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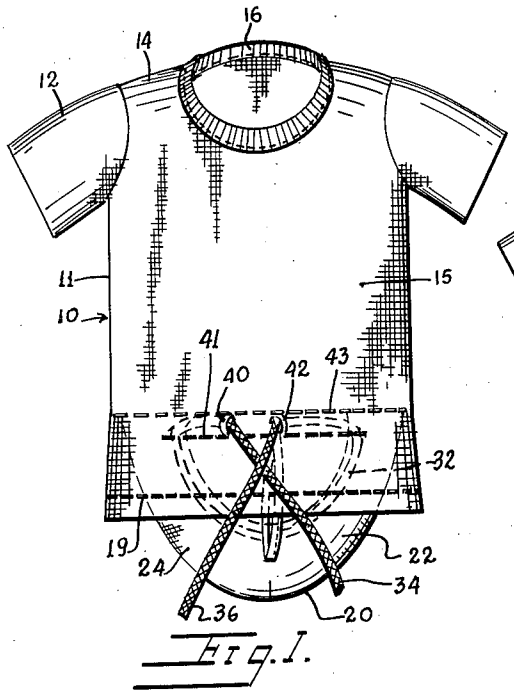


Fig. 1.

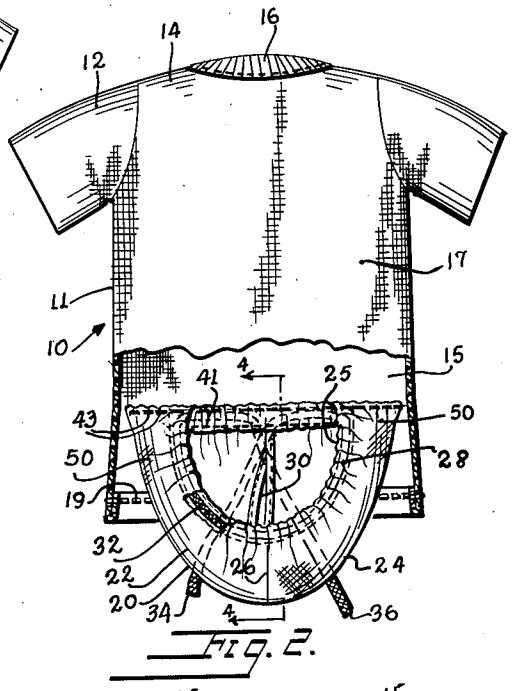


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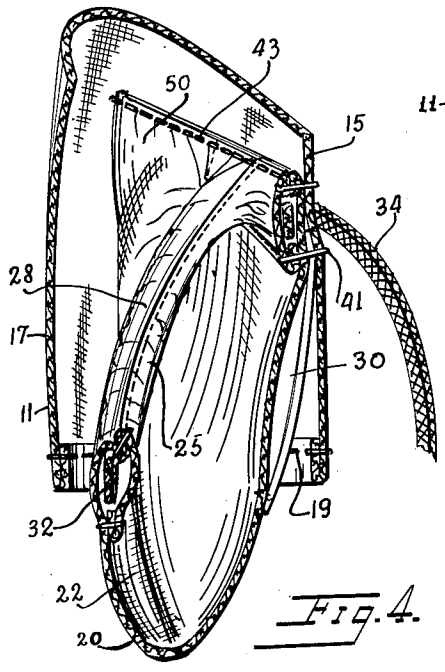


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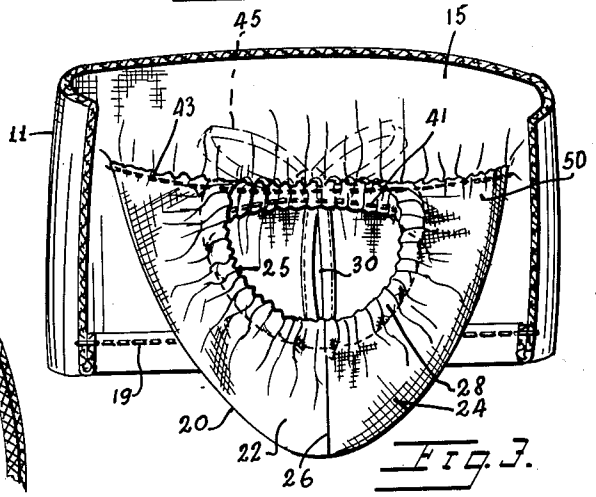


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This invention relates to undergarments for men, and more particularly concerns an undershirt including a suspensory bag.

