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Fig. 1.

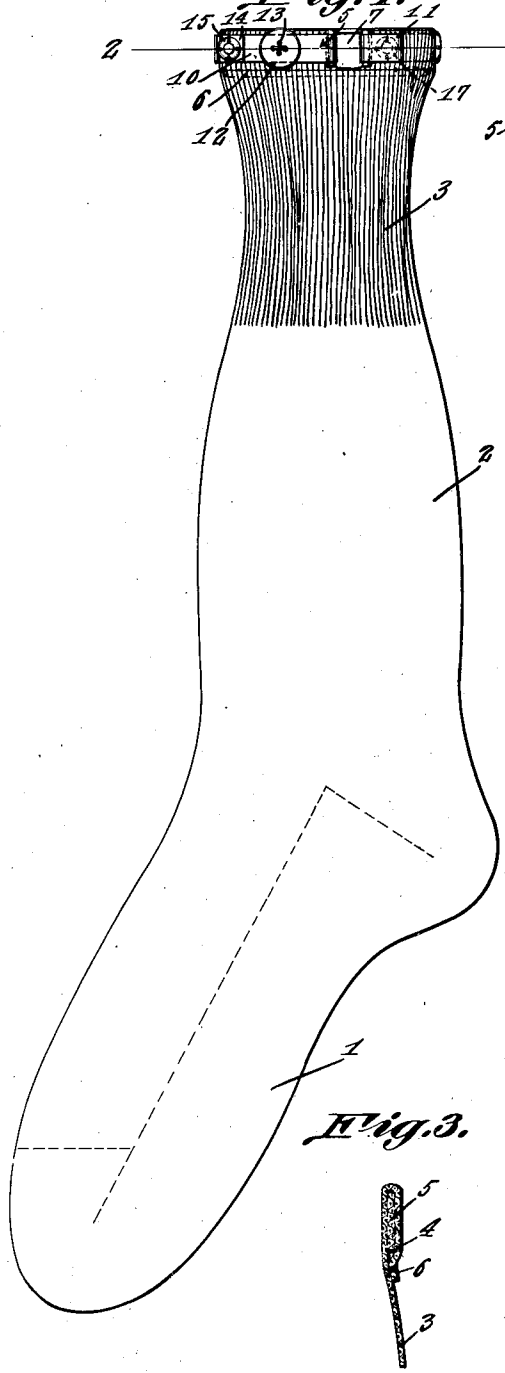


Fig. 2.

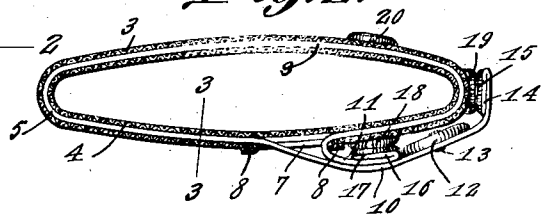


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABE M. EUSTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pineville, in the county of Bell and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stocking Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a new and improved stocking supporter, designed primarily for use in connection with men's and children's hose, and has for its object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a stocking having as a permanent part thereof, at its upper portion, means whereby such upper portion will grip the leg of the wearer to support and maintain the stocking extended in a comfortable manner and without any undue tightness or other inconvenience to the wearer.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which come within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a stocking, showing the adaptation therewith of a supporter therefor, in accordance with this invention.

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

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3, Figure 2.

Referring to Figures 1, 2 and 3 of the drawings, 1 denotes the foot and 2 the leg portion of a stocking. The upper terminal part of the leg portion 2, which is indicated at 3, is reinforced and bent upon itself inwardly, as at 4, to provide a pocket 5. The bent portion 4 is fixedly secured in position by a row of stitching 6. The upper terminal portion 3 is furthermore cut away to form an opening 7 to provide an entrance to the pocket 5. The side walls of the opening 7 are reinforced, as at 8, and such reinforcement is provided by bending outwardly the material of the upper terminal portion 3 and securing the bent portions in position by a row of stitching.

Slidably mounted in the pocket 5 is a retaining strap 9, formed of any suitable material, preferably elastic, and said strap 9 has its ends projecting outwardly from the opening 7. One of the projecting ends of the strap 9 is indicated at 10, and the other at 11, and the former projects outwardly from the terminal portion 3 a greater distance than the latter.

The projecting portion 10 of the strap 9, is provided at a point adjacent its free terminus with a stop 12, as shown consisting of a circular button or disk of a diameter greater than the height of the opening 7 so that the stop 12 can not completely enter the pocket 7 and in connection with one of the ends walls 8 of the opening 7 limits the shifting movement of the strap 9 in one direction. The stop 12 is secured by any suitable means, preferably by stitching 13, to the inner face of the projecting portion 10.

The projecting portion 10, at its free end, is bent against its inner face, as at 14, and said bent portion is secured in any suitable manner to the strap 9 and further has secured therewith a snap fastener member 15. The projecting portion 11, at its free end, is bent inwardly upon itself, as at 16, and said bent portion is secured to the strap 9 in any suitable manner and has connected therewith a snap fastener member 17.

The outer face, at the top of the terminal portion 3, has secured thereto a series of spaced snap fastener members 18, 19 and 20. The member 18 is arranged in proximity to that side wall of the opening of which the projecting portion 11 of the strap overlaps. The snap fastener member 17 engages with the member 18 for the purpose of anchoring the projecting portion 11 of the strap 9, exteriorly of the pocket 5. The snap fastener member 15 selectively engages with the members 19 and 20 for the purpose of tightly securing the upper terminal portion 3 to the leg of the wearer for the purpose of maintaining or supporting the stocking in extended position. Although the end terminal portion 3 is shown provided with three snap fastener members, yet this showing is made by way of example, as said terminal portion 3 can be provided with a greater or less number of snap fastener members.

The setting up of the stocking at the reinforced upper terminal portion thereof with the means hereinbefore referred to will support or maintain the stocking when extended in a comfortable manner and will be

free of undue tightness or other inconvenience to the wearer, and it is thought that the many advantages of a stocking supporting means as hereinbefore set forth, can be readily understood, and although the preferred embodiments of the invention are as illustrated and described, yet it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction can be had which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:—

1. In combination, a stocking having its upper terminal portion provided with a pocket opening at the outer side of said portion, a strap slidably mounted in said pocket and having the end portions thereof extended outwardly from the pocket, means carried by the strap and the upper terminal portion of the stocking for detachably securing the strap in adjusted position, and means carried by one of the projecting end portions of the strap and engageable with the upper terminal portion of the stocking for limiting the shifting movement in one direction of the strap.

2. In combination, a stocking having its upper terminal portion provided with a pocket opening at the outer side thereof, a strap slidably mounted in said pocket and having one of its end portions extending outwardly therefrom, means for detachably connecting the said end portion to the upper terminal portion of the stocking exteriorly thereof, said strap further having its other end portion projecting outwardly from said pocket and provided with means for limiting the shifting movement thereof in one direction, and means for selectively and detachably connecting the said other end terminal portion of the strap at different points on the outer face of the upper terminal portion of the stocking.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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