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CUFF OF TROUSERS

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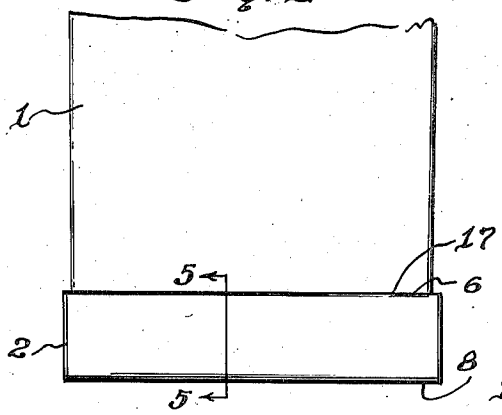


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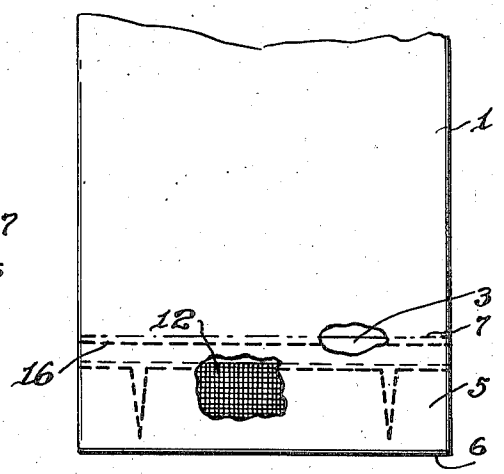


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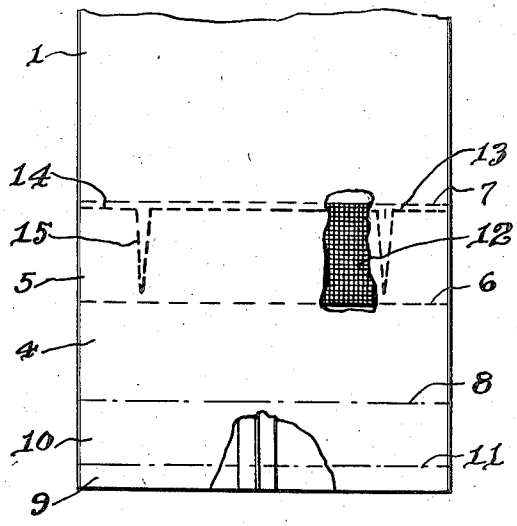


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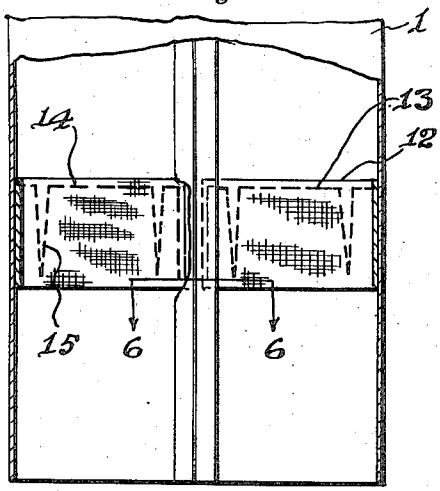


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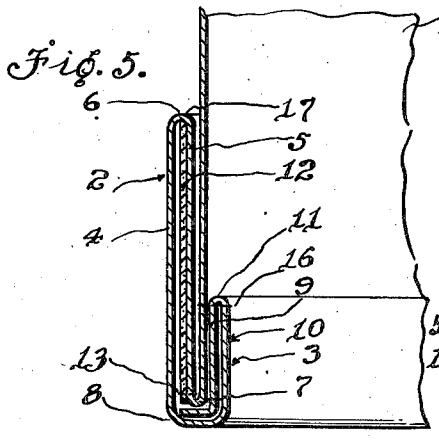
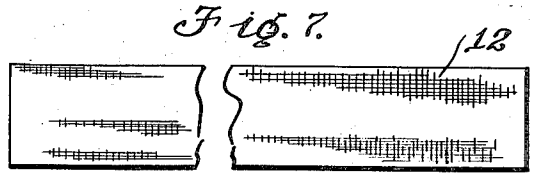


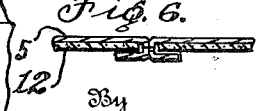
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This invention relates to clothing and more particularly to the cuffs of a pair of trousers.

