

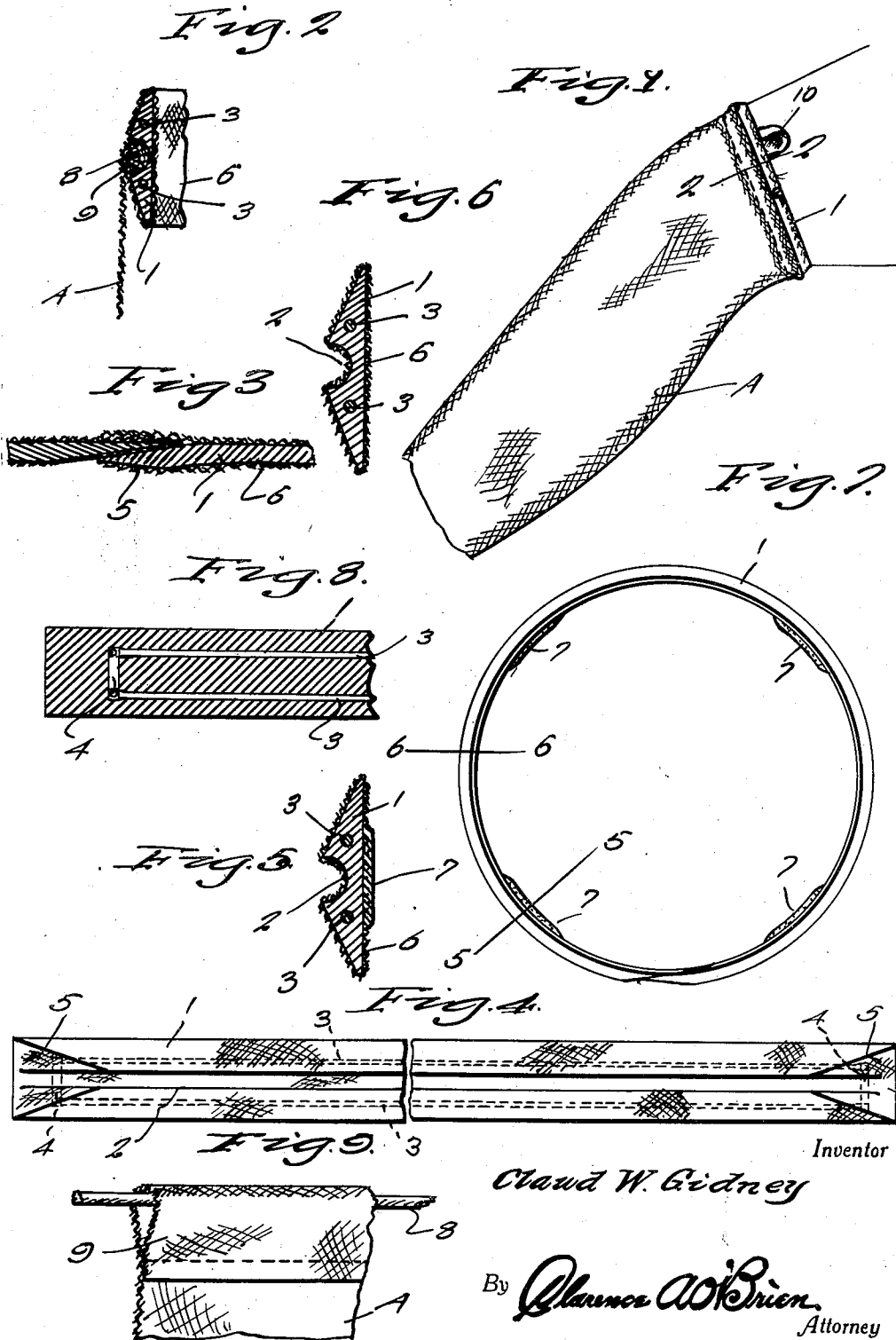
March 19, 1935.

C. W. GIDNEY

1,995,261

ROLL TOP STOCKING GARTER

Filed July 9, 1934



## UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

1,995,261

## ROLL TOP STOCKING GARTER

Claud William Gidney, Los Angeles, Calif., assignor of one-tenth to Clara M. Matthews and one-third to Edgar Gaines Hewitt, both of Los Angeles, Calif.

