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Fig. 1.

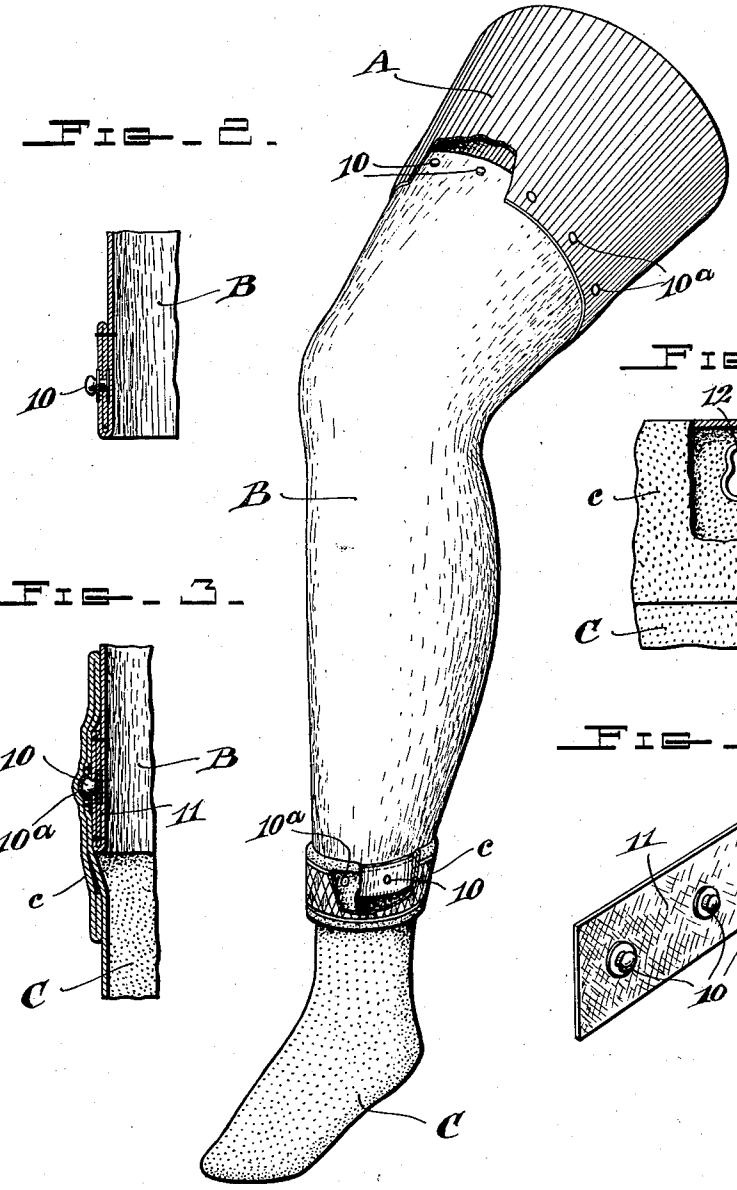


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.

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This invention relates to hosiery, and more specifically to ladies' stockings.

The primary object of my invention is to provide ladies' stockings that can be quickly and easily altered in appearance, quality and size, by any one and without the use of implements, thereby enabling the making of unlimited desirable changes, resulting in greatly increased economy, comfort and other advantages to the wearer.

The invention comprises a stocking formed of individual complementary parts separably joined.

Other objects and attendant advantages will become more readily apparent from the following detailed description of an embodiment of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings in which—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a stocking made in accordance with my invention, partly broken away to more clearly illustrate the separable joints between the various parts thereof.

Figs. 2 to 5 inclusive illustrate various types of separable fasteners and their mode of application; Fig. 2 being a fragmentary section through the lower end of the separate leg portion of the stocking and shows one modified form of fastening means; Fig. 3 a similar sectional view through the joined leg and foot parts; Fig. 4 a fragmentary elevational view of the upper end of the foot section, partly broken away and shows one modified form of fastening means; while Fig. 5 illustrates, in perspective, a specific engaging means.

In carrying out my invention, a stocking is formed of individually completed complementary parts or sections, which are joined by suitable separable fasteners. The numbers of such constituent parts comprising the stocking is optional, and may be varied in accordance with prevailing fashion, and of course, with consideration of desirable points of juncture.

Various types of well known separable fasteners may be used to detachably connect the parts, so that it will be understood that the fastening devices illustrated in the drawings, while being deemed preferable, are not necessarily essential to the attainment of the invention.

In the present instance, the stocking is formed of three individually completed parts, the welt A, leg part B and foot part C. These parts may all be of the same or variegated colors, provided with, or without, designs, and of the same or different quality. For example the welt A and leg part B may be of flesh color and integrally knitted, or separably joined as shown, while the foot part C may be of a distinctly different color and in the form of a sock or low stocking having a cuff *c* provided with ornamental designs.

Separable fastening devices 10 and 10*a* are either directly secured to the material of the complementary parts of the stocking and in cooperative relationship, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, or the devices 10 may be fixed on elastic material 11 (see Fig. 5) which is secured in folds of the stocking fabric with provision for proper cooperation with the complementary parts, to form a strengthened and protected separable joint, as illustrated in Fig. 3. It will be noted that the fasteners are so attached that they will not contact with the leg of the wearer of the stocking.

The type of fastening means 12 shown in Fig. 4, affords an easy sliding connection with the cooperative button part 10, while the fastening means comprising parts 10 and 10*a* exemplify well known snap-action type fasteners.

The fastening devices may be made invisible by covering them in convenient manner, as with the cuff *c*, or may be suitably colored and left exposed, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1.

It will be readily apparent, that this stocking construction affords unlimited possibilities as to alterations in combination effect of color and design, as well as changes in quality and size. Unusual economies to the wearer are thereby attained in that replacements of irreparably defective parts can be quickly and easily made and at a fraction of the cost of complete replacement, as ordinarily required with integrally knitted stockings. These and other advantageous fea-

tures are accomplished with this construction which were heretofore unattainable with integrally knitted stockings.

Of course, the stocking structure shown and described may be changed in various ways, and variations may be necessary under certain conditions, therefore, while certain details are deemed preferable and I have shown and described these specifically, I do not wish to be understood as being limited to such construction, but consider that I am at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly come within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A stocking, comprising a complete legpart having an elastic strip with separable fastener elements thereon secured to the lower end thereof, a complete sock or low stocking, and counterparts of the fastener elements secured to said sock.

2. A stocking, comprising a complete legpart having an elastic strip with separable fastener elements thereon secured to the lower end thereof, a complete sock or low stocking having a cuff, and counterparts of the fastener elements secured to said sock beneath the cuff.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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