city of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hose, of which the following is a full, true, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 Our invention relates to a method of insuring the fit and support of hose when placed upon the leg of the wearer; and it consists in inserting a gore-piece in the upper end of the hose, and attaching to the hose, between the  
15 body thereof and the said gore-piece, flexible bands or cords, which, when drawn together, will cause the upper part of the hose to fit snugly around the leg and be self-supporting.

20 Our invention is particularly applicable to ladies' stockings, but may be also employed with advantage in connection with other kinds of hose.

Our invention will be readily understood  
25 from the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 represents a full-length view of a stocking, showing our improvement. In Fig. 2 is shown a modified method of attaching the bands by means of a buckle.

30 In the drawings similar letters refer to similar parts.

A represents generally the stocking to which the invention is to be applied. From the upper part of this a gore or triangular  
35 piece is cut out in the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In Figs. 1 and 2 the piece which has been so cut out is replaced by a gore of suitable material, which may, if desired, be of the same  
40 material as the rest of the stocking. The purpose of this is to enable the stocking to accommodate itself to legs of different sizes.

In Fig. 2 a method of attaching the bands C by buckles D is shown. The bands are  
45 secured to the hose at the sides where the gore-

piece and hose are joined, and the same line of stitching secures both the gore-piece and the bands. The bands may be further secured by other rows of stitches, if desired. When the stocking has been placed upon the  
50 leg, the bands are to be drawn tightly together, and fastened either by tying or by buckle, as in Fig. 2, or in some other convenient way, when the stocking will be found to be self-supporting, and its fit in the upper  
55 part of the leg will be improved.

We are aware that the broad idea of narrowing or contracting the upper part of a stocking by lacing is not new; but in all such cases the stocking has been cut down, leaving  
60 an opening between the edges to be drawn together. According to this invention the tube of the stocking is continuous, and the contraction is done by drawing together separated portions of the stocking without cut-  
65 ting the body of the stocking itself. In this way a stocking is made which is much more durable and satisfactory than when the upper edge has been cut, leaving an open angle  
70 there.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A stocking having a gore-piece inserted in the upper end of the body of the stocking, and having bands the ends of which are ex-  
75 tended between the gore-piece and the body and attached to the latter, substantially as described.

2. A stocking having a gore-piece inserted in its upper end, and having bands the ends  
80 of which are extended between the gore and body piece of the stocking and connected thereto by the seam which unites the gore and stocking, substantially as described.

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