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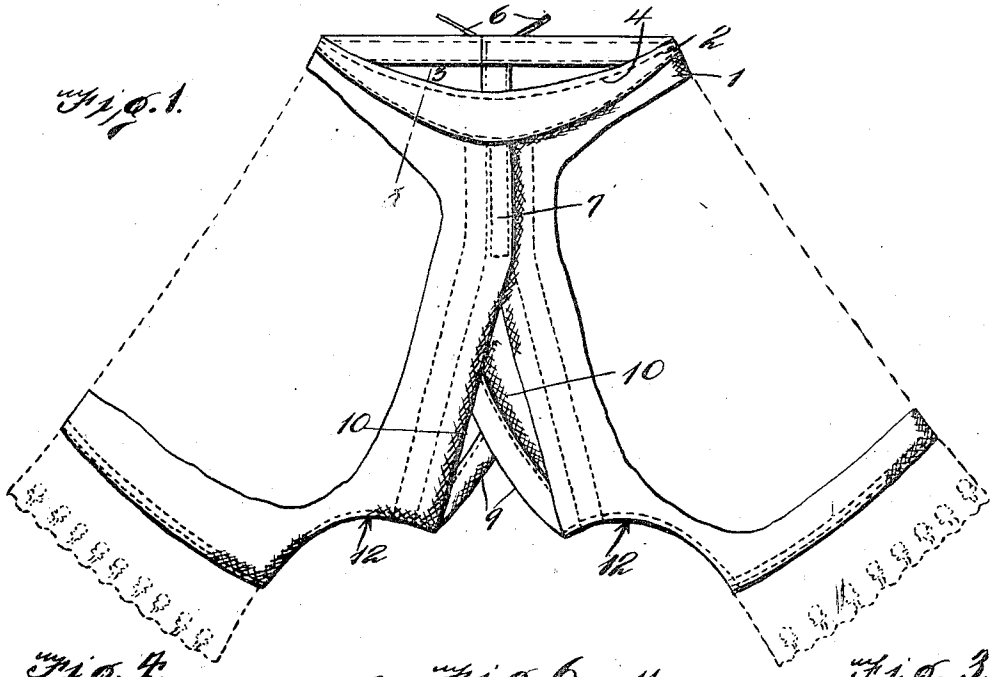

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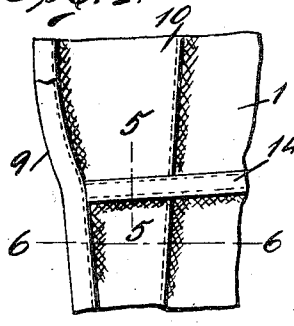

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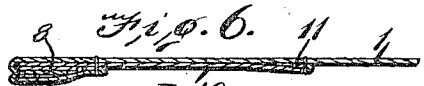

Fig. 5.



Fig. 3.



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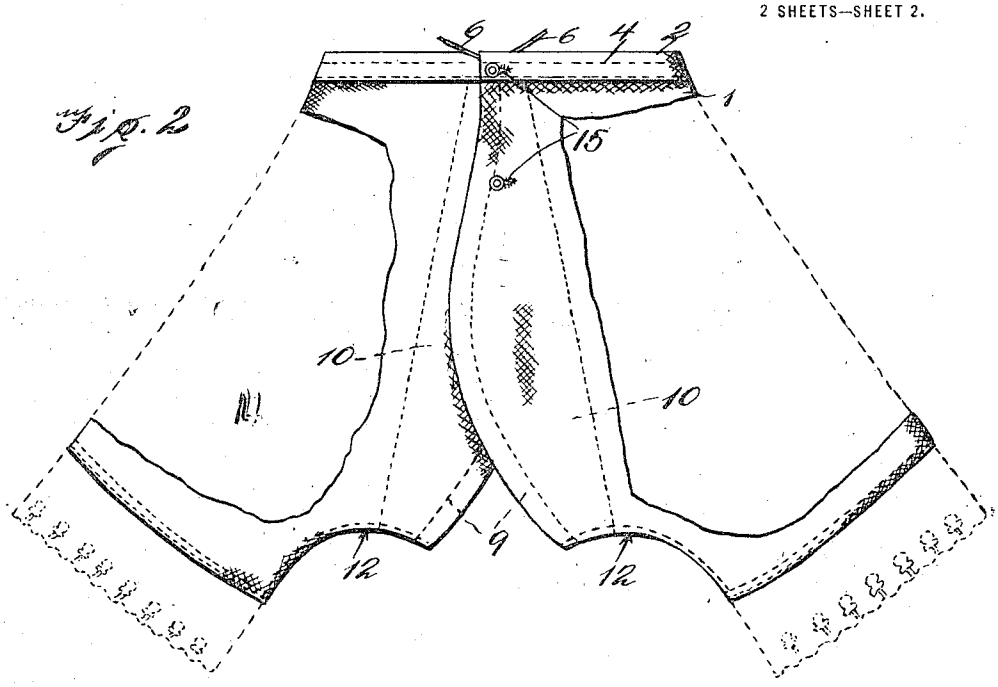
Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY B. FOX, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Peru, in the county of Miami and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to wearing apparel and has for its object the production of an efficient garment which is especially designed for use by stout women wherein the seams thereof are reinforced at the point where the strain is greatest.

With the above and other objects in view this invention consists of certain novel combinations, constructions, and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a front elevation of a pair of drawers showing the reinforcement therefor. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the structure shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3—3, of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the inner face of a portion of the leg of the drawers showing the reinforcement around the edge of the split in the drawers. Fig. 5 is a section taken on line 5—5, of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a section taken on line 6—6, of Fig. 4.

By referring to the drawings by numerals 1 designates the body of the drawers which are provided with a pair of strips 2 stitched around the waist portion thereof. These strips 2 have their upper edges 3 turned inwardly to protect the raw edges of the material and being stitched together as indicated in Fig. 3. These strips 2 are also provided with a row of stitching 4 near the top edge thereof for constituting a pocket 5 to receive the draw-string 6. This draw-string 6 has its respective ends projecting beyond the end of the strips 2 to permit the strings to be drawn and secured in any desired manner.

The drawers are made in two sections one section comprising each leg, and these two sections are stitched together for a short distance in the front thereof as indicated in Fig. 1 by the numeral 7. The adjacent edges of the split of the drawers are folded back as indicated at 8 to which is stitched a binding strip 9. A reinforcing strip 10 is stitched between the body of the drawers and the binding strip 9 and has its outer edge 11 folded inwardly and stitched to the body of the drawers. This strip 10 will reinforce the drawers at a point where most of the strain takes place, especially when the wearer is bending over or in a stooped position.

The lower edge or arch portions 12 of the drawers are stitched together after having their edges bent backwardly as indicated at 13 and a reinforcing tape 14 is placed over these edges and stitched along its side edges to the body of the drawers thereby greatly reinforcing the seam at this point. Attention is especially directed to Figs. 4 and 5. The drawers are provided with buttons 15 which are adapted to prevent the drawers from gaping.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed, as new, is:—

As a new article of manufacture, a garment comprising a pair of leg sections being stitched together upon one side near the top thereof, the adjacent edges of each leg section being folded back upon the leg section, a reinforcing strip having its edges fitted between said folded portions and the leg section and firmly stitched in engagement therewith, and said reinforcing strip also being stitched along its outer edge for firmly attaching the reinforcing strip around the inner edges of said leg sections for preventing the tearing of said leg sections upon the inner edges thereof.

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

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