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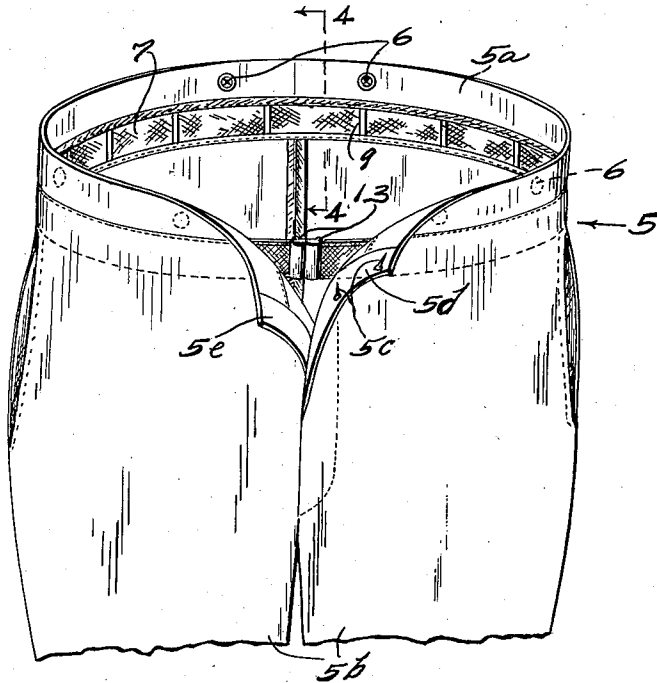


Fig. 1.

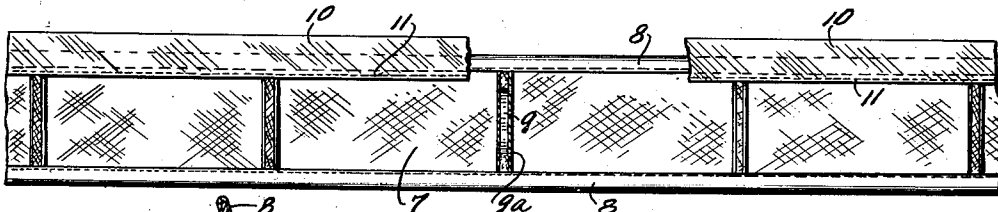


Fig. 2.

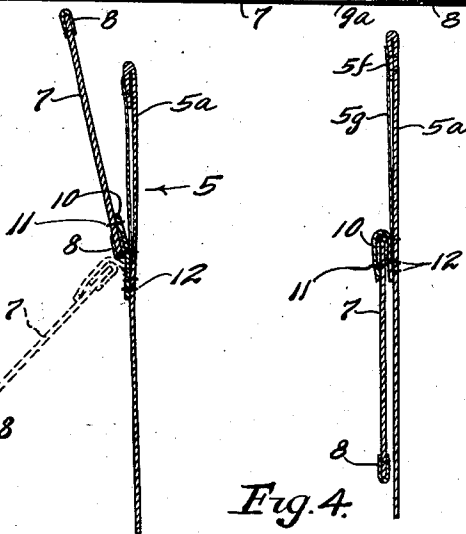


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This invention relates to a garment having a top portion extending about the waist of the wearer, such as a skirt or pair of trousers, and particularly to a belt used in combination with such a garment.

Some garments such as trousers are well fitted at the top and are intended to be used with suspenders to hold them at the right height. If such trousers are worn with a belt which extends loosely around the outside thereof at the top, the belt must hang from the hips of the wearer and the trousers are not properly supported.

It is an object of this invention to provide a simple and efficient means for supporting a garment, such as a pair of trousers, in proper position.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a simple and efficient means for properly supporting a pair of trousers, which means are disposed at the inner side thereof and are readily accessible through the usual front opening of said trousers.

It is another object of the invention to provide a simple and efficient means for properly supporting trousers comprising a belt secured to the inner side of said trousers adjacent the top thereof, which belt is secured adjacent its top edge and is provided with spaced stiffening means.

It is still another object of the invention to provide a novel and convenient method for constructing a garment such as a skirt or a pair of trousers, which garment is provided with suitable supporting means.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will be fully set forth in the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which like reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views and in which:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the top portion of a pair of trousers equipped with the invention;

Fig. 2 is a view in front elevation of a belt structure used, some parts being broken away and others shown in vertical section;

Fig. 3 is a vertical section through the top portion of the trousers showing how the belt is connected and positioned; and

Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1 as indicated by the arrows.

