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FIG. 1.



FIG. 3.

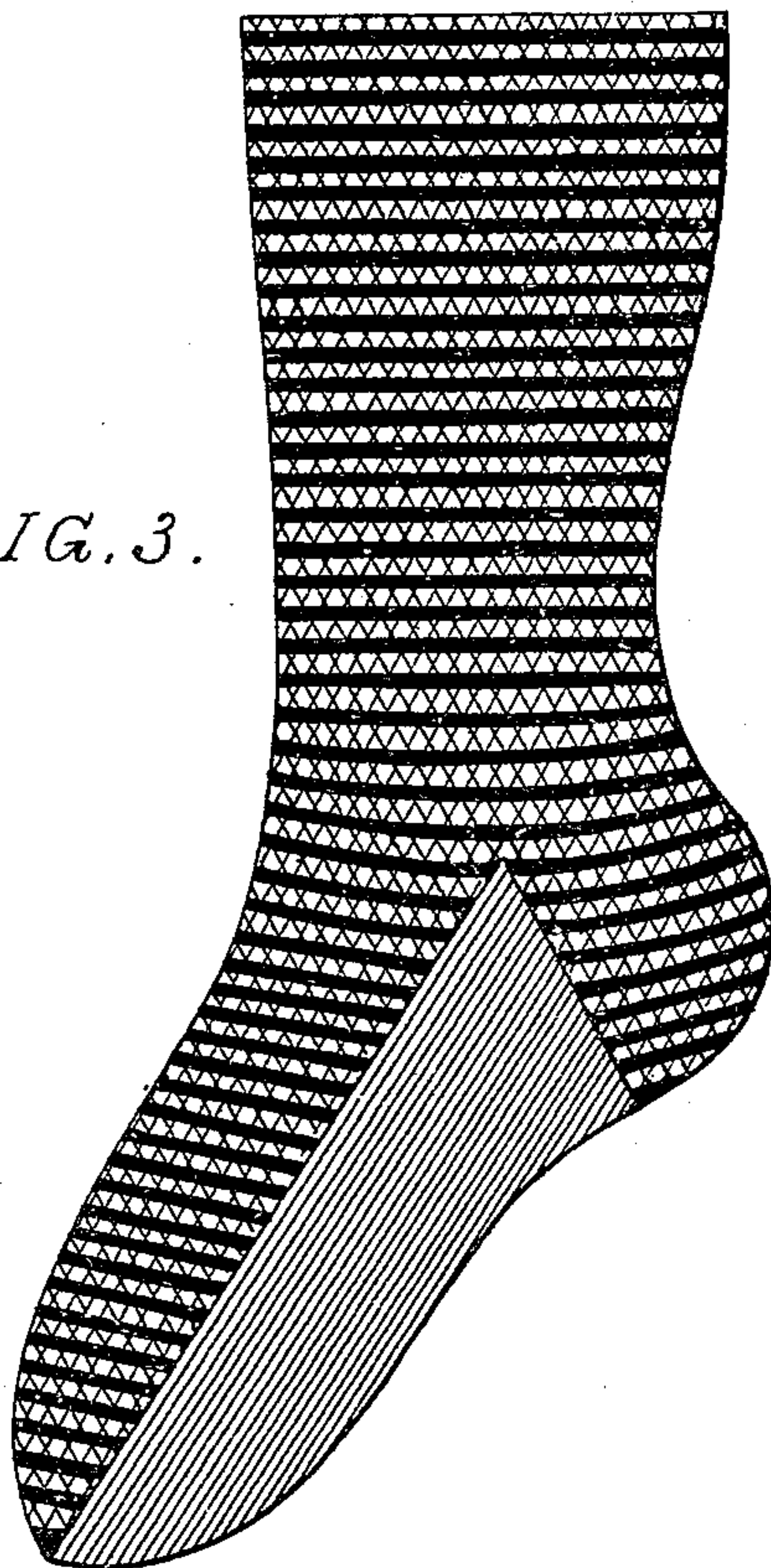


FIG. 2.

