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Fig. 1

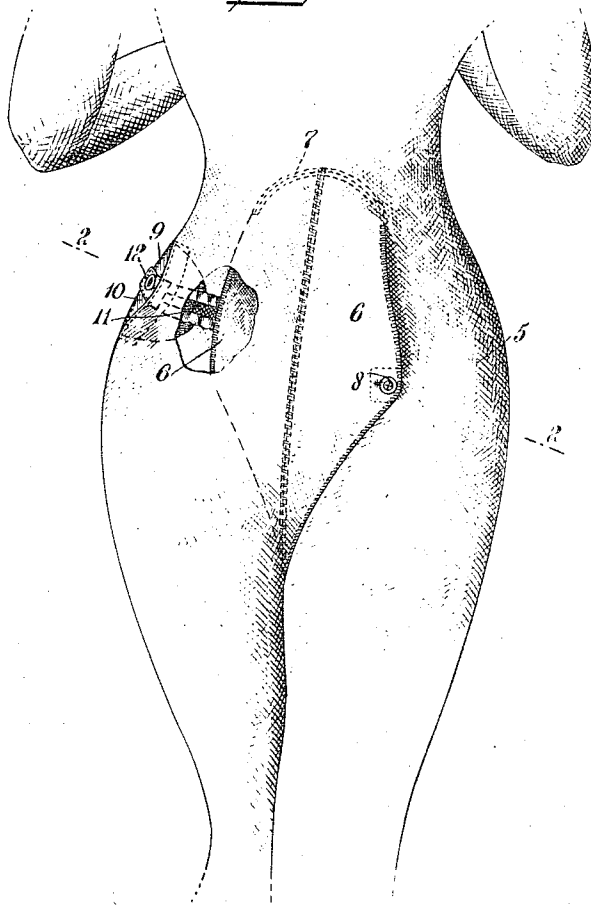
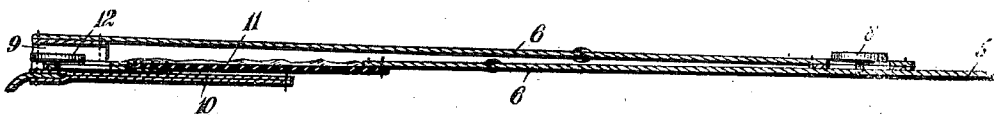


Fig 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEWART L. HEACOCK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Springfield, in the county of Sarpy and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and Improved Union Suit, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention is an improvement in union suits, and has in view means to prevent the suit from standing open at the seat, the said means embodying lapping portions or flaps closing the seat, with the inner lapping portion provided with a tab or strap arranged to extend into a slit or hand-opening formed in the side of the garment, where it is detachably secured.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a rear view of a union suit applied to the body and embodying my improvements; and Fig. 2 is a cross-section through the rear portion of the same on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

My improvement is applicable to any form of union suit, and comprises lapping portions or flaps, closing the seat of the garment, the flaps being stitched together at the top, as indicated at 7, and each widening out toward its center, where the outer flap is detachably secured to the garment to retain the flap in closed position, by a suitable fastening, such as a button-hole formed in the flap and engaging over a button 8 sewed to the garment. At that side of the garment to which the inner lapping portion or flap extends is provided an opening or slit 9 extending approximately longitudinally, and of such length that the hand can be readily inserted. To the outer edge of this slit or opening is secured a flap 10 which extends to the inside of the garment. To the edge of the inner lapping portion or flap 6, about midway its length, is attached a strap or tab of any suitable material, ordinarily in the nature of an elastic tape 11, the tape being arranged to extend through the hand-opening or slit 9, where

it is detachably secured to a button or other suitable fastening 12. In opening the back of the garment, both the fastening securing the outer flap and the fastening securing the inner flap, are easily accessible and the flaps readily released, the inner flap being drawn to the opposite side of the garment. In closing the garment, the strap or tab of the inner flap is grasped by passing the hand into the slit or opening 9, and the strap drawn outwardly and secured by the fastening, pulling with it and stretching smooth to the body, the inner flap. Any strain on the seat tending to separate the flaps is taken care of by the elastic strap.

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

A union suit having inner and outer lapping flaps closing the seat, the flaps being stitched together at the top and each flap widening out toward the center, a fastening device for detachably securing the edge of the outer flap at its central widened portion to the outside of the garment, the side of said garment toward which the inner flap extends being provided with a longitudinal slit forming an opening for the insertion of the hand, a flap secured to the outer edge of the said slit or opening and extending to the inside of the garment, and an elastic strap secured to the edge of the inner one of said first mentioned flaps about midway of its length, the said strap extending at the inside of the garment at the back portion thereof and adapted to be grasped and drawn through the hand opening or slit in the garment to stretch the said inner flap smooth to the body, and a fastening device for detachably securing said elastic strap to the outer side of the flap at said slit or opening.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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