Referring to the drawing, in Fig. 1 a top portion of a pair of trousers 5 is shown. Said trousers have a waist portion 5a and leg portions 5b. The waist portion 5a is provided with

the usual waistband formed by a hem 5f at the top and an extra strip of material 5g stitched to the hem 5f and at one edge and to the trousers at its other edge. Said trousers have the usual front opening extending vertically therein, which opening is adapted to be closed by the button-holes 5c on one flap 5d which will engage buttons (not shown) on the other flap 5e. Buttons 6 are shown at the inner side of portion 5a adapted to be connected to supporting suspenders when the latter are used.

In accordance with the present invention a belt or strip of fabric 7 is provided which may be made of any strong fabric and said strip will be provided with a hem or binding 8 as shown in Figs. 2 to 4. Said binding 8 is secured to both edges of strip 7. The strip or belt 7 is also provided with a plurality of spaced stiffening members 9 which extend transversely thereof. Strips 9 may be of metal or bone and are enclosed in a fabric cover 9a, the ends of which are secured beneath the edges of the binding 8. A quite narrow strip 10 of strong fabric material is provided and this is laid along one edge portion of belt 7 and overlapping the same. Strip 10 is then secured to belt 7 by one or more rows of stitching 11. When belt 7 has been secured to strip 10 said belt and strip are disposed along the inner side of trousers 5 as shown in Fig. 3 with strip 10 engaging said inner side and said strip 10 is then continuously secured to said trousers by one or more rows of stitching 12. The stitching 12 is terminated a short distance from the front opening in the trousers, or in other words, a short distance from the edges of flaps 5d and 5e. After strip 10 is thus secured belt 7 is folded downwardly as illustrated in Fig. 3 and takes the position shown in Fig. 4. It will be seen that belt 7 is thus secured only adjacent its top edge and depends from the secured strip 10. The ends of the belt 7 are equipped with some suitable connecting means such as the clasps 13.

When the belt is so secured and the trousers put on by the wearer they are drawn up to proper position and before the flaps 5d and 5e are closed the connecting means or clasps 13 are connected. The belt 7 is thus brought to position to properly support the trousers. The stiffening means 9 prevent the belt 7 from wrinkling and also act to hold the trousers in desirable flat position. After the clasps 13 are closed the front of the trousers can be closed as usual and the belt 5 and its connecting means are not visible from the outside.

The belt 7 holds the trousers up to the proper position where they would be held by suspenders and forms the main supporting means for the trousers. It is unnecessary to wear a belt or to depend on the waistband of the trousers for a support and to have either one of them engage the hips. The material from which belt 7 is made could, if desired, have some elasticity.

From the above description it will be seen that applicant has provided a very simple, neat and efficient means for holding trousers or a skirt in proper position. The structure of the belt used is very simple, can be very quickly applied to the garment and is very easily operated. The garment so equipped is very comfortable and presents a much neater and more desirable appearance than when a belt is used on the outside of the trousers. The garment is also more properly supported. The device has been amply demonstrated in actual practice and has been found to be very successful and efficient. The same is being commercially made.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the apparatus and in the steps and sequence of steps of the method without departing from the scope of applicant's invention, which, generally stated, consists in a method and apparatus capable of carrying out

the objects above set forth, such as disclosed and defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. The combination with the waistband portion of a pair of trousers, of a belt of fabric having binding at its edges, a plurality of spaced stiffening means extending transversely of said belt, a narrow strip of fabric extending along and overlapping one edge portion of said belt, stitching securing said strip and belt together, means securing said strip adjacent its other edge to said trousers adjacent the waistband, said belt depending from said last mentioned stitching and being disposed along the inner side of said trousers below the top thereof with said fabric strip folded over the top edge of said belt.

2. The combination with the waistband portion of a pair of trousers, of a belt, a fabric strip extending along one edge portion of said belt and overlapping said portion, stitching securing said belt and strip together, said strip being disposed with its side opposite said belt disposed against the inner side of said trousers below the top thereof, stitching securing the other edge portion of said strip to said trousers adjacent the waistband, said belt depending from said strip whereby said strip is folded over the top edge portion of said belt and fastening means at the ends of said belt adapted to be secured together.

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