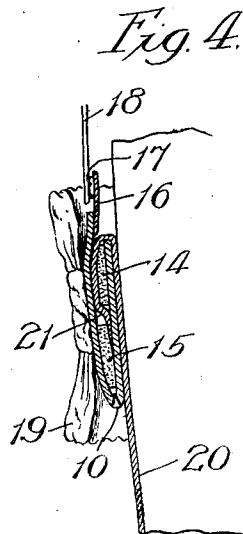
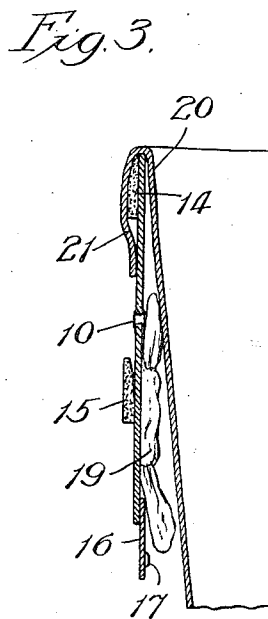
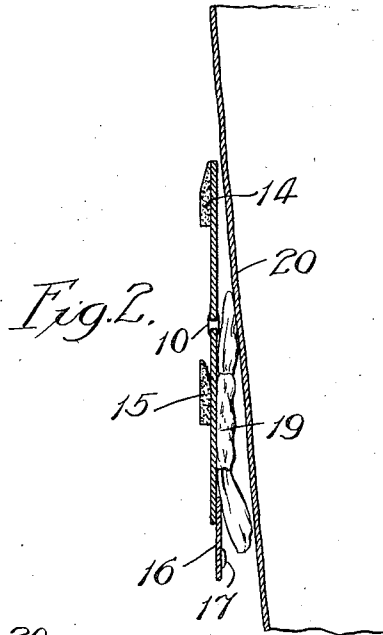
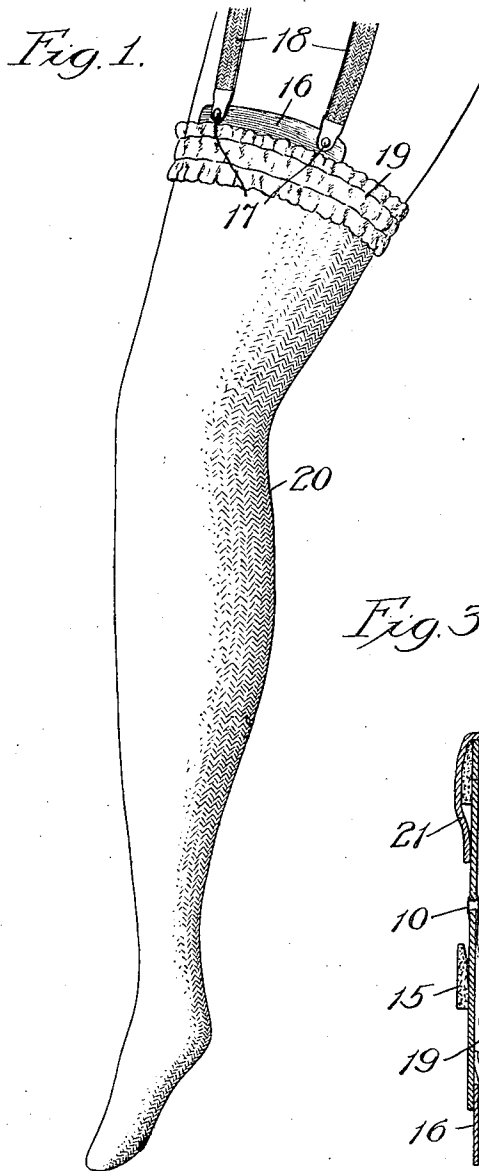


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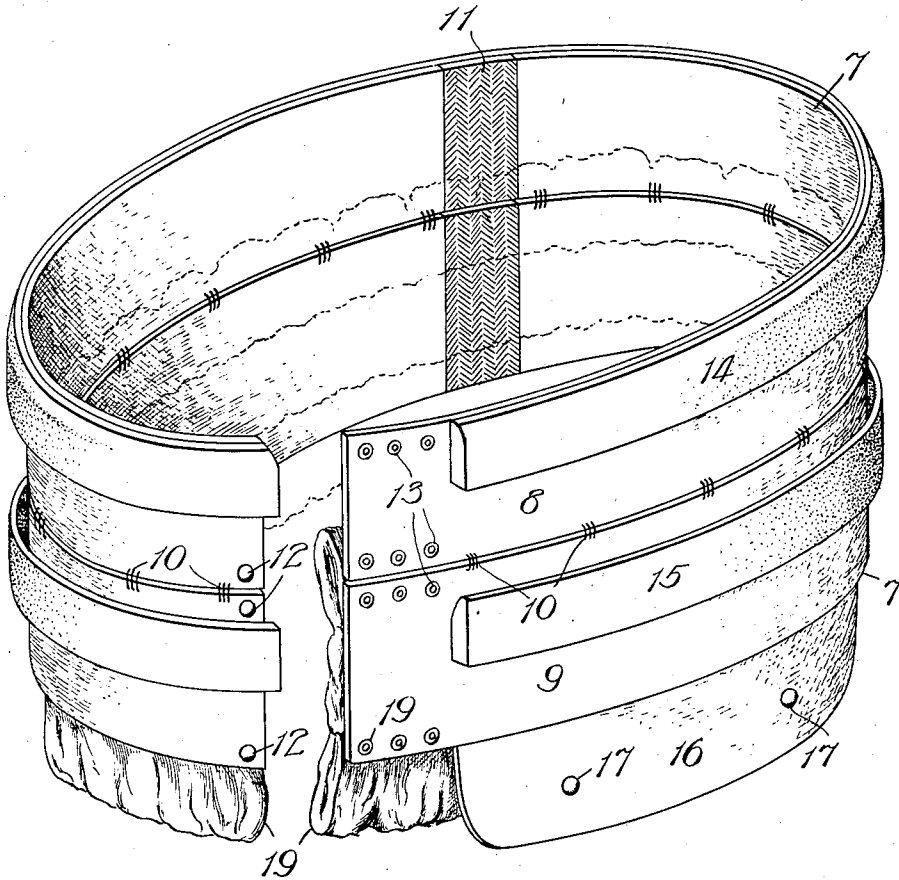
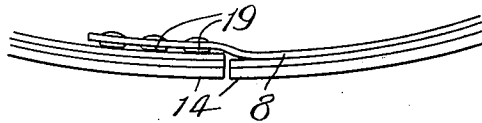


