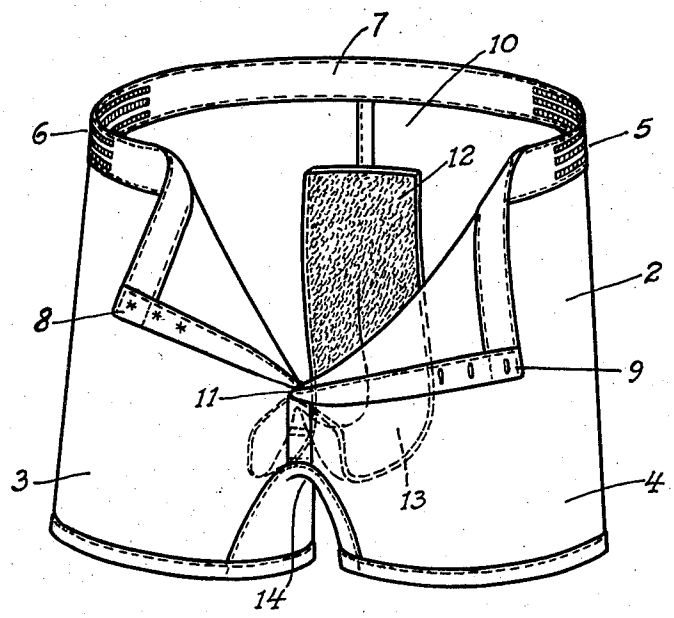
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This invention relates to wearing apparel and particularly to an improvement in undergarments, an object being to provide underwear which will be comfortable to the wearer and which will be reinforced at a point of considerable normal wear.

Another object of the invention is to provide a pair of shorts with a lining, from the back down under the crotch, of pile or fulled fabric, which will act as a reinforcement and which will be comfortable to the wearer.

In the accompanying drawing:

The Fig. 1 is a view in perspective showing a pair of shorts containing the improved lining.

In the drawing a pair of shorts of usual structure, except for my improvement, is shown at 2, made of any of the usual suitable knitted or woven textile fabrics. The shorts 2 have the legs 3 and 4 and the upper band 7 in which are the elastic sections 5 and 6, which act to insure a proper fitting on the wearer. Instead of the elastic sections, any of the known means of adjusting the length of the band 7 may be used.

The band 7 terminates at 8 and 9 into the fly opening, which extends, as usual, to the point 11, and which is provided with the usual button closure means.

The back or seat of the shorts are shown at 10 and fastened thereto, preferably by sewing along the outline thereof, is the lining member 12, which extends from a point at or just below the band 7 down the back of the seat and around and under the crotch 14 to the point 11 which is the end of the fly opening. The lining 12, of substantially rectangular shape, is several inches in width, and in extending around and under the crotch, occupies the space between the legs of the wearer. This lining 12 is preferably a pile fabric or a fulled fabric, in either case being provided with a depth and surface of soft resilient material of cotton or wool, preferably the latter, next to the body of the wearer. The lining 12 may be of knitted material, having a knitted fabric as a base from which extends pile yarns which, when fulled, provide a soft resilient material of great comfort to the wearer and of great moisture absorbing ability. In addition, the lining 12, being located at a point of great wear in the usual shorts, acts to provide a reinforced area which will greatly increase the strength and wearing qualities.

The lining 12, in being fastened to the inside of the shorts, preferably by sewing, lies flat against that portion of the shorts to which it is fastened, and follows the contour of the fabric of the shorts. It will be obvious that the lining may be added to, or made an integral portion of, shorts of any type of construction. In making the shorts, that portion of the seat and crotch of the usual shorts which lies beneath the lining 12, when the latter is added, may be omitted, and the remainder of the shorts fastened to the edges of the lining.

While I have shown the pile section 12 to be of rectangular shape, it will be obvious that the outline may be varied as desired to cover various areas of the seat portion of the undergarment. The section 12 may be either of knitted or woven pile construction, and while I have shown the adaptation in a pair of shorts, it will be obvious from the scope of the invention and the claims that the pile section may be applied to any type of undergarment for any wearer, male or female, in which there is a pants section, whether with or without a fly opening.

I claim:

1. A bifurcated undergarment of textile material having right and left body and leg members, a crotch portion, a fly opening, and a substantially rectangularly shaped textile pile fabric reinforcing lining permanently secured in place and extending from adjacent the waist line in back down the unopened seat portion and around and under the crotch portion between the leg members substantially to the fly opening.

2. A bifurcated undergarment of textile material having right and left body and leg members connected together by a central seam extending from waist through crotch and up a portion of the front, a fly opening, and a substantially rectangularly shaped textile pile fabric reinforcing lining extending from adjacent the waist line in back down the seat portion and around and under the crotch portion between the leg members substantially to the fly opening.

3. A bifurcated undergarment of textile material having right and left body and leg members and a crotch portion, and a substantially rectangular shaped textile pile fabric reinforcing lining permanently secured in place and extending from adjacent the waist line in back down the unopened seat portion and around and under the crotch portion between the leg members to the front portion of the undergarment.

4. A bifurcated undergarment of textile material having right and left body and leg members connected together by a rear central seam extending from waist through crotch and up at least a portion of the front, and a substantially rectangularly shaped textile pile fabric reinforcing lining permanently secured in place and extending from adjacent the waist line in back down the unopened seat portion and around and under the crotch portion between the leg members to the front portion of the undergarment.

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