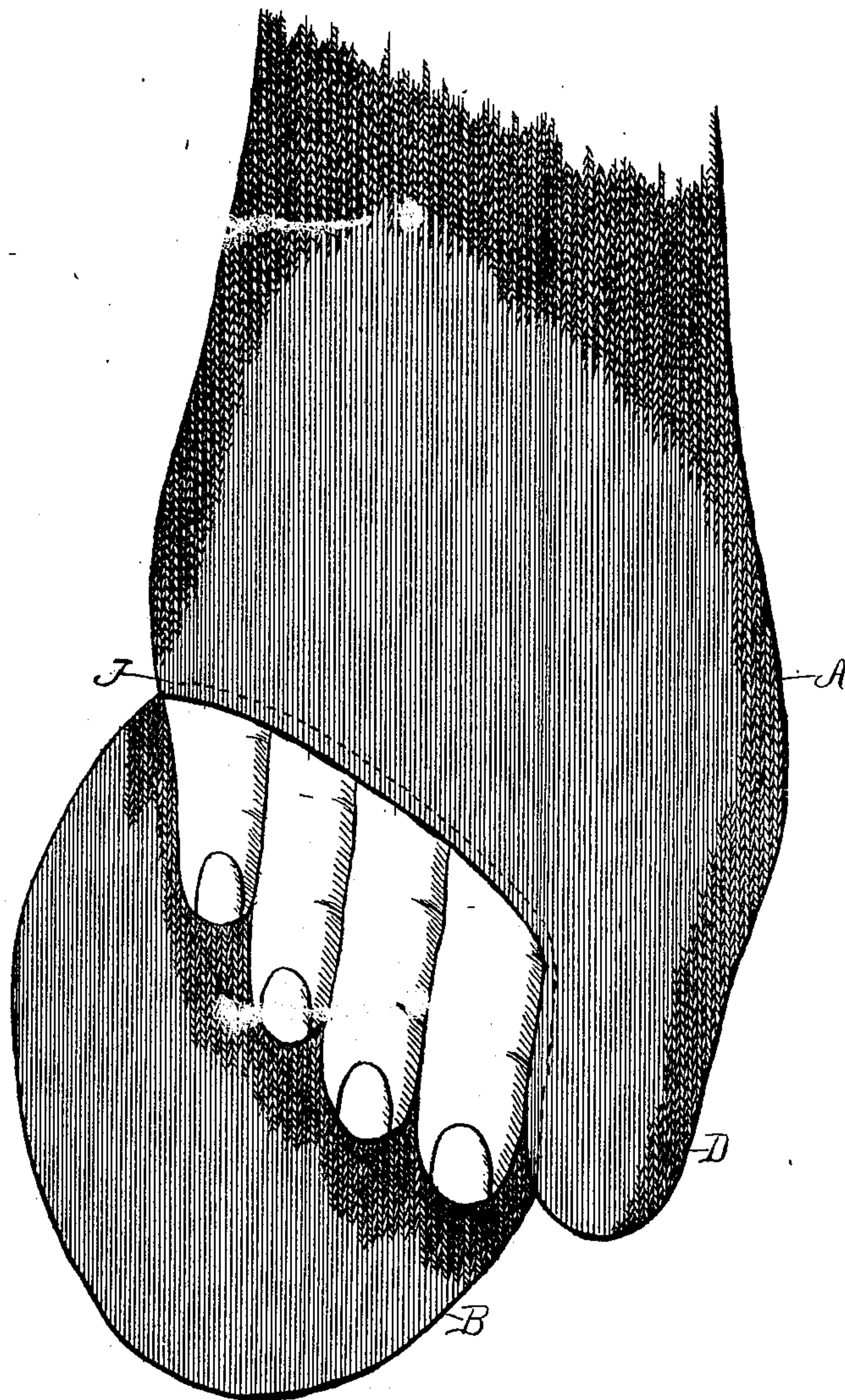


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY C. MCCLURG, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Davenport, in the county of Scott and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stockings, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing and the letters of reference thereon, forming a part of this specification, in which the figure of the drawing is a view looking down upon the top of the toe of the stocking, showing the toes and a portion of a foot within and showing the great toe in a pocket by itself and the other toes exposed.

This invention relates to certain improvements in stockings, which improvements are fully set forth and explained in the following specification and claim.

Referring to the drawings, the stocking is shown as having a pocket D for the great toe. Between the great-toe pocket and the metatarsal bone or joint of the little toe the toe of the stocking is open and the foot extends forward, forming the flap B, which when the stocking is in use, is designed to turn back over the toes to about the broken line J, so as to cause the toe of the stocking to closely fit the form of the toes and foot and prevent the stocking from being full or bunched up in front of the toes, the boot or shoe serving to hold the said flap in place while the stocking is being worn, and the great-toe pocket D serves to hold the stocking in place both while being worn and while a boot or shoe is being drawn on; also, the flap B adapts the stocking to several sizes of feet, so that a less number of sizes of stockings may be needed than in the case of the ordinary stocking and also prevents the stocking from doubling up and cramping the toes of the wearer, and by

placing the great toe in the pocket it is prevented from being drawn over by the hosiery and causing enlargements or bunions on the end of the great toe, and by leaving the stocking open for the other toes, so that they may have freedom, prevents their having corns or being cramped to overlap each other.

In the manufacture of hosiery like that herein described the stocking is knit in the ordinary way until about one-half of the foot is finished. Then the opening is commenced by taking off a stitch every round until about three-fifths of the whole number are taken off. Then the stitches are united and finished by forming the pocket for the great toe, after which three-fifths of the stitches are taken off. Beginning at the end of the said pocket and following the bottom or sole of the stocking I proceed to form the flap by binding off stitches in a manner that will form the edge of the flap in a line parallel with the great toe, and from the side I bind off stitches that will form the flap, having an oval margin extending around to the little-toe joint, as shown, and of any size desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows, to wit:

As a new article of manufacture, a stocking having a great-toe pocket and an opening extending from the base of said pocket to the outer edge of the stocking at the base of the little toe and a flap or an extension of the sole of the stocking adapted to be turned back over said opening and conform to the shape of the toes of the wearer, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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