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Fig. 1.

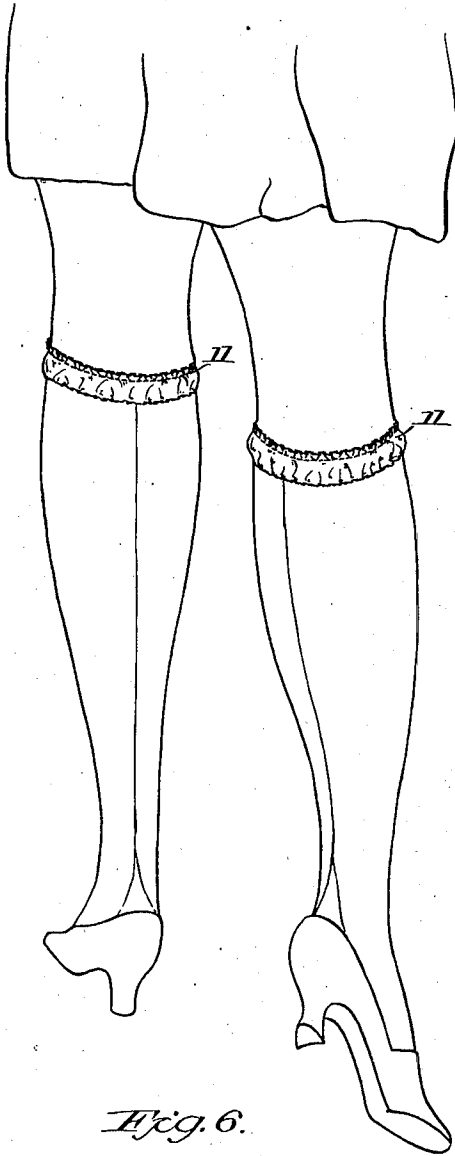
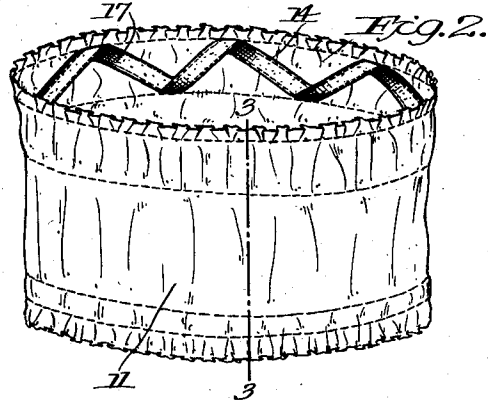
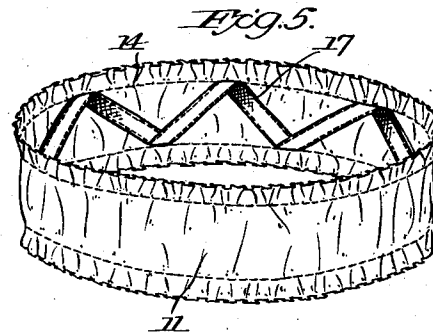
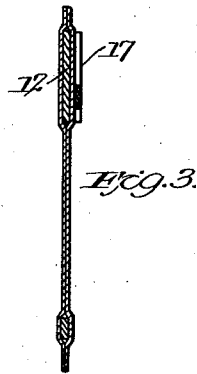
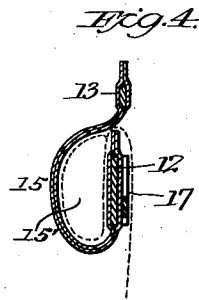
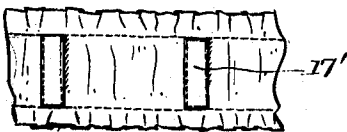


Fig. 6.



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GARTER.

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The present invention relates to garters, and more particularly to women's garters.

An object of the invention is to provide a woman's garter particularly adapted to be used with stockings rolled at the top and especially when such stockings are rolled and worn with the roll located below the knee of the wearer.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garter for rolled stockings which is adapted to retain in place the top of the stocking and particularly including the rolled portion.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garter particularly adapted to be used with rolled stockings having a portion adapted to overlies the roll in order to hold said roll in place and eliminate the necessity of twisting said rolled portion in order to hold up the stocking.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a garter which will hold and retain the stocking with the seam thereof in a perpendicular position on the wearer's leg and not allow the seam of the stocking to twist or vary from its original perpendicular position.

