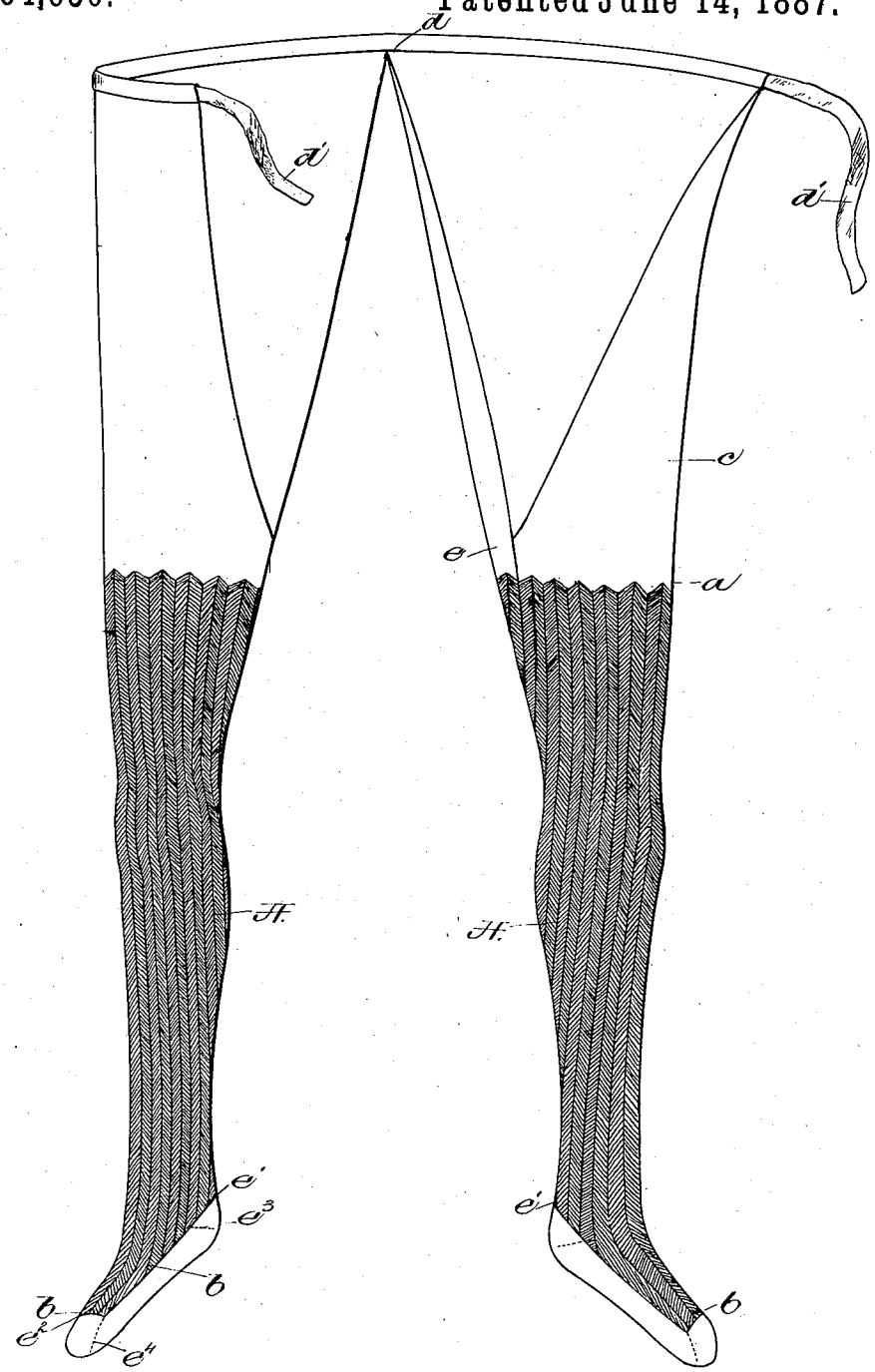
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HOLMES, of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Stockings or Leg-Coverings, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawing representing like parts.

This invention has for its object to provide a stocking or leg-covering especially adapted to be worn by bicycle-riders and children.

As herein embodied, my improved stocking or leg-covering from a point above the knee to the top of the foot is ribbed, that part of the stocking embracing the thigh being preferably plain, as is also the sole of the foot-covering portion.

A pair of improved stockings will be provided at their upper ends with a waistband, by which they may be held up in place, so as to make the stocking fit the calf of the leg tightly, the said band also preventing the stocking from falling down over the knee as the leg is bent, such, for instance, in bicycle-riding.

My improved leg-stocking entirely obviates the use of the garters or elastics or of stocking-supporters having clasps to engage the top of the stocking.

My invention consists, essentially, in a pair of stockings having each component member A provided with an upper thigh-covering portion, *c*, and a ribbed calf-covering portion made in one piece with the thigh-covering portion *c*, and a welt or pocket, the said thigh-covering portion being left open at or near the point *e* to the welt or pocket, substantially as will be described.

The drawing shows in elevation a pair of stockings or leg-coverings constructed in accordance with my invention.

Each stocking or leg-covering A is made in one piece, and from a point, as *a*, above the knee to a point, *b*, of the foot near the toe, the said stocking is shown as of ribbed knitted fabric, the portion marked *c* above the point *a*, and which in practice embraces the thigh, being preferably of plain knitted fabric. The edges of the thigh-covering portions from the point *e* to the top thereof have selvage edges, and at the top have welts or pockets, as *d*. The stocking A is shown as composed of flat knitted webs having selvage edges, which are stitched together, as indicated, from the point *e* downward to the point *e'*.

As herein shown, the heel, sole, and toe portion (shown as of plain knitted web or fabric) is stitched to the leg covering part from *e'* to e^2, and at e^3 e^4.

Both stockings A will in use be knitted or otherwise joined together, as at *d*, the upper portion of each thigh-covering portion having a welt or pocket, through which a waistband or string, *d'*, is inserted, by means of which the said stockings are securely held up in place from the hips, the stockings being held up firmly to fit the leg snugly. When employed by bicycle riders, my improved stockings are of especial advantange, as the stockings are absolutely prevented from working down over the knee as the leg is bent in the act of pushing the pedal of the bicycle.

My improved stocking enables the use of elastics or garters to be entirely dispensed with, which, when sufficiently tight to maintain the ordinary stocking in place, clasp the leg with such force as to stop or impede to a certain extent the circulation of the blood in the leg.

As herein shown it will be seen that the so-called "thigh-covering" portion constitutes a stocking-supporter.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, a pair of stockings having each component member A provided with an upper thigh-covering portion, *c*, and a ribbed calf-covering portion made in one piece with the thigh-covering portion *c*, and a welt or pocket, the said thigh-covering portion being left open at or near the point *e* to the welt or pocket, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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