Heretofore garments of this type have been unsatisfactory for many reasons, but especially because they had to be fitted quite accurately as to length. As a result resort was had to separate suspensory belts and straps designed in different sizes to accommodate the wearers. This required stocking of a large number of belt sizes by dealers. The use of separate suspensory straps and belts was objectionable because of the weights placed upon the waists, backs and abdomens of the wearers. These restricted freedom of movements and discouraged their use.

The above mentioned and other difficulties and disadvantages of the prior known suspensory devices are overcome by the present invention which embodies a suspensory bag for the scrotum in an undershirt and provides drawnstring adjusting means to accommodate the bag in size to the wearer's requirements. The weight of the bag is supported from the shoulders of the wearer, due to the shirt construction.

It is therefore one object of the invention to provide an undershirt including a suspensory bag as a part thereof.

A further object is to provide an undershirt with an adjustable suspensory bag having front and rear openings.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of an undershirt embodying the invention.

FIG. 2 is a rear elevational view of the undershirt with a portion cut away to show construction of the suspensory bag.

FIG. 3 is a fragmentary elevational view on an enlarged scale similar to a portion of FIG. 2.

FIG. 4 is a sectional view on an enlarged scale taken through a lower portion of the undershirt on line 4—4 of FIG. 2.

In the drawings, the tubular garment **10** is an undershirt of knit cloth material having a tubular body **11** which fits snugly around the body of the wearer. The garment includes short sleeves **12** and shoulder portions **14** which receive arms and shoulders of the wearer. The top opening **16** receives the neck of the wearer. The weight of the garment is supported primarily at portions **14** on the shoulders of the wearer. The garment has an open hemmed bottom **19**.

At the lower front open end of the garment is a suspensory bag **20**. This bag is formed by two pieces **22**, **24** of cloth sewn along a central seam **26** at the bottom. The seam extends from a tubular hem **28** at the rear of the bag around under the bag and divides at the front to form a fly opening **30**. The hem **28** defines an endless opening **25** at the top and rear of the bag to receive the scrotum. A drawstring **32** extends through the tubular hem and terminates in strings **34**, **36** at its ends. The ends of the drawstring pass through openings **40**, **42** formed in the front side **15** of the shirt to which the hem **28** is sewn by stitching **41** and **43**; as shown in FIG. 1. The size of opening **25** can be adjusted by loosening

or tightening the string ends **34**, **36** after insertion of the scrotum and then tying to form a bow knot **45** at the front as indicated by dotted lines in FIG. 3 at the front of the undershirt.

Stitching **43** is continued transversely from the front portion of hem **28** outwardly through extended corners **50** of the bag to secure these corners to the front **15** of the undershirt. The rear side **17** of the undershirt is free from the bag **20**.

It will be apparent that the bag thus provided is contained within the confines of the undershirt just behind the front side **15** thereof. The weight of the genitals is comfortably supported from the shoulders of the wearer without binding, undue pressure, or strain.

The suspensory bag is economically embodied in the undershirt during manufacture. It is easily laundered as part of the undershirt and requires no separate handling during washing. For any particular size of undershirt only one size suspensory bag need be provided since the size of the bag on rear opening is readily adjustable by means of the drawstring.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. An undergarment for a man, comprising a tubular cloth garment body having shoulder portions adapted to overlay the shoulders of the wearer, an open bottom and opposing front and rear sides, a separate cloth suspensory bag secured to the front side of said body and suspended to extend below said open bottom, said bag being formed with a tubular hem defining an endless opening at the rear thereof to receive the scrotum, and a drawstring extending through said tubular hem and having free ends passing through openings in the front side of said garment body for self tying to adjust the size of said bag and endless opening, said bag being formed with a forward central fly opening extending substantially perpendicular to said hem at the front side of said garment body, and stitching securing a front portion of said hem to the front side of the garment body.

2. An undergarment for a man, comprising a tubular cloth garment body having shoulder portions adapted to overlay the shoulders of the wearer, an open bottom and opposing front and rear sides, a separate cloth suspensory bag secured to the front side of said body and suspended to extend below said open bottom, said bag being formed with a tubular hem defining an endless opening at the rear thereof to receive the scrotum, and a drawstring extending through said tubular hem and having free ends passing through openings in the front side of said garment body for self tying to adjust the size of said bag and endless opening, said bag being formed with a forward central fly opening extending substantially perpendicular to said hem at the front side of said garment body, and stitching securing a front portion of said hem to the front side of the garment body, said bag having transversely extending corner portions secured to the front side of the garment body by said stitching.

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