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Fig. 1.

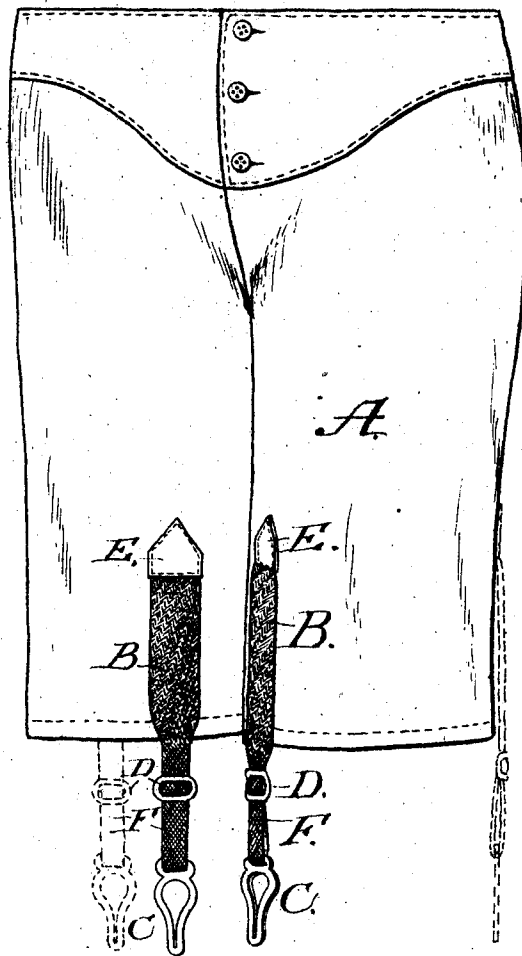
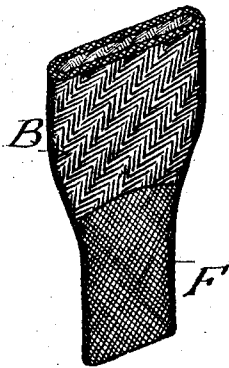


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERTHOLD L. RICH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Nethergarments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in nether-garments, and particularly to athletic and other short drawers, and it consists of a bifurcated garment having permanently secured to it by stitching, a tubular knitted tab of substantial length, the upper and major portion of which is formed of a tube of loosely-knitted material having elasticity in the direction of its length, said tube being contracted at the lower end and merging into a strap portion of narrower and more closely knitted construction, as I will hereinafter describe and claim.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification and in which similar reference characters indicate like parts in the several views;—Figure 1 represents a nether-garment having my improvement applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a view of a portion of the garment showing the attachment on an enlarged scale.

In carrying out my invention, I propose to use the same in connection with nether-garments of different lengths; in fact the attachment is applicable to garments of various types and therefore is not limited to any particular style or length of garment, but is best adapted to short drawers.

It is well known that there are many objections to the use of the ordinary hose supporter in connection with nether-garments, and that where such supporters employ elastic webbing, cords and the like, the elasticity of the rubber used is quickly destroyed by the hardening or other deterioration of the rubber due largely to holding the rubber under tension when the device is in use.

An object of the present construction is to provide a nether-garment with a permanently attached tab of substantial length and one which is formed of knitted material possessing inherent elasticity and which contains no rubber, and which may be washed when the garment is sent to the laundry without danger of the flexibility or elasticity

of the tab being destroyed or materially lessened, said tab having means for supporting therefrom a hose in the ordinary manner.

In the said drawing, A, represents a nether-garment of any of the well known designs, and which may represent any article of apparel which would require or make advisable the use of means for supporting from said garment the hose of a wearer.

Near the lower end of the leg portion of the garment is permanently fastened a tab, B, this tab being of substantial length and having its lower end provided with any well known form of clasp or device, C, adapted to engage and support a hose, said tab having also some appropriate buckle or like device, D, for adjusting the length of the lower folded portion of the tab. The tab has its upper end securely stitched to a piece of fabric, E, which in turn is stitched permanently to the leg portion of the garment. The tab is formed of knitted material, the upper portion being so loosely knitted as to give to the tab sufficient elasticity in the direction of its length to enable it to yield under any strain to which it may be put; this elasticity is inherent in the material itself and is not the result of incorporating into the tab any rubber or additional element possessing elasticity. In other words I depend purely upon the elasticity inherent to knitting the tab loosely in tubular form, for I have found that when the tab is so constructed there is ample elasticity provided for the purpose of suitably supporting the hose. The garment with the permanently attached tab may be laundered any number of times without destroying the elasticity of the tab and there are no portions of the tab which will deteriorate because of repeated washing.

The tab, as before stated, is knitted in tubular form, and the lower portion of the tab is constructed or made narrower to form a strap portion of a closely knitted and substantially inelastic character. This strap portion, F, passes over a cross-bar of the buckle, D, and is then folded and returned upon itself and over the cross-bar of the buckle and has its end secured by stitching, in the well known manner, whereby the buckle may be adjusted to increase or de-

crease the length of the looped or folded strap portion of the tab. In the bight of the folded portion of the strap, F, is secured the ordinary clasp or loop, C, or some other well known form of device for engaging a hose.

A garment of the character described, can be manufactured with but little additional cost and it combines permanently with the garment, a suitable means for supporting hose and which means is produced with a total absence of rubber or elastic commonly used in supporters. As the tab may be laundered with the garment itself it is manifest that it is more sanitary than those supporters which are separate from the garment and which are of such a character that they can not be successfully laundered and which supporters almost invariably use elastic which deteriorates and hardens and loses its elasticity often after but slight use.

Having thus described my invention what

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

As an article of manufacture, a nether-garment having a loose fabric tab of substantial length permanently attached to it, said tab being composed of tubular knitted fabric having one portion loosely knitted to give inherent elasticity to the tab in the direction of its length, and having a second portion of reduced width and closely knitted and folded upon itself, a hose supporting member carried by the folded closely-knitted portion of the tab, and a member also carried by the closely-knitted portion of the tab for adjusting the length of the folded portion of the same.

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

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