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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRIS HOPPENSTEIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have

invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Vests and Suspenders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined vest and suspenders for men's wear.

The object of this invention is to produce for men's wear a vest-front having pockets whose opening is exposed at the outer surface of the vest and whose back wall is provided with a button-hole that is concealed from view by the front wall of the pocket.

The said button-holes serve to engage buttons on the front part of trousers, and each shoulder of said vest front provided with a strap to extend down the back and engage buttons on the back part of the trousers.

This novel construction of garment will serve the purposes of a pair of suspenders and a vest.

The invention is illustrated in the drawing herewith to which reference is made.

Figure 1 in said drawing is a front view of the garment. Fig. 2 shows a back view. Fig. 3 is a perspective view.

The vest front comprises the two front halves, a, a, which diminish in width upwardly and taper to the shoulder; each front at the center upper parts has a curved edge, b, whose lower ends come together at, c, in the form of a V, and said two curved edges form the open bosom which will expose the shirt front. From said open V-bosom, marked, e, the two front halves are united on a central vertical line, d, either by buttons, e, and button-holes, or by a line of stitches; it is immaterial which, as it is not a matter of much practical importance. Each front, a, terminates at the shoulder, f, and a strap, g, is attached to each shoulder.

If the two front halves at the central vertical line, d, are stitched together, a person can put the garment on or take it off by slipping the open bosom and straps over his head. This may be done because the garment has neither a back nor arm holes.

A back-strap, h, is attached at the side edge, i, of each vest front half, and these two straps, h, extend around to the back where a person may buckle them together. These back-straps serve to keep the two fronts, a, in contact with the person.

The two suspender straps, g, extend down the back, cross each other, and at the lower end each strap has a button-hole, j, by means of which to engage a button on the back part of the trousers. If desired these straps, g, may be partly elastic.

The two vest front halves are provided with pockets, k, l, which open on the outer surface, m, as with ordinary vests; these pockets serve to carry a watch, pencil, spectacles-case or other useful device. The back wall, a, of the said pocket has a button-hole, m, that opens into the pocket and serves to engage a button on the front of the trousers.

The outer fabric, n, of the vest-front constitutes the front wall of the pocket and covers and conceals the hole, m, in the pocket and any button with which it may be engaged.

The button-holes, m, in the pockets of the vest-front, and the button-holes, j, in the lower ends of the shoulder-straps constitute suspenders for trousers.

The garment has all the utility of a complete vest, but is lighter and cooler for summer wear, and is neat in appearance.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A vest-front comprising two front halves which diminish in width upwardly and taper to the shoulders, and having pockets whose openings are exposed at the outer surface of the vest and the back wall of which pockets is provided with a button-hole that is covered and concealed by the front wall—said button-hole being adapted to engage a button on the front part of the trousers, and a suspender strap attached to the end of each of said upwardly-tapered parts and extending down the back and adapted to engage buttons on the back part of trousers.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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