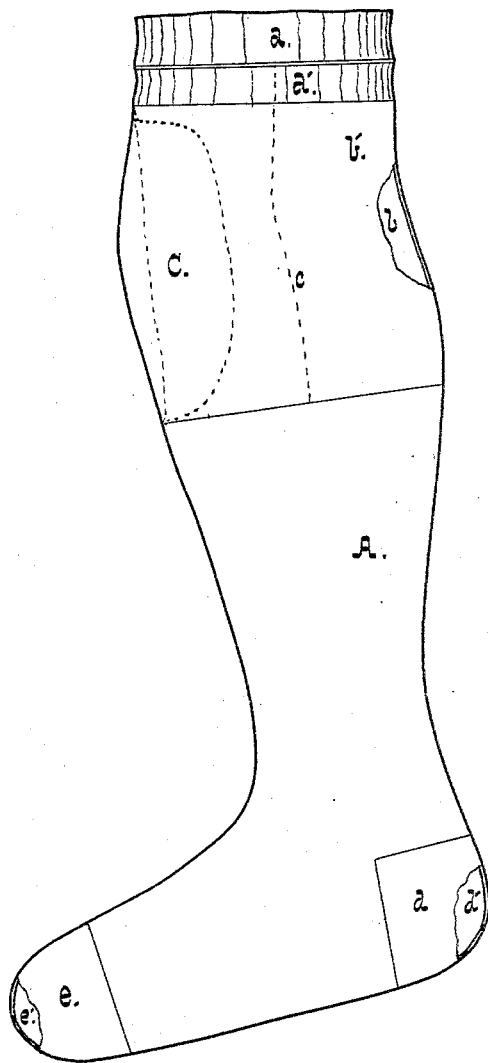


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IMPROVEMENT IN STOCKINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALMIRA SELBY, of Baltimore city, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stockings; and I hereby declare the same to be fully, clearly, and exactly described as follows, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which is illustrated, in side elevation, (certain parts being broken away,) a stocking embodying my present invention.

My invention relates in particular to children's long stockings, adapted to be retained at their upper portion above the knee by an elastic knit portion or a garter; and it consists in certain means for preventing wear and conducing to the comfort of the wearer, as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawing is illustrated a stocking, A, of the usual proportions and shape, but differing from an ordinary stocking in having its toe, heel, and the portion about the knee knit double, as shown, the parts *b b'*, *d d'*, and *e e'* being distinct and separate thicknesses of material, in contradistinction to a double thickness of the same material.

The upper end, *a*, of the stocking is knit, as usual, in elastic vertical ribs, adapted to subserve the end of, or act in conjunction with, a garter.

While I have shown the double knee portion as extending entirely around the stocking, and provided with a separate ribbed end, *a'*, it is obvious that the desired end will be practically attained by limiting it to the front of the stocking, the parts being joined on the line *c*.

For very small children—such as perform the major portion of their perambulations on hands and knees—a soft pad, C, is inserted between the thicknesses of material in front of the knee, and serves the ends of lessening wear of that part of the stocking, of conducing to the comfort of the wearer, and of preventing injury of the knee from carpet-tacks, pins, or other sharp objects liable to be found on the floor.

The double thicknesses of material will cause the stocking to outlast, it is believed, three ordinary stockings, operating on the principle of an ordinary carpet-lining.

What I claim as new is—

1. A stocking having two thicknesses of material at the knee, integral with the body of the stocking, as set forth.
2. A stocking having its heel and toe re-enforced by a separate thickness of material integral with the body of the stocking, substantially as set forth.
3. A stocking having a pocket in front of the knee, and extending wholly or partially around the stocking, as set forth.
4. A stocking having two thicknesses of material about the knee portion, each thickness terminating in a contracted and elastic rim, and being integral with the body of the stocking, as set forth.

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