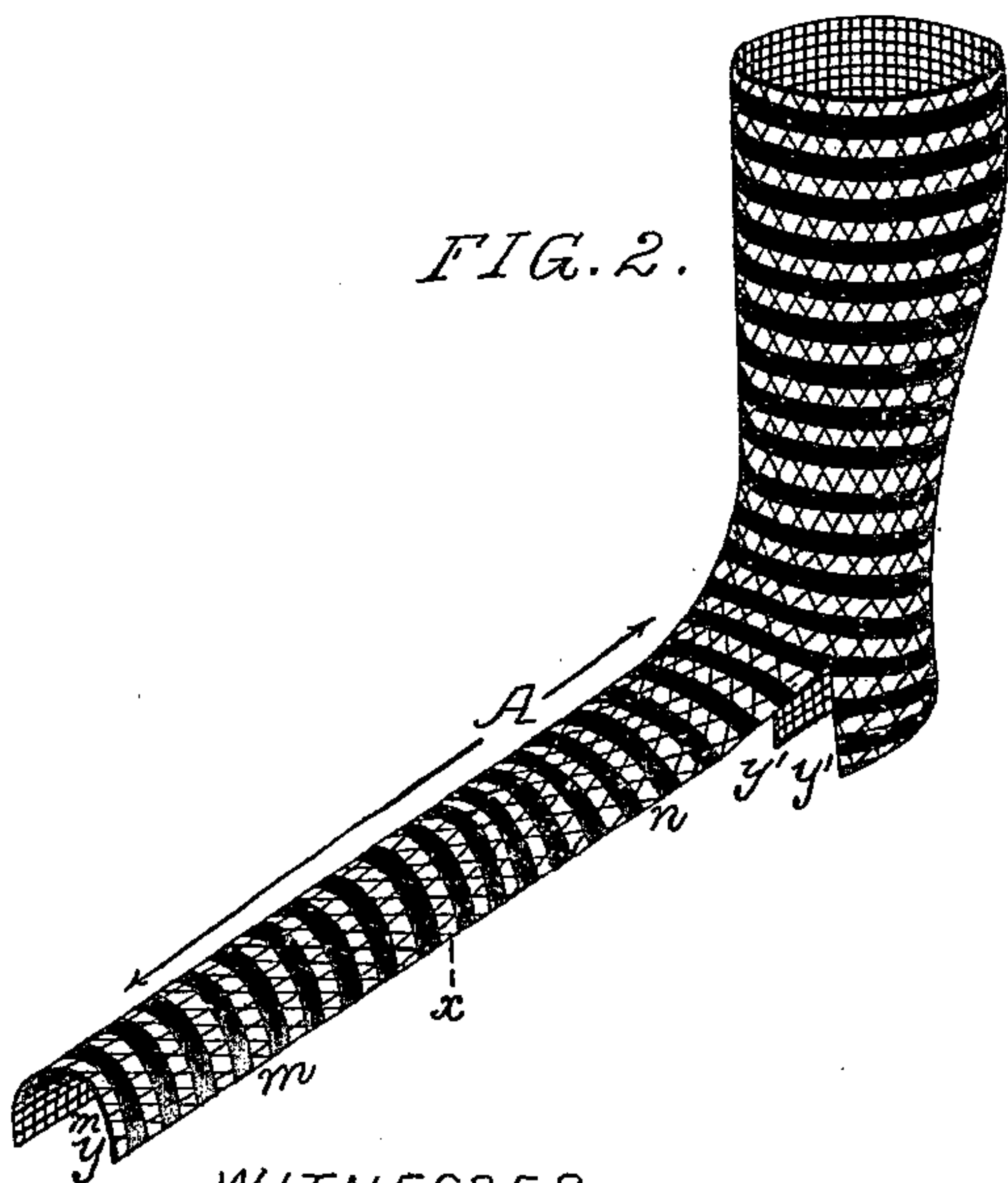
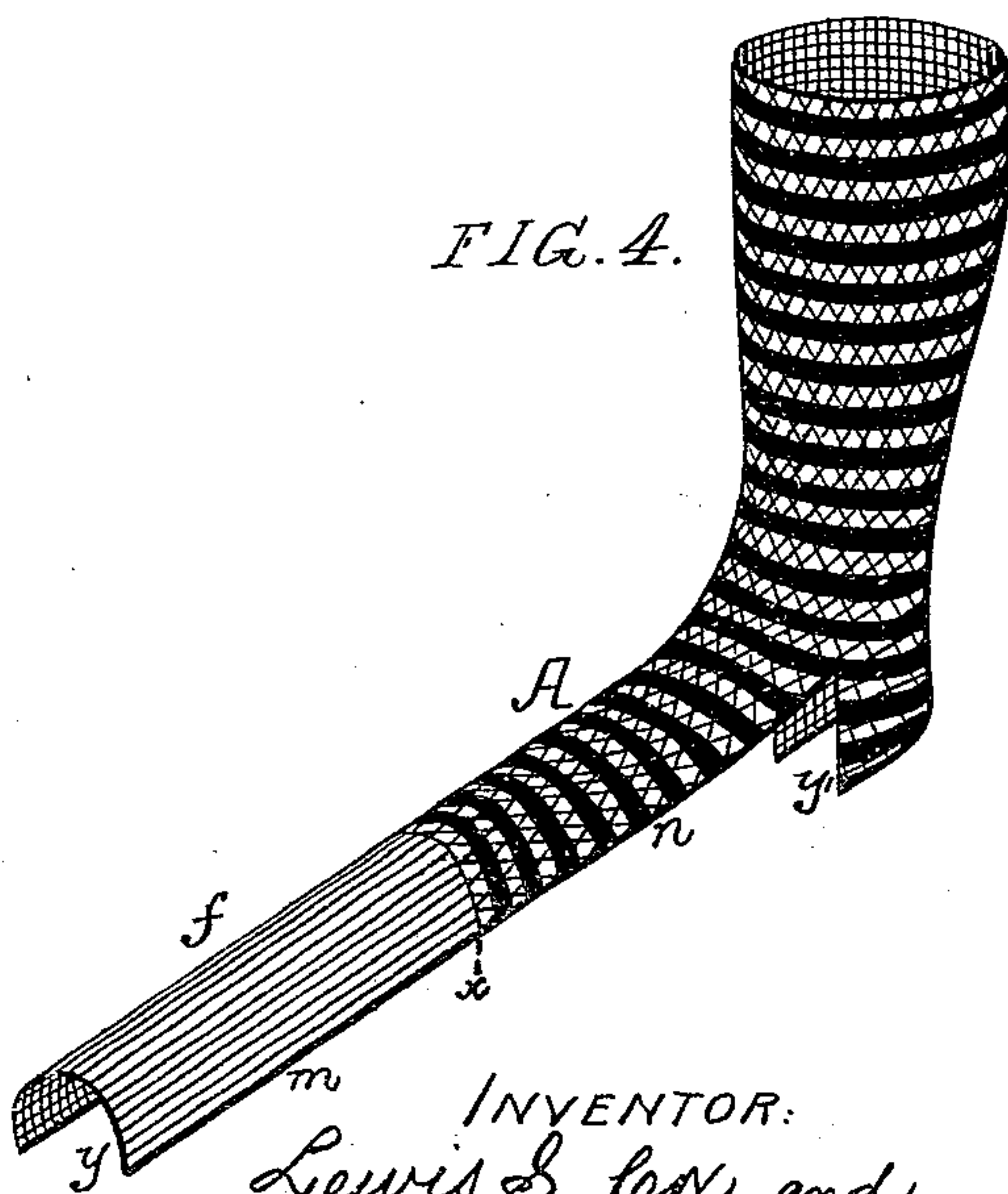


