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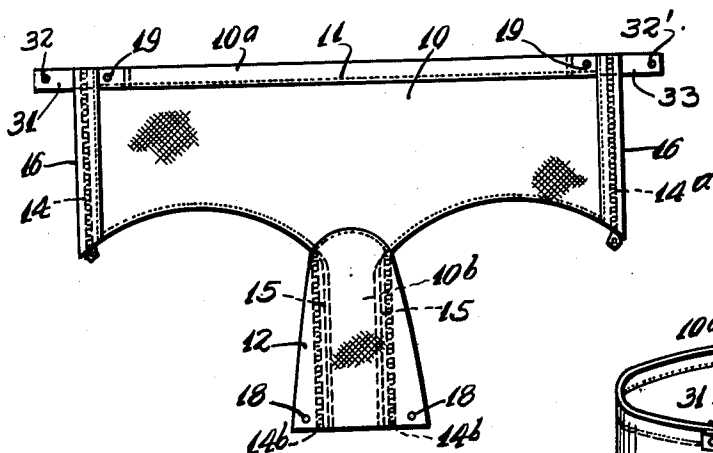


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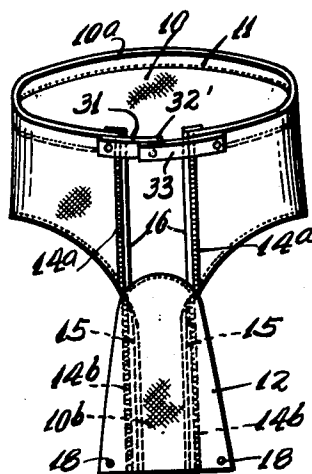


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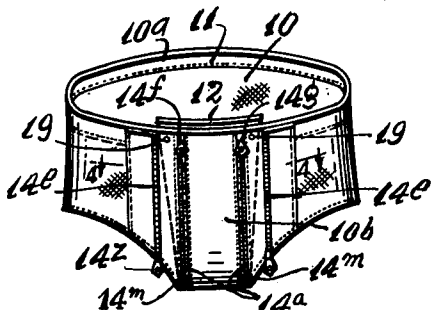


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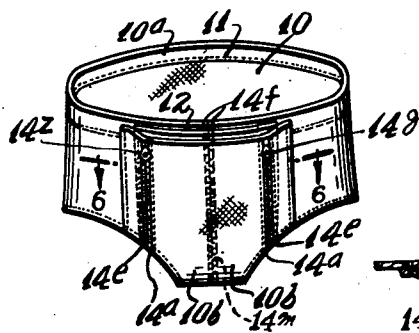


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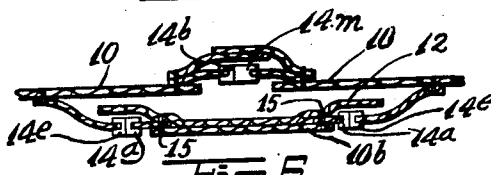


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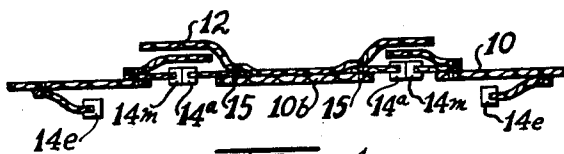


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in bathing trunks.

More specifically, the invention proposes the construction of a pair of bathing trunks which may be quickly and easily put on and removed from one's body beneath one's street clothing. That is, with the construction contemplated, when one goes swimming it is possible to put on the bathing trunks before removing one's street clothing, after which the street clothing may be removed to permit one's taking a swim. After the swim, and when the trunks have dried sufficiently it is possible to put on one's street clothes and then remove the bathing trunks.

Still further, it is proposed to characterize the bathing trunks by a body strip which is adapted to be wrapped around one's body from the back to the front in a manner to partially enclose the same.

Another object of this invention is the provision of an extension continuing from the central bottom edge of said body strip in a manner to be extended upwards along the front of the wearer between the ends of said body strip.

As a still further object of this invention it is proposed to provide fastening elements upon the adjacent edges of said extension and the ends of said body strip in a manner to permit these portions to be connected together to hold the bathing trunks in position upon one's body.

