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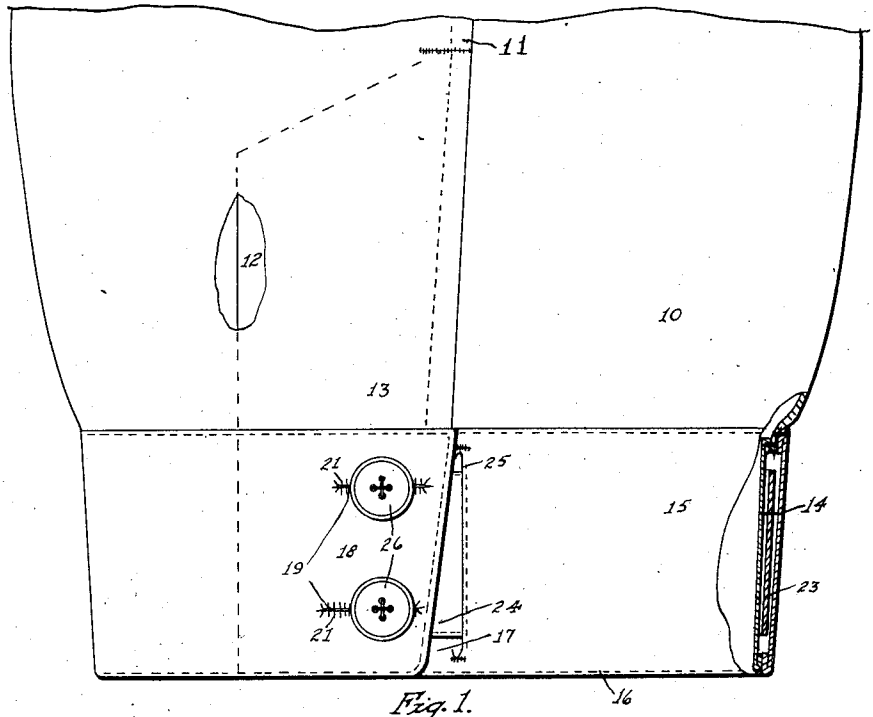


Fig. 1.

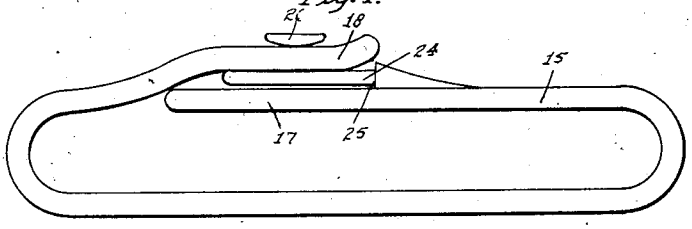


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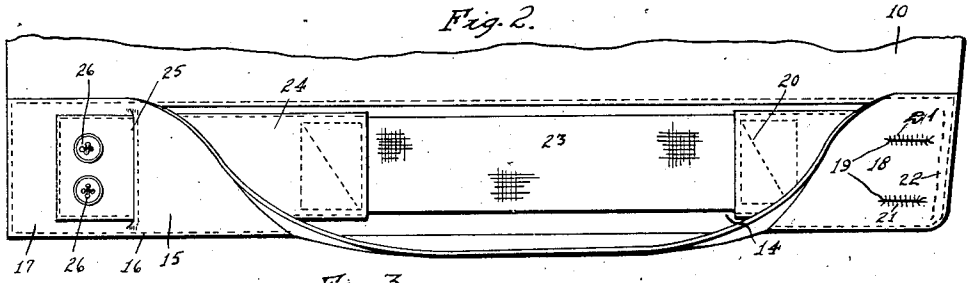


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This invention relates to improvements in cuffs which are particularly adapted to be used on knickers of that type having overlapping ends.

The object of my invention is to provide means whereby the overlapping ends may be detachably connected to permit the cuff to be opened, and to provide in connection therewith means whereby the cuff may be made to assume various sizes without wrinkling or gathering, and at the same time possess a certain amount of elasticity, to perform the double function of supporting the lower end of the knicker leg and also to serve as a garter for supporting the stockings.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts of the knicker, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved cuff.

Figure 2 is an end elevation of same, the cuff being shown partly folded.

Figure 3 is a segmental view of the lower end of a knicker leg to which the cuff is attached, the cuff and leg portion being laid out flat and a portion of the cuff rolled down to show the construction of the elastic band.