A still further object is to provide a garter which is particularly adapted to retain a stocking in place without permitting it to slip and which is so constructed as not to impede the circulation of the wearer.

The invention consists in a garter having a portion adapted to overlies a part of the stocking and in cases where a rolled top is worn, adapted to overlies said top, and more particularly a gripping portion adapted to overlies a part of the stocking.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing a pair of the garters as they appear when worn;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view showing the preferred form of garter illustrated in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the garter shown in Fig. 2 and taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the garter illustrating one way of wearing it with the rolled stocking top within the garter;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged perspective view

showing a modified form of the garter; and

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary view in side elevation on a reduced scale of another embodiment of the invention.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the reference numeral 11 indicates the garter as a whole, which as shown is preferably provided with at least two spaced elastics 12 and 13 preferably overlaid and connected by the covering 14, which may be of any desired material and may be widely varied in color, texture and design.

Overlying the covering 14, interiorly, is a third portion 17 which constitutes a gripping portion, and is preferably elastic, and which is sewed or otherwise attached to the elastic 12. The gripping portion 17 may be attached so that it forms a flat wavy or irregular surface, as illustrated in Figs. 2 to 5, inclusive, or may take the form of the spaced parallel portions shown at 17' in Fig. 6.

It will be observed that a sufficient space is allowed between the elastics 12 and 13 to permit the intermediate portion 15 of the covering to bellows out, so to speak, and overlies a rolled top 15', shown in dotted lines in Fig. 4.

One form of wearing the garter with a rolled top stocking is that illustrated in Fig. 4, in which the wearer puts on the garter over the stocking, rolls down the stocking so that the roll overlies the top portion of the garter, and then pulls up the lower portion of the garter over the outside of the roll.

In Fig. 5 is illustrated a modified form of the garter. In this form the garter is constructed as in the preferred form, with the exception that the second elastic 13 is omitted and the overall width of the garter foreshortened. As before, the covering 14 encloses an elastic 12 and overlies the covering 14 interiorly, and attached to the elastic 12 is the flat wavy or irregular elastic 17.

The wavy or irregular elastic 17 is for the purpose of gripping or retaining the stocking so that the perpendicular seam of the stocking will not be allowed to twist on the wearer's leg and present an unsightly appearance.

The spaced parallel gripping portions 17' shown in Fig. 6 are adapted to overlies a

portion of a stocking or the rolled top of a stocking and grip it in such a manner that any twisting of the stocking is prevented and at the same time the circulation of the
5 wearer is not impeded.

It will be observed that by this construction it is not necessary to twist the rolled top in order to hold up the stocking and that the rolled top, preferably lies in what
10 may be termed a gripping pocket. Owing to the arrangement of the garter, the life of the stocking is greatly prolonged and the roll is held firmly and comfortably in position even though it has been rolled loosely.
15 Furthermore, when the garter is worn as shown in Fig. 4, the elastic 12 of the garter may be conveniently located within a fold of the stocking, as shown, so that a portion of the stocking as shown in dotted
20 lines lies between this portion of the garter and the body of the wearer.

Another way of wearing the garter is to roll the stocking, as is frequently done, with an elastic band rolled up with the roll in
25 order to facilitate the rolling, and after the

top has been rolled to put on the garter so that one elastic is located above the roll and one below it, with the intermediate, preferably textile portion, including the gripping member or members, overlying and embracing
30 the roll. In such case the width of the garter as a whole and the individual widths of the spaced elastics may be varied as desired.

There are, of course, various ways in
35 which this garter may be worn, and it is obvious that the number of elastics provided may be varied and other obvious changes made without departing from the invention,
40 as defined in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A garter having spaced elastic portions and an intermediate textile portion, and an irregular elastic stocking gripping portion extending in a waving line circumfer-
45 entially around the inside thereof.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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