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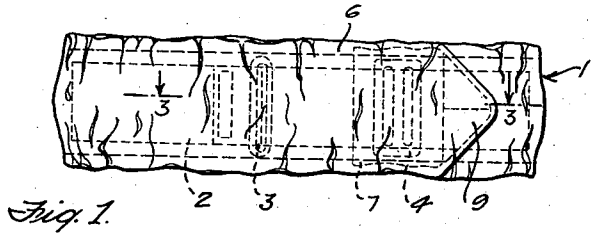


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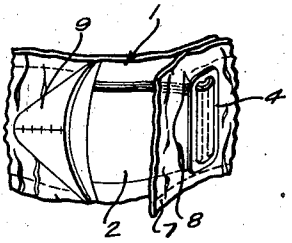


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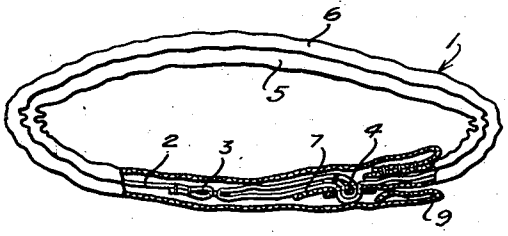
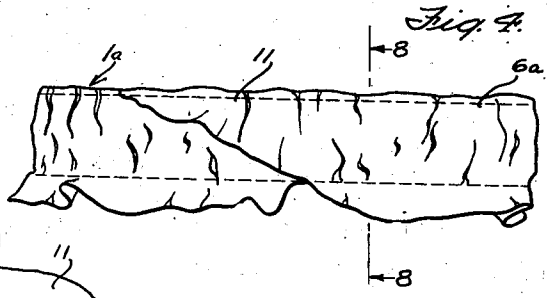


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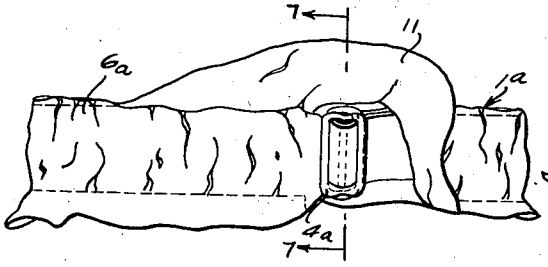


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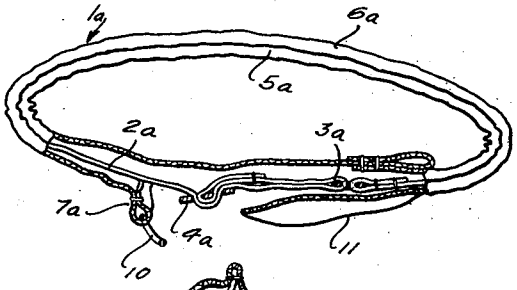


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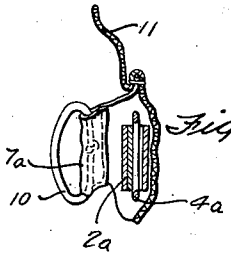


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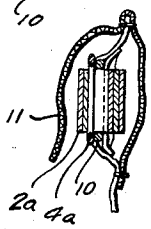


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This invention relates to garters, and more particularly to garters of the type in which the elastic is surrounded by a protective and ornamental fabric sheath.

Elastic garters are ordinarily provided with length adjusting means. Where a sheath is provided the adjusting means is apt to creep relative to the sheath so that by the time adjustment becomes necessary the adjusting means is very difficult to get at.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a sheathed garter having an opening at one side of the sheath and including means for locking the elastic adjusting device at the opening so that the length adjusting device cannot creep around to an inaccessible position.

It is a further feature of the invention that the form of adjusting device employed consists of a flat slide which is adapted to be used like an ordinary button for buttoning it through a hole or eye carried by the sheath.

It is a further object of the invention to provide the sheath with a cover flap for normally covering and concealing the adjusting slide, so arranged that it is drawn down over the slide by the tensioning of the garter when the garter is in use, but may be readily folded back to give access to the slide.

Other objects and advantages will hereinafter appear.

The present application is a continuation in part of my prior application, Serial No. 74,898, filed April 17, 1936 for Garments.

In the drawing forming part of this specification and illustrating certain preferred embodiments of the invention,

Fig. 1 is a view in elevation of a garter embodying features of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view in elevation showing the cover tab of the sheath turned back to expose the adjusting slide;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the garter of Fig. 1, partly in section, the sectioned portion being taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 looking in the direction of the arrows;

Fig. 4 is a view in elevation of another garter embodying features of the invention;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 but showing the cover flap turned back;

Fig. 6 is a plan view, partly in section, through the garter of Figs. 4 and 5;

Fig. 7 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 7—7 of Fig. 5 looking in the direction of the arrows; and

Fig. 8 is a sectional view taken on the line 8—8 of Fig. 4 looking in the direction of the arrows.

