

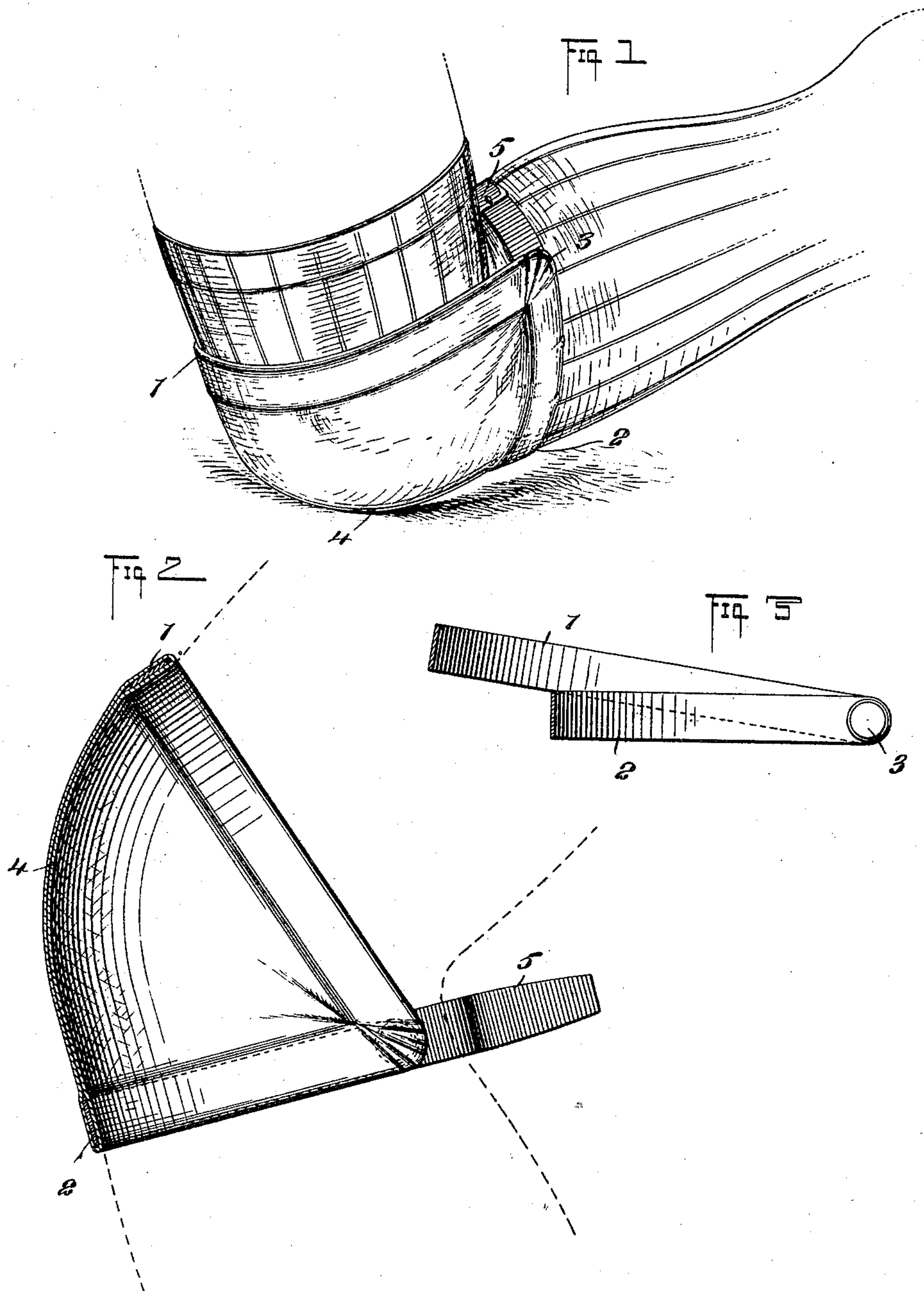
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STOCKING-GUARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY WEIL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Stocking-Guard, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in devices particularly designed for guarding or protecting children's stockings from wear at the knees; and the object is to provide a device for this purpose of simple and comparatively inexpensive construction that will readily yield to the movement of a child's legs and when not in use may be folded in compact form.

I will describe a stocking-guard embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a guard embodying my invention as applied. Fig. 2 is a sectional view thereof, and Fig. 3 is a section showing the frame as folded.

The guard comprises a frame consisting of two bow-shaped members 1 2 of suitable metal, and pivotally connected together at the ends, as indicated at 3. The member 1 of the frame is somewhat longer than the member 2, and this longer member is designed to engage over the leg above the knee, while the other member 2 is designed to engage over the leg below the knee. A flexible material 4—such, for instance, as leather or fabric—is connected to the members of the frame and is designed

to engage over the knee of the stocking, as clearly indicated in Fig. 1. The device is held in position by means of straps 5, designed to be buckled together at the inner side of the knee.

This device will not only serve to protect a stocking from wear at the knee, but may also serve as a garter. When not in use, the device may be closely folded together, as indicated in Fig. 3.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a stocking-guard, comprising a frame consisting of two bows of unequal length and having the ends of their members pivoted together, the bows being adapted to engage over the leg of the wearer, one above and the other below the knee, and a flexible material secured to the bows and extending between them, as set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a stocking-guard, consisting of two bows having the ends of their members pivoted together, the bows being of unequal length and adapted to engage over the leg of the wearer, the longer one above and the shorter one below the knee, a flexible material secured to the bows and extending between them, and fastening-straps secured to the guard at joint of the bows, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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