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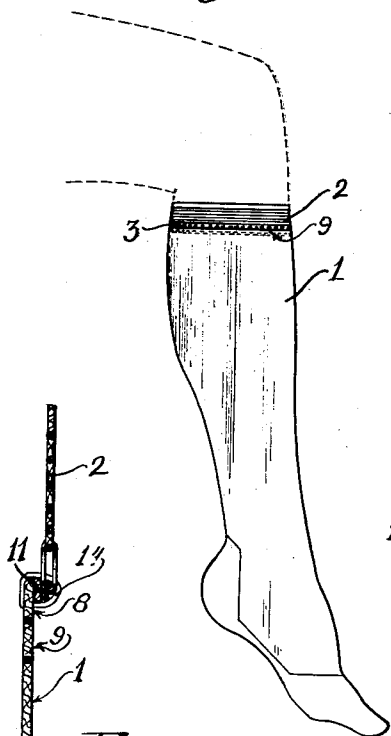


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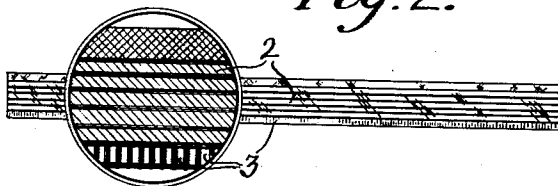


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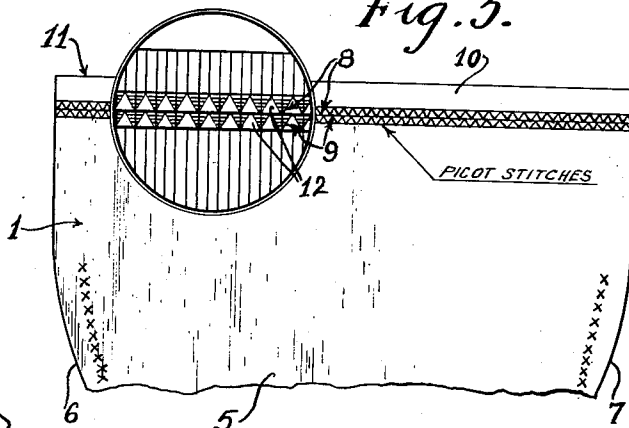


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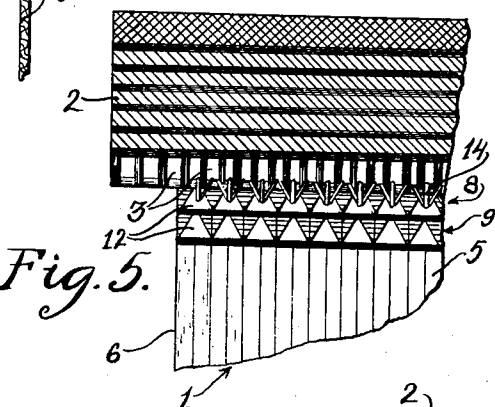


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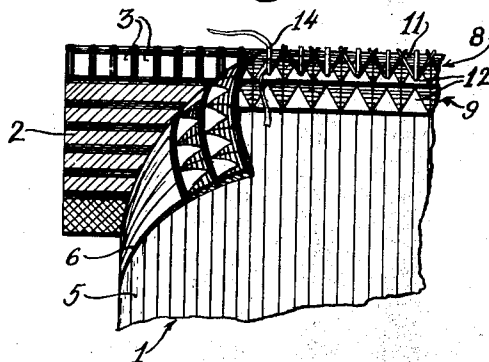
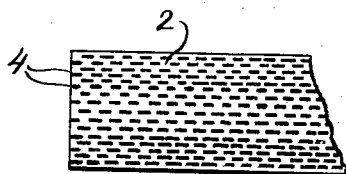


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This invention relates to a knitted stocking, and more particularly to a knee length type of stocking having an elastic garter band secured to the upper edge thereof.

The primary object of the invention resides in the novel, economical manner of attaching the garter band to the leg fabric so as to dispense with the customary method of topping on the garter band to the stocking leg fabric.

An object of the invention resides in the use of a plurality of picot courses, one of which forms a guide for attaching the garter band to the leg fabric and the remaining picot courses forming run guards, to prevent "runs" from extending into the stocking should the machine operator fail to attach one or more of the knitted loops to the garter band.