In the embodiment of Figs. 1 to 3 an ordinary garter 1 is employed comprising a length of elastic 2 having one end secured to a loop 3. An intermediate portion of the elastic 2 is passed around the cross bar of an adjusting slide 4 and then through the loop 3. The end portion of the elastic is again passed around the cross bar of the adjusting slide 4 and stitched to secure it permanently to the slide 4. The garter thus made is housed in an ornamental fabric sheath which desirably consists of an inner piece 5 and an outer piece 6 attached together along their margins. The outer piece 6 is provided with an end tab 7 having a buttonhole 8 worked in it. The adjusting slide 4 of the garter is desirably passed through the buttonhole 8 so as to prevent creeping of the garter relative to the sheath to a position in which the slide 4 would be difficult to get at. The opposite end of the outer sheath member 6 is stitched to form a triangular tab 9 of two-ply thickness. This tab normally conceals the slide 4 but may be turned back as shown in Fig. 2 when desired, to afford access to the slide. When it is desired to adjust the garter the slide 4 is unbuttoned from the tab 7 and adjustment is effected in the usual way. The slide is then buttoned to the tab 7 again and the tab 9 is turned down to cover the slide.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 4 to 8 inclusive the garter 1*a* is desirably of the same construction as the garter 1 of Figs. 1 to 3. Corresponding reference numerals with the subscript "*a*" added have accordingly been applied to the corresponding parts. The garter 1*a* is provided with a sheath composed of inner and outer fabric pieces 5*a* and 6*a*. An end tab 7*a* of the outer sheath member carries a small elastic loop 10 which is adapted to be passed around the slide 4*a* as shown in Figs. 6 and 8 to hold the slide against creeping to an inaccessible position. The end of the sheath member 6*a* opposite the tab 7*a* is provided with a cover flap 11. This flap is triangular in form. It can be folded back to the position shown in Fig. 5 to expose the slide 4*a*. The upper edge of the flap, however, extends for a considerable distance beyond the slide and is secured continuously along its upper edge to the inner sheath member 5*a* by the same stitching which unites the main body portions of the sheath members. As a result of this arrangement when the garter is drawn taut or stretched the tab 11 is automatically pulled downward and maintained in position to cover and conceal the

slide 4a, that is to say, in the position in which the tab is illustrated in Fig. 4.

When it is desired to adjust the garter of Figs. 4 to 8 the tab 11 is folded upward, the elastic eye or loop 10 is detached from the slide, and the slide is adjusted in the usual and well known manner.

While I have illustrated and described in detail certain preferred forms of my invention, it is to be understood that changes may be made therein and the invention embodied in other structures. I do not, therefore, desire to limit myself to the specific constructions illustrated, but intend to cover my invention broadly in whatever form its principles may be utilized.

I claim:

1. In a garter, in combination, a length of elastic, a slide associated with the elastic for adjusting the effective length of the elastic, a cover sheath having an insertion opening, buttoning means carried by the sheath at one side of the insertion opening to be buttoned to the slide, and means carried by the sheath at the opposite side of the insertion opening for covering and concealing the slide.

2. In a garter, in combination, a length of elastic, a slide associated with the elastic for adjusting the effective length of the elastic, a cover sheath having an insertion opening, and a tab carried by the cover sheath at the insertion opening, said tab having a buttonhole whereby the slide may be buttoned to the tab to retain the slide in an accessible position at the insertion opening, and a cover tab normally covering and concealing the slide but movable to expose the slide when access to the slide is desired.

3. In a garter, in combination, a length of elastic, a slide associated with the elastic for adjusting the effective length of the elastic, a cover sheath having an insertion opening, an elastic loop carried by the sheath at one side of the insertion opening to be buttoned to the slide, and means carried by the sheath at the opposite side of the insertion opening for covering and concealing the slide.

4. In a garter, in combination, a length of elastic, a slide associated with the elastic for adjusting the effective length of the elastic, a cover sheath having an insertion opening, buttoning means carried by the sheath at one side of the insertion opening to be buttoned to the slide, and means carried by the sheath at the opposite side of the insertion opening for covering and concealing the slide, said covering means being in the form of a triangular extension of an end of a sheath member at one side of the insertion opening and extending across the insertion opening and having one edge attached to the sheath across and beyond the insertion opening, the arrangement being such that the stretching of the garter causes the covering means to be drawn down over the slide and the insertion opening.

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