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Fig. 1

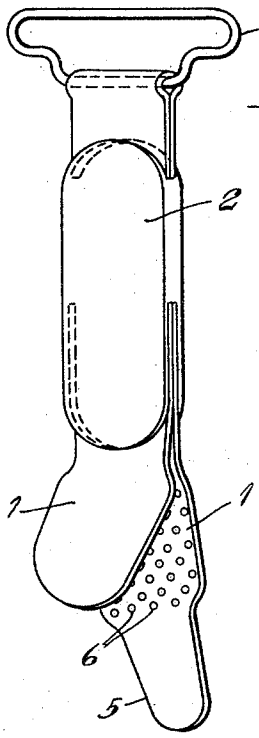
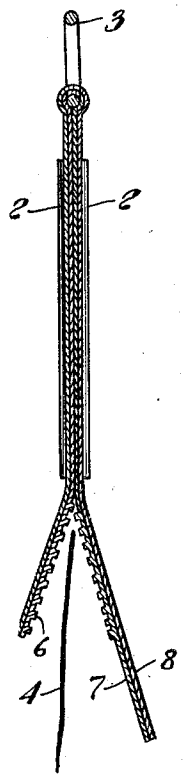


Fig. 2



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The present invention refers to a holder, particularly adapted to be used as a sock or stocking holder, of the type provided with two retention members in the form of flaps or the like, and with a locking or clamping member in the form of a sleeve or the like, said sleeve being adapted to compress the flaps and the object therebetween for the purpose of locking the object to the holder. The invention is principally characterized by the feature that the sleeve is adapted to be displaced practically over the whole of the retaining portion of the flaps and to embrace these portions to effect locking, and by the feature that the flaps consist on the inside of rubber or similar material, or are covered on the inside with such material, which is provided with elevations, if desired, in order that the retained object shall be protected against heavy wear and tear.

The invention will be described more fully in the following as applied to a sock or stocking holder, but the holder is not limited to this use, the same permitting of employment in a variety of ways where objects are to be suspended or connected with each other. In particular, the use of the holder for the hanging of curtains deserves mentioning. Suitably constructed, the holder also may be conceived as a substitute for suspender straps and buttons.

The accompanying drawing illustrates an embodiment of a garter or sock or stocking holder according to the invention. Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the holder and Fig. 2 a longitudinal section thereof.

The sock or stocking holder as shown in the drawing consists of the flap-like retention members 1, the sleeve-shaped locking or clamping member 2 and a loop 3 for securing the holder to the garter. The flaps 1 are preferably attached to each other at their upper portion, the same being free only at the bottom. When the holder is to be used, it occupies the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The sock or stocking 4 is introduced between the flaps 1, whereupon the locking sleeve 2 adapted more or less to embrace the flaps is adapted to be moved over the latter and the sock or stocking, the sock or stocking being then securely clamped between the flaps. The outward flap has an extension 5 serving as a handle when the sleeve is moved back.

In order not to damage the sock or stocking, the inner sides at least of the flaps should be made from rubber or other soft and elastic material, which also involves that the flaps will bear on the sock or stocking with a resilient pressure. The sock or stocking will be retained with still greater security if the inner sides of the flaps be rugged or if they be provided with elevations in the form of clampers 6, corrugations or the like, which should be so arranged that the elevations on the one flap fit into the intervening spaces between the elevations of the other flap, when the holder is in use. These elevations must not be too resilient or soft, and may preferably be made from vulcanized rubber. On the other hand, the outer sides of the flaps should be smooth to facilitate displacement of the sleeve.

In order to facilitate the displacement of the sleeve it is preferred to make the flaps out of an inner layer 7 of rubber and an outer layer 8 of a fabric resistive to stretching, for example. In this manner, the desired non-tensibility and elasticity in compression are obtained.

To facilitate manipulation, the lower portions of the flaps may be made slightly resilient outwardly, so that they will be removed from each other to occupy the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2 when the locking sleeve is moved back.

The sleeve 2 may be made from any suitable material, such as rustless metal, which may be covered with fabric, leather or the like.

What I claim is:

1. A holder for socks or the like comprising a pair of retention members in the form of elongated flaps which are connected together at one of their ends and between the free end portions of which the sock is adapted to be arranged, a clamping member in the form of a sleeve slidably arranged about the flaps to cause the same to engage each

other and to clamp the sock therebetween, each of said flaps consisting of an outer layer of smooth fabric and an inner layer of rubber, said latter layer being vulcanized and provided on its engaging face with elevations.

2. A holder for socks or the like comprising a pair of retention members in the form of elongated flaps connected together at one of their ends and made from a soft material, the sock being adapted to be arranged between said flaps, a clamping member in the form of a sleeve slidably arranged about the flaps to cause the same to engage each other and to clamp the sock therebetween, each of said flaps consisting of an outer layer of smooth fabric, and an inner layer of rubber, said latter layer being vulcanized and provided on its engaging face with elevations.

3. A holder for socks or the like comprising a pair of retention members in the form of elongated flaps which are connected together at one of their ends and between the free end portions of which the sock is adapted to be arranged, a clamping member in the form of a sleeve slidably arranged about the flaps to cause the same to engage each other and to clamp the sock therebetween, the flaps consisting in their entirety of soft material comprising two layers of different kinds.

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