As another object of this invention it is contemplated to provide means for releasably holding the body strip about the waist of a wearer so that the wearer's hands are free to properly adjust the extension in position between the edges of the body strip.

Still further the invention contemplates an arrangement by which the extension portion may be engaged over edge areas of the body strip to slightly vary the size of the bathing trunks.

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

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

Fig. 1 is an open view of a pair of bathing trunks constructed according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the trunks illustrated in Fig. 1 in a partially closed condition.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a pair of bathing trunks constructed in accordance with a modification of the invention.

Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 4-4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the bathing suit illustrated in Fig. 3 but closed in a different fashion.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary horizontal sectional view taken on the line 6-6 of Fig. 5.

The bathing trunks, according to this invention, includes a body strip 10 for engaging about the back of a wearer and around the sides to the front thereof. This body strip may be constructed of any desired material such as: lastex, rubber, knitted material, or any other desired material. The top edge of the bathing trunks is provided with a waist band 10^a by bending inwards a portion of the top edge of the strip 10. This bent in portion is maintained in position by means of stitches 11 engaged therethrough. The body strip 10 is of a length so that when it is engaged about the wearer's body the ends thereof will be slightly spaced from each other at the front of the wearer's body.

A means is provided for closing the space between the adjacent ends of the strip when engaged around the wearer's body. This means comprises an extension 10^b from the center of the back bottom edge of the body strip 10. The extension 10^b is adapted to be extended across the wearer's crotch and up along the front of the wearer between the ends of the body strip 10. The ends of the body strip 10 and the sides of the extension 10^b are cut to extend vertically parallel to each other.

A supporter 12 is mounted on the inner side of the extension 10^b. This supporter 12 is preferably constructed of an elastic web material, and has its bottom edge securely attached to the adjacent portion of the extension 10^b by means of a line of stitches 13.

Fastening elements are arranged on the adjacent edges of the ends of the body strip 10 and the sides of the extension 10^b for the purpose of connecting these edges together to hold the bathing trunks in position upon one's body. These fastening elements are preferably slide controlled hook fasteners 14 of the separable type, but might be buttons, snap fasteners or any other similar fastening elements. The stringers 14^b of the hook fasteners 14 which are attached to the edges of the sides of the extension 10^b are maintained in position by means of stitches 15. These stitches also extend through the adjacent portion of the supporter 12.

A flap 16 is attached to the edges of the ends of the strip 10 and are directed towards each

other in a manner to extend over the back face of the hook fasteners. The stringers 14^a of the hook fasteners 14 which are attached to the edges of the ends of the strip 10 are disposed between the adjacent faces of the flaps 16 and the ends of the strip 10. Stitches 17 are engaged through these portions for maintaining them in position upon the ends of the strip 10.

The construction permits the slide controlled slide fasteners to be separated when the control slide is moved to the bottom position.

The top edge of the supporter 12 is materially wider than the top edge of the extension member 10^b, and means is provided for attaching the top corners of the supporter 12 to the adjacent faces of the ends of the body strip 10. This means comprises snap fasteners 18 mounted upon the top corners of the supporter and which are adapted to be engaged with complementary snap fasteners 19 mounted upon the top edges of the ends of the body strip 10.

The supporter 12 is provided with sides converging from the top down to the bottom and the projecting edges of the supporter overlie the flaps 16. These projecting edges and the flaps 16 act to completely encase the back face of the slide fasteners to prevent them from coming in direct contact with one's flesh.

Means has been provided by which the end portions of the body area 10 may be secured about the waist of a wearer tentatively, so that the wearer's hands are free to engage the snap fasteners 18 and 19 and properly adjust the support 12 and the extension 10^b. This means includes a strap 31 mounted upon the upper edge of one of the end portions of the body strip 10 and provided with a fastening element 32, such as a snap fastener, cooperative with a complementary fastening element 32' on another strap 33 mounted upon the upper edge of the other end of the body strip.