A feature of my invention resides in the provision of an extended section in combination with a plurality of picot or locking courses, whereby the garter band may be firmly secured to the upper edge of the knitted stocking blank without the possibility of the creation of "runs."

With these and other objects in view, the invention will be better understood from the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the stocking in applied position.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the garter band, a portion of which is enlarged for the purpose of clearness.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the upper portion of the leg fabric, with a portion enlarged for the purpose of clearness.

Figure 4 is a detailed view illustrating the leg fabric being attached to the garter band.

Figure 5 is a side elevation showing a portion of the garter band attached to a portion of the leg fabric.

Figure 6 is a vertical sectional view illustrating the connection between the garter band and the leg fabric.

Figure 7 is a detailed plan view of a modified form of garter band.

Referring to the drawing in detail, numeral 1 designates a knitted stocking, to the upper edge of which is attached a garter band 2. This garter band may be made of any well known elastic material and is preferably provided with a row of attaching openings 3 and, if found advisable in practice, the garter band may be provided with openings over its entire area, as shown at 4 in Figure 7.

In the drawing, I have illustrated the knitted

stocking 1 formed from a full fashioned leg fabric 5, having the usual selvedge edges 6 and 7. Adjacent the upper edge of the stocking, I provide a pair of locking courses, or picot courses (hereafter designated as the upper picot course 8 and the lower picot course 9). These picot courses may be formed in the manner well known in the trade, that is, by the spreading and transferring of loops of the courses.

Attention is called to the fact that the picot courses extend from one selvedge edge 6 to the other selvedge edge 7 and are spaced a certain distance from the upper edge 10 of the leg fabric, to provide an extended section 11 for reinforcing the connection between the garter band 15 and the stocking leg. With the use of picot courses, I provide a plurality of enlarged openings 12 that facilitate the attaching of the edge of the garter band to the leg fabric.

In attaching the garter band to the leg fabric, the openings 3 of the garter band are aligned with the enlarged openings 12 of the upper picot course 8, and stitches 14 are passed therethrough, preferably by the use of a flat seaming machine, the major portion* of the extended section 11 being cut off in the stitching operation.

I wish to call particular attention to the fact that only the upper picot course is secured to the garter band, thereby positioning the lower picot course 9 to prevent any runs from passing into the stocking leg should the operator fail to stitch one or more of the loops of the upper edge portion of the stocking to the garter band. I consider that the arrangement of the two picot courses is quite an improvement in the art, as these picot courses form the dual purpose of facilitating the attachment of the garter band to the stocking and prevent the passage of runs. It will be well known to those skilled in the art that the arrangement of picot courses facilitates the passage of the leg fabric and the garter band past the needle of the sewing machine, as the formation of picot courses provides a guide for the operator in performing the sewing operations.

The arrangement of the picot courses also provides a very neat connection between the leg fabric and the edge of the garter band.

I wish it to be understood that it is within the scope of my invention to use one or more picot or locked courses for accomplishing the results desired. I have found that, in practice, satisfactory results can be accomplished with a single picot course, which performs the triple function of providing a guide for the sewing operation,

facilitating the attaching of the sewing machine stitch, and preventing the passage of "runs."

What I claim is:—

1. In combination, a knitted stocking and a
5 garter band attached to the upper edge thereof, said garter band having one of its marginal edges provided with a row of enlarged attaching openings and said stocking having a row of enlarged openings adjacent the upper edge thereof adapted
10 to be aligned with the openings in said garter band, and stitching passed through the aligned openings for attaching the garter band to the stocking.

2. In combination, a full fashioned knitted leg
15 fabric having a pair of picot courses extending from one selvedge edge to the other selvedge edge of said fabric, and an extended section knitted as a continuation of said picot courses; and an elastic garter band having one edge sewed to

one of said picot courses and to said extended section, the latter reinforcing the connection therebetween.

3. In a knitted stocking, a leg portion finished
5 with an upper and a lower picot course, and an extended section knitted as a continuation of said upper picot course; a garter band having one of its marginal edges provided with a row of enlarged openings; and stitches passing through
10 said openings in the garter band and through the loops of the upper picot course thereby forming a sewed connection between said band and the stocking leg at the extended section thereof; said extended section reinforcing the sewed connection and the lower picot course being arranged
15 below the sewed connection preventing the passage of runs from the latter into the stocking leg.

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