SUPPORT GARMENT FOR MEN

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This invention relates to a support garment for men and particularly to an elastic abdominal support which can function as an undergarment in addition to an abdominal and back support.

Abdominal supports of elastic material for both men and women have been known for a long time. Such supports as a rule have a tendency to roll at the edges thereof. In particular, the top edge of such a support occurring at the wearer’s midsection has usually tended to curl and roll downwardly. This has made the wearing of such a support uncomfortable and where the material has curled to form two or three thicknesses, the tightness of the support has been oppressive.

This invention provides a construction which may be manufactured in a simple and economical manner and which is substantially free of any tendency to roll at the edge. In order that the invention may be understood, it will now be explained in connection with the drawings wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a front elevation of a combined undergarment and support embodying the present invention. FIGURE 2 is a view on line 2—2 of FIGURE 1 with certain parts broken away to illustrate the construction. FIGURE 3 is a view on line 3—3 of FIGURE 2. FIGURE 4 is a view on line 4—4 of FIGURE 1. FIGURE 5 is a sectional detail on line 5—5 of FIGURE 2.

Referring to the drawings, the combined undergarment and support comprises body 10 preferably of tubular knit elastic fabric material. Such material is well known in the trade and is available in connection with girdles and the like for women’s wear. Body 10 has top edge 12, the outside of which is finished with smooth edging 14 of tape and the inside of which is here shown as finished with a fuzzy surfaced tape 15 available in the market under the name Helanca. Material 15 has a fuzzy coating for providing a soft but tight grip on the skin. Other edgings may be used. The edging materials on both sides are adapted to be sewed in place by zig-zag stitching 16.

Body 10 has upper front panel 20 provided on the inside thereof with strip 21 of woven material which is stretchable transversely of the trunk only. Thus, looking at FIGURE 1, material 21 may be stretched along lines parallel to section line 4—4. Material 21, however, will not stretch in the up and down direction as seen in FIGURE 1. Panel 21 is stitched to body 10 along edge 12 and also along seams 23 and 24 extending downwardly from edge 12. Panel 21 is wide enough (this is the dimension parallel to edge 12) so that it extends for about two-thirds of the width of the flattened garment as seen in FIGURE 1. The bottom edge of panel 21 is free and because of this three-edge attach-