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Fig. 1.

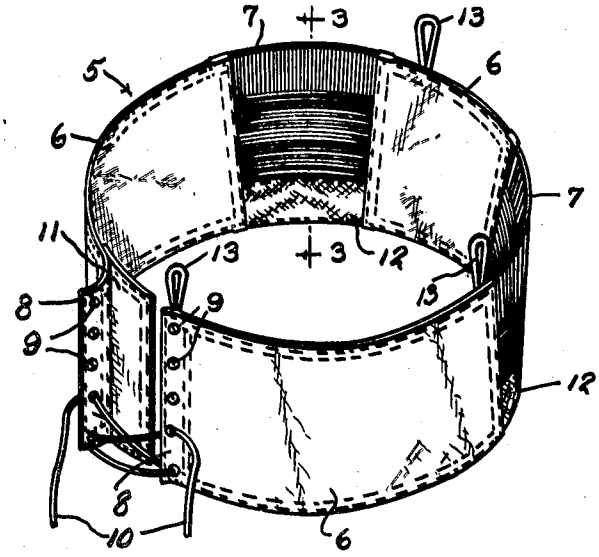



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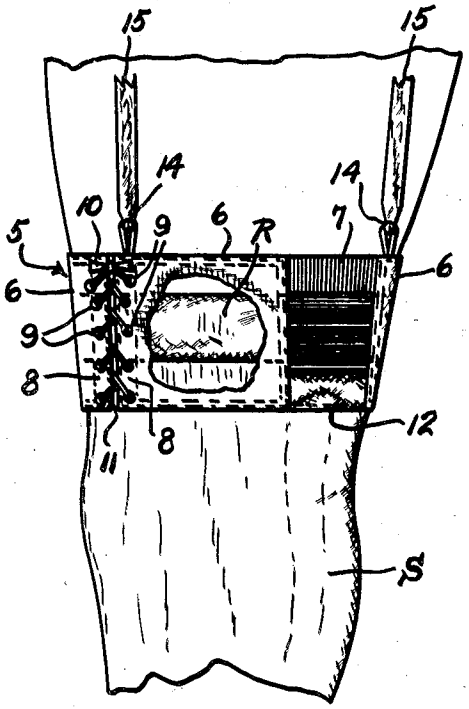
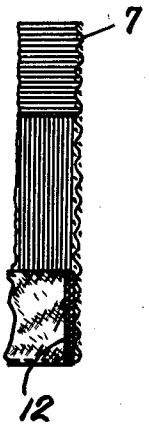



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## STOCKING GARTER

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This invention relates to garments and more particularly to women's garters.

The primary object of this invention resides in the provision of a garter adapted to hold women's silk stockings on the legs without stretching the same to the point of causing runs therein.

Another object of this invention resides in the provision of a garter adapted to hold women's silk stockings on the legs with even perpendicular stress thereon.

A further object of this invention resides in the provision of a garter adapted to yieldingly surround the legs with the upper ends of the stockings rolled therebeneath.

A still further object of this invention resides in the provision of a garter adapted to be laced to fit the legs.

Aside from the aforesaid objects this invention resides in the provision of a garter adapted to be supported by straps suspended from a girdle or the like.

Among the many features of this invention is the particular construction of the garter.

With these and other objects in view this invention resides in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of elements to be hereinafter set forth in the specification, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the appended claim and, while this disclosure depicts my present conception of the invention, the right is reserved to resort to such changes in construction and arrangement of elements as come within the scope of the claim.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the garter partly laced.

Fig. 2 is a side view thereof partly broken away to show the rolled upper end of a stocking on a leg.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

In the present illustration of this invention the numeral 5 designates in general, a garter as constructed in accordance with this invention consisting of fabric sections 6 connected by elastic sections 7, certain of said fabric sections having their ends 8 disposed in opposed relation and provided with eyelets 9 or the like to receive a lacing tape 10.

Secured adjacent one of the ends 8 is a tongue 11 adapted to shield the leg from the lacing tape when disposed on the leg.

Disposed at the lower edge of each elastic section is a strip of non-elastic fabric 12 sewed or otherwise connecting the opposed edges of the fabric sections 6 to permit the lower edge of the garter to be comfortably laced around the leg beneath the roll indicated at R of the stocking S and at the same time allowing the upper portion of the garter to give to the leg.

Carried by the upper edge of the garter, preferably extending from the fabric sections 6, is a plurality of loops 13 adapted to receive buttons 14 or the like secured to the lower ends of supporting straps 15 suspended from a girdle or the like not shown.

With this invention fully set forth it is manifest that a garter is provided whereby women's silk stockings will be neatly disposed on the legs without subjecting them to the usual perpendicular strain causing runs therein and, through the particular construction and arrangement of elements embodied therein, the same can be readily manufactured and sold at a nominal cost.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

A split garter of substantially inverted cone-shape configuration for surrounding and enclosing the rolled upper ends of hoses comprising, non-elastic fabric sections, elastic sections connecting the non-elastic fabric sections, eyelets in the opposed open ends of certain of the fabric sections, a tongue secured to one of the opposed open ends of the fabric sections and covering the eyelets on the inner sides thereof, a non-elastic strip secured to the lower portions of the non-elastic fabric sections over the inner surfaces of the elastic sections, a lacing disposed in the eyelets and supporting loops on the upper edges of the fabric sections.

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