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Fig.1.

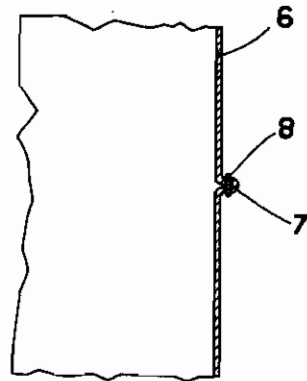
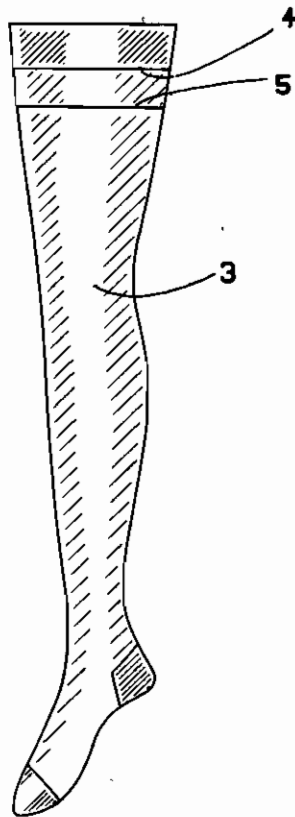


Fig.2.

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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 by sewing in a primarily coherent portion of the knit fabric without any purpose of joining. 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. To render this stop still more efficacious, a transverse fold may be made in the knit fabric and sewn through with the foreign or additional thread.

When stockings which are not manufactured by a round 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 of the stop are made by hand, or preferably by means of any known sewing or stitching machine, to run in a direction forming a suitable angle with, or preferably at substantially right angles to, the longitudinal direction of the stocking, and may extend to the whole circumference or to a part thereof.

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

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

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section, in a larger scale, through transversely folded portion of another stocking, 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 edge of the in-turned end being attached to the body of the stocking by stitches 4. The garter top so formed being well-known in the art, the course of stitches 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 is provided in accordance with the invention at a suitable distance from the lower end of the hem, a thread 5 foreign to the knit fabric being incorporated in the body of the stocking by sewing, the stitches formed by this thread 5 running circumferentially and extending to the whole circumference of the stocking 3.

Additional stops could be provided in the same manner at suitable distances below the stop 5 to increase safety against the running down of dropped meshes as a result of a raveling occurring below the stop 5.

According to Fig. 2, the fabric 6 of the stocking is folded to form a circumferential folding 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.

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