In Fig. 1 the bathing trunks have been illustrated fully opened. These trunks may be engaged upon a wearer by placing the body strip 10 around the back of the wearer, then engaging the end portions of the strip 10 around the sides to the front of the wearer. The fastening elements 32 and 32' are then engaged with each other so that the straps 31 and 32 hold the bathing trunks in position. The wearer's hands are now free to lift up the extension portion 10^b and to properly flatten out and adjust the support 12. The support is then secured in position by the engagement of the fastening elements 18 and 19. The edge portions of the adjacent edges of the ends of the body strip and the extension 10^b are then connected together. This is accomplished by placing the bottom end portions of the hook fasteners 14 into proper relationship with each other and then moving up the fastener slides to cause the hook fasteners to engage each other. When the slide controls reach their uppermost positions they are guided beneath the straps 31 and 33, which also serve as covering elements to cover over the control slides.

In the modified form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 3 to 6 inclusive, a pair of bathing trunks have been illustrated which is substantially identical to the form illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, distinguishing only in the fact that auxiliary lines of hook fastener stringers 14^a are secured on the front faces of the end portions of the body strip 10 spaced slightly from the

edge portions thereof, which are provided with the hook fastener stringers 14^m.

The left hand line of stringers 14^a is provided with a control slide 14^s. Normally, the pair of trunks may be worn in the condition illustrated in Fig. 3 in which the stringers 14^a are inoperative. However, if the trunks become too loose or if a person of smaller size wishes to wear the same, they may be worn in a different manner utilizing the stringers 14^a. The new position of the various parts is illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6.

In Figs. 5 and 6 the end portions of the body strip 10 are shown connected together by the inter-engagement of the stringers 14^m upon the free edges of the ends of the body strip 10. The extension 10^b is then lifted up to the front over the front portion of the body strip and the edges of the extension 10^b are connected together with the stringers 14^a. This is accomplished by engaging together the stringers 14^a with the stringers 14^m which are extended along the side edges of the body extension 10^b. The support 12 in this form of the invention is disposed in between the body extension 10^b and the front area of the body strip 10.

The hook fastener 14^m at the left of Fig. 3 is controlled by the slide 14^s, while the other fastener at the right of Fig. 3 is controlled by the slide 14^s. The slide 14^s is arranged so as to maintain a position upon the adjacent end portion of the body strip 10 when this fastener is opened. The slide 14^s is arranged to maintain a position upon the body extension 10^b when this hook fastener is opened. With this arrangement the slide 14^s may be used to secure together the stringers 14^m upon the ends of the body strip 10. The slide 14^s may be utilized to secure together the stringers 14^a and 14^a at the right. The slide 14^s is utilized to secure together the stringers 14^a and 14^a at the left.

In other respects this form of the invention is similar to the previous form and similar parts may be identified by like reference numerals.

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

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

1. A pair of bathing trunks, comprising a body strip for engaging about the back of a wearer and around the sides to the front, an extension from the central portion of the bottom edge of said body strip for extending forwards across the crotch and up the front of a wearer between the ends of the body strip, cooperative fastening elements on the adjacent edges of said extension and the ends of said body strip for connecting together said extension and body strip, and auxiliary fastening elements mounted slightly inwards from the edge portions of the ends of said body strip, whereby said auxiliary fastening elements may be connected with the fastening elements mounted on the sides of said extension while the fastening elements on the ends of said body section are joined behind said extension to reduce the operative diameter of said trunks.

2. A pair of bathing trunks, comprising a body strip for engaging about the back of a wearer and around the sides to the front, an extension from the central portion of the bottom edge of

said body strip for extending forwards across the crotch and up the front of a wearer between the ends of the body strip, cooperative fastening elements on the adjacent edges of said extension and the ends of said body strip for connecting together said extension and body strip, and auxiliary fastening elements mounted slightly inwards from the edge portions of the ends of said body strip, whereby said auxiliary fastening ele-

ments may be connected with the fastening elements mounted on the sides of said extension while the fastening elements on the ends of said body section are joined behind said extension to reduce the operative diameter of said trunks, said cooperative fastening elements and said auxiliary fastening elements comprising complementary slide controlled hook fasteners.

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