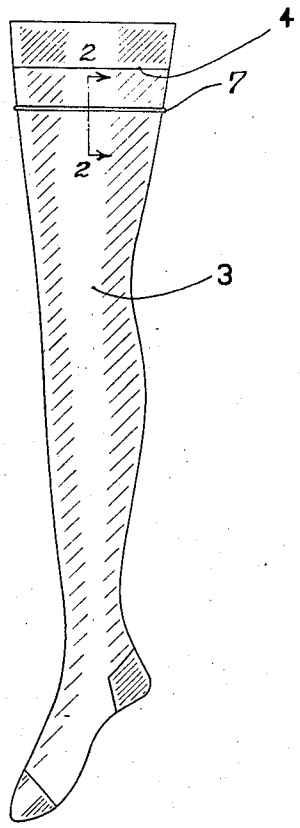
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Fig.1.



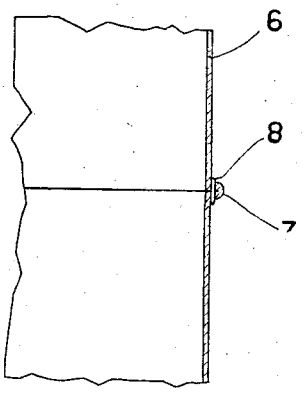


Fig.2.

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This invention relates to hosiery, and more particularly to stockings, and its object is to provide in the body of the stocking a stop for preventing the running of dropped meshes, or stitches formed by knitting, when raveling occurs.

According to the invention, this stop simply consists of a foreign or additional thread inserted through the opposed bights of a relatively narrow transversely extending fold of the knit fabric by sewing. Practical experience has shown that when an accidental raveling at a point of the knit fabric results in a running of dropped meshes or stitches, this running will not propagate beyond the foreign thread sewn into the fabric.

When stockings which are not manufactured by a circular knitting machine are to be provided with the stops according to the invention, the foreign thread is preferably inserted in the blanks of knit fabric before they are sewn together to form stockings. The stitches which unite the bights of the fold may be made by hand, or preferably by means of any known sewing or stitching machine, said stitches and associated fold extending in a direction forming a suitable angle with, or preferably at substantially right angles to, the longitudinal direction of the stocking, and may extend through the whole circumference or only a part thereof.

The invention is illustrated, by way of example, in the accompanying drawing in which—

Fig. 1 shows in diagrammatic elevation a stocking made in accordance with the invention, and

Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of the run-stop fold taken along the line 2—2 in Fig. 1, the fold being sewn through by a thread foreign to the knit fabric of the stocking to form a stop preventing the propagation of dropped meshes or stitches.

According to Fig. 1, the stocking indicated by 3 has at its upper end an in-turned hem or welt, the lower edge of the in-turned hem being attached to the body of the stocking by stitches along the line 4. The garter top so formed being well-known in the art, the course of stitches along the line 4 does not form part of the present invention. When the stocking is attached to the garter a raveling can occur which results in a running of dropped meshes mostly far below the hem, often in the whole length of the stocking. To prevent such dropping meshes from running down, a stop 7 is provided in accordance with the invention at a suitable distance from the lower end of the hem, said stop running circumferentially and extending the whole circumference of the stocking 3.

Additional stops could be provided in the same manner at suitable distances below the stop 7 to increase safety against the running down of dropped meshes as a result of a raveling occurring below the stop 7.

As clearly shown in Fig. 2, the fabric 6 of the stocking is folded to form a circumferentially extending fold 7 which is then sewn through with a thread 8. The incorporation of this thread 8 not only prevents the fold 7 from unfolding, which is a secondary effect, but also provides a very efficacious stop against the propagation of dropping meshes. Also, in Figure 2, it will be noted that the inner face of the body fabric is substantially uninterrupted in the provision of the folded section, and therefore no inwardly projecting portions will be present to irritate the leg of the wearer.

What I claim is:

1. In a stocking having a hem at the top thereof, a run-stop located below the hem comprising a relatively narrow folded section of the single thickness of the body fabric only and extending substantially coursewise of the knit fabric, said section being sewn through walewise of the stocking body and exteriorly thereof to form a semi-circular cross-section when viewed in a coursewise direction, the radius of said semi-circular section being substantially equal to the thickness of said fabric, and the inner face of the body fabric being substantially uninterrupted in the provision of said folded section.

2. In a stocking having a hem at the top thereof, a run-stop located below the hem comprising a relatively narrow folded section of the single thickness of the body fabric only and extending substantially coursewise of the knit fabric, said section being sewn through walewise of the stocking body and exteriorly thereof with a foreign thread extending through opposed bights substantially at the juncture of the folded section with the body portion to form a semi-circular cross-section when viewed in a coursewise direction, the radius of said semi-circular section being substantially equal to the thickness of said fabric, and the inner face of the body fabric being substantially uninterrupted in the provision of said folded section.

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