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LEWIS S. COX and JOHN H. OSBORNE, citizens of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Stockings, of which the following is a specification.

The object of our invention is to produce a more attractive and durable stocking than those made in the usual manner; and this object we attain in the manner which we will now proceed to describe, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a stocking made in the ordinary way; Fig. 2, a view showing how an ordinary stocking is made; Fig. 3, a view of a stocking made according to our invention, and Fig. 4 a view illustrating the mode of manufacture.

The usual plan of manufacturing stockings of the class shown in Fig. 1 is to cut a tube of knitted fabric to the shape shown in Fig. 2, the projection A of the tube being converted into the foot of the stocking by folding it on the line *x*, stitching the edges *m m* of the outer portion to the edges *n* of the inner portion of the said projection, and the ends *y y* of the same to the edges *y' y'* of the heel portion. Stockings made in this manner must necessarily be of a uniform pattern throughout, and as the fabric for cheap stockings of this class is knitted in a balmoral frame having a number of feeders, the pattern is limited to fine stripes.

To obviate this monotony in the pattern of the stocking, we make about one-half only of the projection A of the same fabric and pattern as the leg, the other and outer portion, *f*, of the projection, Fig. 4, being made of another fabric having a different pattern, the two portions being united by stitching or seaming. The result of this will be a stocking, Fig. 3, of a more attractive character and more salable than the stocking Fig. 1, owing to the difference in pattern between the sole-piece and the remainder of the stocking; but our invention presents the further advantage of permitting the use for the sole-piece, which is the first part to wear, of more substantial and durable fabric than that of which the remainder of the stocking is composed.

We claim as our invention—

A stocking in which the leg, heel, and upper portion of the foot are formed of one piece of knitted fabric and the sole portion of another and separate piece of fabric; as set forth.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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