The cuffs of trousers as now constructed and especially those made of light material for summer wear lose their shape and commence to sag and wrinkle on contact with dampness or moisture and become untidy. It is therefore the main object of the invention to provide means to keep the cuffs of the trousers in a neat and proper shape even if dampened by rain or moisture.

Another object of the invention is to provide a stiffening strip inserted between the cuff for keeping the cuff neat and trim looking and to prevent any sag or wrinkling thereof.

A still further object of the invention is to adhesively attach the stiffening strip to one of the walls of the interior of the cuff and to sew said strip in place.

A still further object of the invention is to keep the stitching from view.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in general of certan novel detials of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and specifically claimed. For a more general understanding of the invention attention is called to the drawing in which

Figure 1 is a view of the lower leg portion of a pair of trousers.

Figure 2 is a similar view as Figure 1 with the cuff portion rolled down.

Figure 3 is a similar view as Figure 2 but showing the entire bottom end unrolled.

Figure 4 is a similar view as Figure 3 but showing a portion of the opposite inside portion of the leg of the trousers.

Figure 5 is an enlarged sectional view on line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a section on line 6—6 of Figure 4 and

Figure 7 is a view of the stiffening element.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, numeral 1 designates the leg of the trousers, 2 the outer cuff portion and 3 the inner cuff portion. The outer cuff portion comprises the outer wall 4 and the inner wall 5 folded on the lines 6, 7, and 8. The inner cuff comprises walls 9 and 10 folded on the lines 8 and 11.

Attached to the inside of the inner wall portion 5 is a stiffening element 12 made of substantially coarse textile fabric impregnated with a water-proof material such as wax or the like and which adhesively attaches itself to the said wall portion 5 when heat is applied as for instance, when the trousers are pressed. Also stitching 13 is used to hold the stiffening element in place before the heat is applied and as further safeguard to prevent the stiffening element from becoming loose. The stitching passes through the wall portion 5 and is applied partly parallel to one edge of the stiffening strip 12 as at 14 and partly at right angles thereto as at 15.

In practice the leg portion of the trousers is turned inside out and the stiffening strip sewed in place as shown in Figure 4, at a measured distance from the bottom thereof. Next the portion 4 adjacent the stiffening strip is folded on the line 8, the edge 9 tucked in and the stitch 16 applied sewing together the inner cuff to the wall of the trousers. The final step is to turn the trousers inside out and the finished cuff folded as shown in Figure 5. As will be noted from this figure the stitching is hidden and not visible from the outside. The top edge 17 of the cuff rests on the top edge of the stiffening element and therefore the top of the cuff will always be straight and neat looking.

It will thus be seen that I have provided an improved means of keeping the cuff of a pair of trousers in a permanent shape. Rain, moisture or water will not affect the cuff and cause it to go out of shape as the stiffening element being impervious to moisture is not affected thereby.

It is obvious that changes may be made in the form and construction of the invention herein shown and described without departing from the material principles involved. It is not therefore desired to confine the invention to the exact form herein shown and described but it is desired to include all forms which come within the scope of the appended claims:

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A trousers leg having a cuff at the bottom thereof, said cuff comprising an upwardly extending fold, a downwardly extending fold and a second upwardly extending fold coinciding with the first mentioned fold disposing the free end portion of the cuff inside the trousers leg, a stiffening strip positioned against the material of the cuff between the first and second mentioned folds and attached to the said upwardly extending fold, said attaching means comprising a circumferential line of stitching near the top edge of said stiffening strip and longitudinally interrupted and reaching down to the bottom edge of said strip and up again.

2. A trousers leg having a cuff at the bottom thereof, said cuff comprising an upwardly extending fold, a downwardly extending fold and

a second upwardly extending fold coinciding with the first mentioned fold disposing the free end portion of the cuff inside the trousers leg, a stiffening strip positioned against the material of the cuff between the first and second mentioned folds and attached to the said upwardly extending fold, said attaching means comprising a series of stitching near the top edge of said stiffening element, the top edge of said downwardly extending fold supported on the top edge of said stiffening strip, the said downwardly extending fold being loose from the stiffening strip.

3. A trousers leg having a cuff at the bottom thereof, said cuff comprising an upwardly extending fold, a downwardly extending fold and a second upwardly extending fold coinciding with the first mentioned fold disposing the free end portion of the cuff inside the trousers leg, a stiffening strip positioned against the material of the cuff between the first and second mentioned folds and attached to the said upwardly extending fold, the top edge of said downwardly extending fold supported on the top edge of said stiffening strip, the said downwardly extending fold being loose from the stiffening strip.

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