Application July 9, 1934, Serial No. 734,377

4 Claims. (Cl. 241—5)

This invention relates to a roll top stocking garter, the general object of the invention being to provide means whereby a part of the stocking can be rolled and held in rolled position about different parts of the leg, such as above the knee, below the knee or adjacent the ankle.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a view showing the stocking held above the knee.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a detail sectional view through the meeting ends of the garter.

Figure 4 is a view of the garter strip in straight position and looking toward the grooved face thereof.

Figure 5 is a section on line 5—5 of Figure 7.

Figure 6 is a section on line 6—6 of Figure 7.

Figure 7 is a view of the garter strip in circular position.

Figure 8 is a fragmentary longitudinal sectional view through the garter strip.

Figure 9 is a view of the cord passing through a hem at the top of the stocking.

In this drawing, the numeral 1 indicates a garter strip formed of resilient material and having a longitudinally extending groove 2 in its outer face, with the walls of said face sloping downwardly and outwardly from said groove so that the strip is of substantially triangular shape in cross section. A pair of spring rods 3 is embedded in the strip, one on each side of the groove, and the ends of these rods are connected together by a cross piece 4. These rods tend to hold the strip in circular or ring-shaped form, as shown in Figure 7. The outer face of the strip, at each end thereof, is formed with a substantially triangular-shaped beveled portion 5, which will overlap, as shown in Figure 3, when the strip is in ring-shaped form and I prefer to place the strip in a fabric casing 6 and when this is done, one end of the casing has an opening, so that the beveled opposite end of the strip can be placed in the pocket formed in the end of the casing carrying the other beveled end, as shown in Figure 3. Pads 7 of sponge rubber or

the like are placed at spaced intervals on the inner face of the strip to make the garter more comfortable for the wearer and add to its holding qualities.

A cord 8, preferably of resilient material, is adapted to be used to hold a part of the stocking in the groove 2, and I prefer to run this cord through a hem 9 in the stocking A, as shown in Figure 9, and if desired, the stocking can be rolled inwardly around this cord and the rolled part, with the cord therein, placed in the groove, as shown in Figure 2. This cord can be of ring-shape or its ends can be adjustably connected together in any suitable manner, so that it can be made of any desired size.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided improved means for holding a stocking on the leg of the user without wrinkling and the stocking can be rolled and worn above the knee or full length or below the knee or at the ankle, or at any intermediate points.

I may provide one or more tabs 10 on the garter to which the depending straps of a corset or girdle can be attached when the stocking is worn full length. This arrangement eliminates the connection of the corset strap directly to the stocking, as is now done, and which soon results in damage to the stocking.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of the invention will be readily apparent.

It is to be understood that changes may be made in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. Stocking holding means comprising a resilient strip, a spring member therein for holding the same in ring-shaped form, said strip having beveled overlapped ends, the outer face of said member having a groove therein, and an elastic cord fitting in the groove and holding a part of the stocking in said groove.

2. Means for holding a stocking in position on the leg of a wearer, comprising a strip of elastic material and having a longitudinally extending groove in its outer face, spring means in the strip for holding the same in ring-shaped form, said strip having beveled overlapping ends, a casing of fabric enclosing the strip with one end of the casing forming a pocket between itself and a beveled end for receiving a portion of the other beveled end, a ring-shaped cord of elastic ma-

terial for holding a portion of the stocking in the groove.

3. Means for holding a stocking in position on the leg of a wearer, comprising a strip of elastic material and having a longitudinally extending groove in its outer face, spring means in the strip for holding the same in ring-shaped form, said strip having beveled overlapping ends, a casing of fabric enclosing the strip with one end of the casing forming a pocket between itself and a beveled end for receiving a portion of the other

beveled end, a ring-shaped cord of elastic material for holding a portion of the stocking in the groove, and pads of resilient material connected to the inner face of the strip.

4. In combination with a stocking having a hem at its open end, a cord passing through the hem, a strip of resilient material having a groove in its outer face for receiving a portion of the stocking and the cord, and means for holding the strip in ring-shaped form.

CLAUD WILLIAM GIDNEY.