The numeral 10 indicates the lower end of the leg portion of a knicker, which has its edges overlapping and secured together by a seam 11, which terminates a short distance from the lower end of the leg portion, so that the lower end of the leg is open. The lower end of the leg portion is provided with an inwardly extending extension 12 underlapping the member 13. A lining strip 14 is secured to the lower edge of the leg portion and a cuff 15 is also secured to the lower edge of the leg portion overlapping the lining portion 14. The lower edges of the cuff and lining 14 are turned inwardly and secured together by means of a row of stitches 16. The cuff 15 and the lining 14 are the same length as the leg portion 10 and the overlapping portion 12, so that the cuff 15 is provided with an underlapping portion 17 and an overlapping portion 18. The overlapping portion 18 is provided with button holes 19.

A strip of fabric 20 is secured between the end of the member 18 and the lining 14, said lining being secured in position by means of the button hole stitches 21 and a row of cross stitches 22. The free end of the strip 20 has one end of an elastic band 23 secured to it. The opposite end of the elastic band 23 is provided with a fabric strip 24, preferably made of the same material as the leg portion 10. The free end of the strip 24 extends through a slot 25 in the overlapping portion 17. This slot 25 is substantially in line with the seam 11. The outer end of the strip 24 is provided with buttons 26 designed to enter the button holes 19 when the cuff is in a closed position, in the manner illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. The elastic band 23 and the strips 20 and 24 are supported between the cuff 15 and the lining member 14.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a cuff adapted to be adjusted to various sizes, due to the fact that the band 23 is formed of elastic material, which will permit the overlapping portion 18 to assume various positions over the overlapping portion 17, and at the same time close the cuff, presenting a neat appearance, even if the cuff is moved to its expanded position, on account of the strip 24 being made of the same material as the cuff portion.

The elastic band provides means whereby the cuff will always fit the leg of the wearer, and permit comparatively free movement of the muscles without injurious effects, and at the same time serve as a garter for retaining the stockings in position when the cuff is placed over the upper end of the stocking.

From the construction just described, it will be seen that the members 20, 23 and 24 are rigidly secured to the cuff only by means of the stitches 21 and 22 at one end of the member 20. The members 23 and 24 are slidably mounted between the cuff and the lining 14, so that the cuff 15 always fits smoothly, any variation in size being taken care of by the member 18 moving relative to the member 17 and being yieldably retained in its closed position by the band 23.

I claim as my invention:

1. A pair of knickers having leg portions, the lower ends of the leg portions being open, the ends of the open portion overlapping, a cuff secured to the lower end of the leg portion, said cuff being provided with overlapping end portions and with a transversely arranged slot, one end of said cuff being provided with button holes, an elastic

band secured to the button hole end of said cuff and supported adjacent to the inner face of said cuff and having its opposite end extending through said slot and underlapping the button hole end of said cuff, and buttons for the underlapping end of said elastic member.

2. A leg cuff for knickers comprising a band having one end overlapping the other, the underlapping end formed with a transverse slot, the overlapping end being provided with button holes, an elastic member mounted adjacent to the inner face of said band having one end secured to the button hole end of said cuff and its other end extending through said slot and underlapping the overlapping portion of said cuff, and buttons for the underlapping portion of said elastic member.

3. A leg cuff for knickers comprising a band having one end overlapping the other, the underlapping end formed with a transverse slot, an elastic member secured to the inner face of the overlapping portion of said band and designed to lie adjacent to the inner face of said band and having its opposite end extending through said slot beneath the overlapping portion of said band, and means for detachably connecting the free end of said elastic member with the overlapping portion of said band.

4. A leg cuff for knickers comprising a substantially rectangular band having one end overlapping the other and the underlapping portion provided with a transverse slot, a strip of fabric secured to the inner face of the overlapping end of said band, an elastic member having one end secured to said fabric, a second strip of fabric secured to the free end of said elastic and formed of the same material as the said band and extending through said slot and underlying said overlapping portion, and means for detachably securing the overlapping portion with the free end of said second strip of fabric.

5. A leg cuff for knickers comprising a band having one end overlapping the other, one of the overlapping ends being formed with a transverse slot, a contractable member lying adjacent to the inner face of said band and having one end secured thereto, the opposite end of said contractable member extending through said slot, and means for detachably securing the free end of said contractable member to the other overlapping end of said band.

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