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. KÖNEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at 177 Eugenie street, Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in the class of garters which form leg-circling bands; and the primary objects of my improvement are to adapt such garters to hold the stockings on which they are used in a manner to lend a dressy appearance to the stockings and save them from liability to tearing under the strains to which they are subjected by the strap-supporters commonly employed for fastening them at their upper-edge portions to the corset or waist-band of the wearer.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stocking-covered leg, showing my improved garter operatively applied; Figs. 2, 3 and 4 are views enlarged over the scale observed in Fig. 1, of longitudinal sections of the stocking, and showing the garter by transverse sections thereof, respectively in the initial condition of applying it in place, in the same condition with the edge-portion of the stocking folded downwardly over it, and in the completely adjusted condition, wherein it clamps the said edge-portion; Fig. 5 is an enlarged perspective view of the garter, and Fig. 6 is a broken plan view of the upper edge thereof showing the preferred manner of separably fastening the ends together.

Fig. 5 illustrates the construction of my improved garter as preferred in the matter of details. The body 7 is a wide band of webbing or other suitably-flexible material, and is preferably formed in two longitudinal sections, 8 and 9, of which the latter may be somewhat the wider, as represented, these sections being flexibly united at intervals along their adjacent edges, as by hinging stitches 10, to adapt them to be folded one upon the other. An insert of elastic material is shown at 11 in the band 7 to render the latter sufficiently elastic. For fastening the ends of the band together, and thereby releasably fastening the garter in place, buttons 12 are shown on one end of the webbing, and for each button is provided to aline therewith, on the other end, a series of eyes 13 to adapt the garter to fit about legs of different sizes. Along the upper edge of

the section 8 extends, as a permanent part thereof, a relatively thick and narrow clamping-strip 14, preferably of suitable frictional material; and a similar clamping-strip 15 extends along the section 9, but somewhat removed from the hinged edge thereof, for the purpose hereinafter explained. These strips extend, at one end, short of the eyes 13 to leave the latter free on tongue-like ends of the band-sections. A tab 16 containing eyes 17, and which may best be velvet, extends from the free edge of the section 9 to afford a medium for attaching to the garter the strap-supporters 18 shown in Fig. 1, which depend from the corset or waist-band of the wearer. The section 9 is shown to be provided with a facing 19, which may be lace or other suitable ornamentation to lend a finish to the garter.

To wear my improved article it is applied, in its condition of disuse represented in Fig. 5, about the stocking 20 on the leg of the wearer, but a considerable distance below the upper edge of the stocking to leave a flap-section 21 thereof, as represented in Fig. 2, above the garter, which is fastened in place by inserting the tongue-end of the section 8 under the other end thereof and engaging an eye 13 on that section with a button 12 thereon. Thereupon the flap 21 is folded down to extend over the garter-section 8 and strip 14 thereon, as represented in Fig. 3, when the ornamental section 9 is folded upwardly to cover the section 8 and engage the strip 15 with the end-portion of the flap, as represented in Fig. 4. The section 9 is then fastened at its buttons 12 and eyes 13, and the garter may be connected with the corset or other article of the wearer by buttoning the strap-supporters 18 depending from the latter, as hereinbefore stated, to the tab 16.

As will thus be seen, in the position of the stocking-end between the folded sections of the garter they form a pocket in which it is hidden from view and the ornamental garter itself is rendered, practically, the dressy and finish-presenting top of the stocking. Moreover, by confining the stocking-end 21 in the garter-pocket, and especially by the use of the strips 14 and 15, whereby the stocking-end is deflected over the strip 14 and the sections are interlocked against transverse relative displacement, upward strain exerted upon the garter tends all the

more to maintain a smooth condition of the stocking, and this without any tendency to tear it, as is the case where the supporters 18 are, as usual, directly attached thereto, whereby, furthermore, the stocking-end is stretched unevenly and thus given an untidy appearance. While the clamping-strips are an important feature of my garter, since they not only add to the desirable firmness of hold of the garter upon the stocking, but tend to cushion it against the leg with the incidental comfort to the wearer of such cushioning. However, the particular friction-strip arrangement shown and described is not essential to my invention.

It is within my invention to provide the two sections of the band as independent bands (thus omitting any hinge-connection between them) to be covered one by the other, provided they have upon them means, such as strips 14 and 15 of frictional material, adapted to prevent the sections from

becoming relatively displaced by slipping transversely one on the other, which is the particularly important function of these strips.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a garter comprising a band forming folding sections affording, when folded, a pocket to receive and confine the downwardly-folded end of a stocking, for the purpose set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a garter comprising a band formed of folding sections hinged together along adjacent edges and forming, when folded, a pocket to receive and confine the downwardly-folded end of a stocking, for the purpose set forth.

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