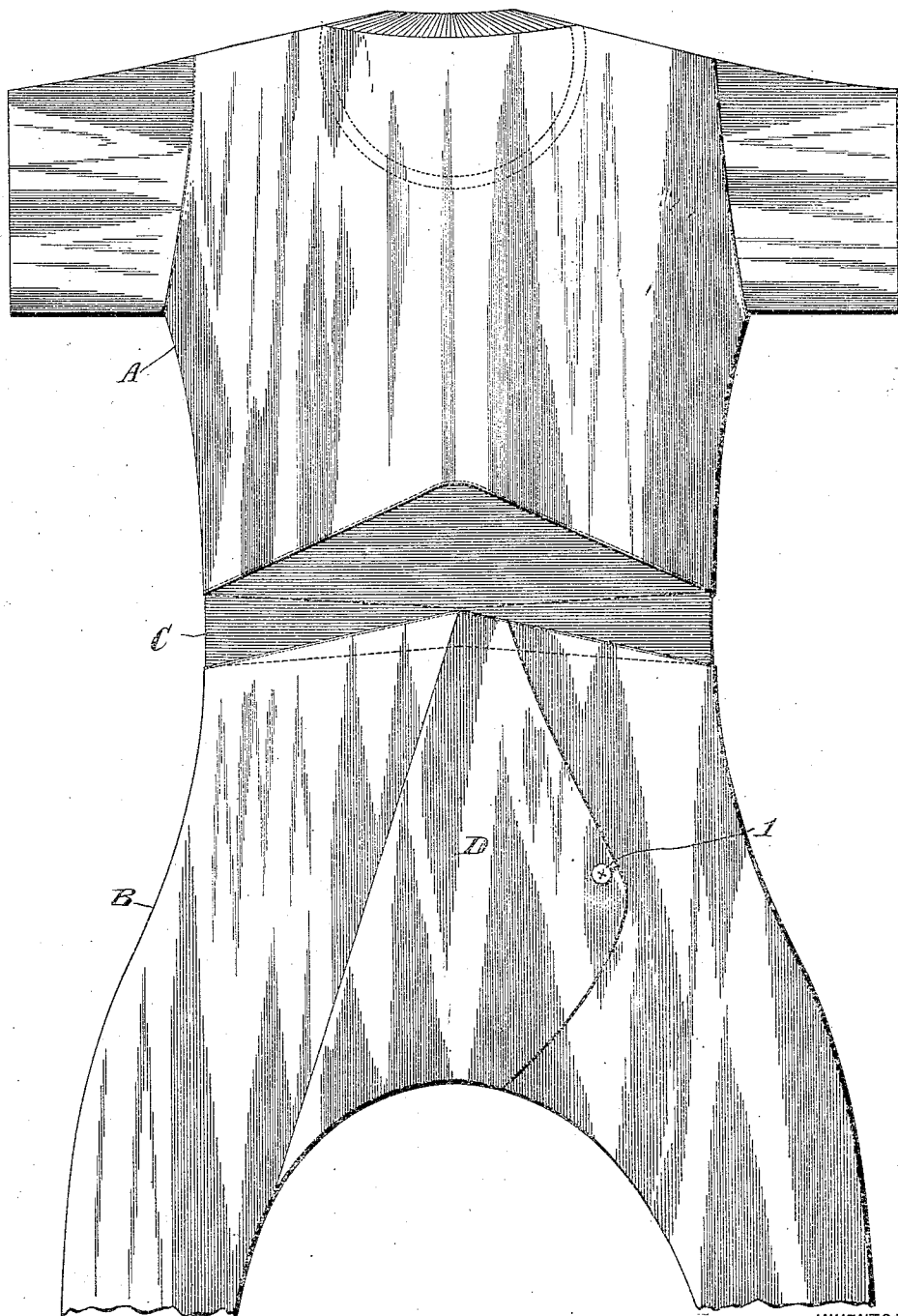


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KIRK H. WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oswego, county of Oswego, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Union Suits, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same.

This invention relates to that class of underwear known as union suits, and the invention is especially intended for knitted underwear of this class, although applicable also to union suits of other material.

The especial objects of the invention are to provide an improved union suit of that class having an elastic band extending across the back and preferably around the body so as to connect the shirt and drawers portions, by which a freer and better opening of the seat-flap shall be provided, and a garment better able to adapt itself to the different positions of the body, so as to secure greater comfort and a better fit.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification a union suit embodying all the features of the invention in its preferred form is shown, and this construction will now be described and the features forming the invention then pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawing, which shows the union suit in rear plan, A is the shirt portion, B the drawers portion, C the elastic band connecting the two, and D the seat-flap. The shirt portion A may be of any suitable form, being shown as a common short-sleeve garment. The drawers portion B is preferably, and as shown, a closed crotch garment, having the posterior opening and flap D extending from a point near the waist line to a point at or near the crotch, but with no opening extending through the crotch from front to rear, the present invention consisting, in part, in an improvement on such closed crotch garment. The flap D is shown as secured in closed position by button 1.

The elastic band C connecting the parts A, B, extends about the body, and is formed of knit material, with the wales running transversely to, or around, the garment, as

shown, so as to secure vertical elasticity, which is not secured by the parts A, B, even when made of knit material, as the wales run vertically or longitudinally of the body. The band C, on the front of the garment, may be arranged in any suitable manner, being shown in dotted lines as extending directly around the body and narrower than the rear portion, as usual. On the back of the garment, however, the lower edge of the band C is inclined upward from the opposite sides of the garment, so that the central portion of the band is higher up on the back than the side portions. This inclining may be secured by straight edges and seam, or by similarly curving the bottom edge of the band.

Important advantages are secured by thus forming the elastic band, in that a longer posterior opening and flap is provided for, these extending, as shown, to the bottom edge of the elastic band at the middle, or high, portion of the latter, so that a larger and freer opening of the seat portion by the flap is secured. It is found in use, also, that such elastic band is much preferable to one extending straight across the back, as the band stretches up and in from the sides of the garment when the user bends forward, so as to give greater elasticity and comfort, and a better appearance.

While the invention has been shown as applied in connection with a special closed crotch and seat-flap construction, it will be understood that the invention, broadly considered, is applicable also to union suits of other construction, including open crotch suits.

What I claim is:—

A union suit having an elastic band extending across the back with its bottom edge inclined upward from the sides of the garment to the middle of the back and having a posterior opening and seat-flap extending upward to the middle portion of the band.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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