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Fig. 1.

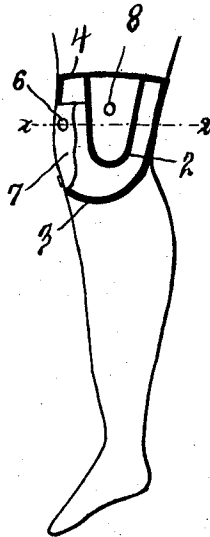


Fig. 2.

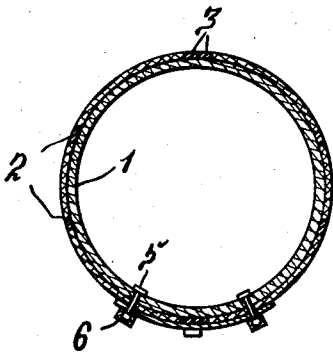
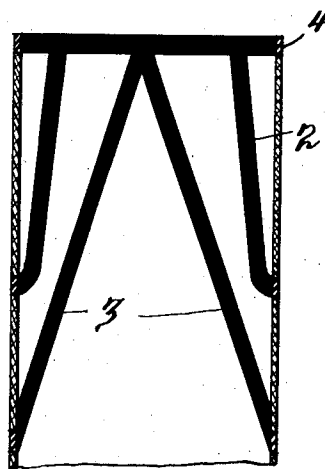


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHAN BALÁZS, a subject of the King of Hungary, residing at Michel, in the Province of British Columbia and Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stockings, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to stockings, and the objects of the invention are, first, to furnish the upper end of the stocking with elastic inserts adapted to frictionally engage the limb and support the stocking thereon; second, to furnish a stocking with a detachable resilient knee-cap, and third, to provide a stocking of the above type that can be comfortably worn and manufactured at a comparatively small expense.

20 I attain the above objects by a stocking that will be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed, and reference will now be had to the drawing, wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which:—

25 Figure 1 is a side elevation of the stocking. Fig. 2 is an enlarged horizontal sectional view taken on the line X—X of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged vertical sectional view of the upper part of the stocking.

30 My invention is in connection with the upper and open end of a stocking made of cotton, lisle thread, silk or other material.

The material 1 is provided with two sets 35 of looped elastic inserts 2 and 3, the former being arranged at the sides of the stocking and smaller than the latter inserts, which have the upper ends thereof terminating at the front and rear sides of the stocking.

40 These inserts can be made of any elastic material, as strips of rubber or rubber thread interwoven with the material 1. Coöperating with the loop-shaped elastic inserts is an elastic band 4 carried by the upper edges of 45 the stocking.

The loop-shaped elastics or inserts 2 and

3 are employed to firmly grip the knee portion of the limb and coöperate with the elastic band 4. The advantage of the inserts 2 and 3 is that they embrace the limb at the knee joint and coöperate to retain the stocking in a raised position. Should the insert 2 and band 4 fail to retain the stocking, the insert 3 will hold the stocking in place and prevent it from falling to the foot, and this is also true of the band 4 should the inserts 2 and 3 fail to perform their function. The inserts 2 and 3 are so disposed as to allow of free movement of the knee joint without necessarily retarding the movement of the limb, or binding the limb so firmly as to retard circulation.

The front side of the stocking, at the knee portion thereof, is provided with a plurality of clasps, the members 5 being designed to hold members 6 carried by a pad or cap 7 that can be made of leather, resilient metal or any durable and yieldable material. The sides of the stocking adjacent to the upper edges thereof can be provided with clasp members 8 to receive other clasp members (not shown) carried by under-garments.

The elasticity of the inserts 2 and 3 is sufficient to frictionally hold the upper end of the stocking in engagement with the limb, and the knee pad when used in connection with the stockings of juveniles is adapted to prevent the stockings from being worn out at the knee.

What I claim is:—

80 The combination with a stocking, of loop-shaped elastic inserts carried by the upper end of said stocking and having the ends terminating at the upper edge of said stocking, and an elastic band carried by the upper edge of said stocking.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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