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Fig. 1.

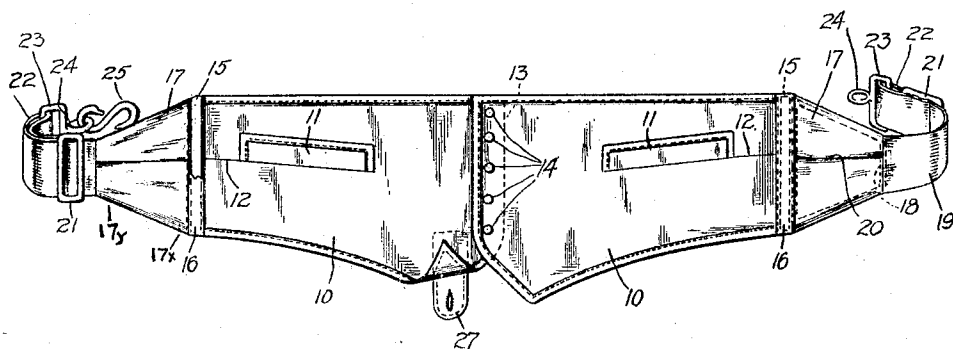
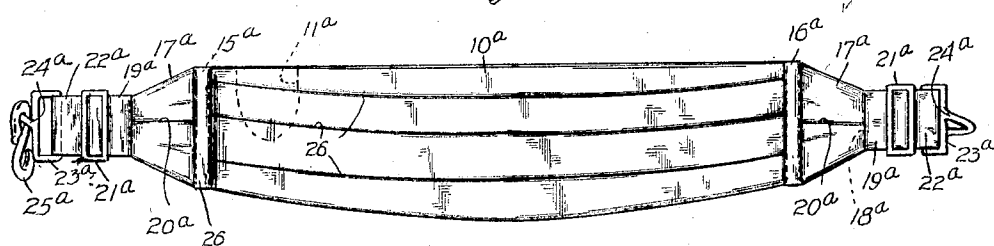


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM JAY TUROFF, citizen of Russia, residing at New York city, county of Bronx, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in a Man's Waistcoat or Vest for Dress Wear, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved form of waistcoat or vest for dress wear by men, and is particularly designed for use with dinner or Tuxedo coats.

The usual type of dress vest is much like the ordinary vest for street wear except that it is more deeply cut out at the front to expose a considerable portion of the shirt bosom, and as stiffly starched shirts are generally worn with dress vests there is a tendency for the shirt bosom to bulge through the open front of the vest thus marring the appearance of the wearer and, incidentally causing him discomfort. The sides of the cut out front part of the vest tend to hold the bulging shirt bosom and thus prevent its ready return to normal position.

One of the objects of the present invention is to overcome the defect, above pointed out, inhering in the present type of dress vests and I accomplish this object by making the vest in a form to embrace the body merely at and adjacent the waist and omit those parts which heretofore passed up the back, over the shoulders and down the front of the body to the waist. While my novel vest is indistinguishable in appearance from the conventional vest it differs therefrom: inter alia, in containing less material and in allowing much greater ease and freedom of motion of the upper part of the wearer's body.

Another object of the invention is to provide a construction which will readily conform to the wearer's waist and lower abdomen, fitting snugly without discomfort, and lying smoothly in position. I accomplish this object by forming the vest with what may be termed a false front, i. e. one which while having the appearance of being buttoned is not really so, and with elastic interconnecting or closing means at the back. Between the front of the vest and the elastic rear members and connecting the same together are preferably tapering side or intermediate members which closely fit the waist above the hips and contribute

to the close smooth fit of the garment. The elastic closing means, in addition to functioning as interconnecting members for the vest ends, permit of a considerable range of size adjustment thus enabling the same vest to be used for and satisfactorily fit men differing considerably in girth.

Two slightly different embodiments of the invention are shown in the accompanying drawing in which

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of the preferred form; and

Fig. 2 is a similar view of a modified form.

In the form of Fig. 1 which has the appearance of a vest buttoning along the front middle portion, 10, 10 denote the body portions which are alike in structure and appearance. Each member 10 is provided with a suitable pocket 11 and extending outwardly from the lower edge of each pocket is a break or cut 12 the edges of which are held together by stitching, not visible on the outside of the vest. The break 12 permits the vest to bend with the action of the wearer, without wrinkling or folding.

The body portions 10, 10, are stitched together at the front at 13 and provided with openings or eyelets 14 to receive buttons. This arrangement allows a variety of sets of buttons being worn with the same vest.

The outer ends of the body portions 10 are provided with transverse pockets 15 each containing a bone or steel stiffener 16 to hold the vest in upright position on the body. These pockets 15 are preferably formed of the material which constitutes the tapering side or intermediate members 17. The latter have their wide ends 17^a adjacent the body portions 10 while their opposite, narrower, ends 17^b are connected by a plurality of lines of stitching 18 to elastic terminal members 19. To secure smoothness and uniformity of taper of the intermediate members 17 each thereof preferably consists of superimposed similarly shaped pieces of material which are provided with carefully made smoothly ironed folds or pleats extending longitudinally of the member at substantially its median line. The outermost end of each elastic member 19 is secured about the middle bar of an ordinary three-bar keeper 21, and the elastic member is doubled on itself and threaded through the keeper 21 so as to form a loop 22 adjustable in length. In the height of each loop

is a frame 23 the outer bar of which has an eye 24 rigid herewith. One of these eyes receives a catch such as 25 designed to engage the other eye when the vest is closed.

5 The form of Fig. 2 is similar to the preferred form and differs therefrom in that the body portion 10^a is in one piece and provided with lengthwise pleats 26. The pockets 11^a are at the upper edge of the vest and concealed by the pleats. The other parts of the vest are like the corresponding parts of the form of Fig. 1 and are designated by like reference characters with the exponent *a*.

15 Secured to the inner surface of the vest is an elastic loop 27 for attachment to a button on the trousers, by which means the vest is held against rising on the body.

20 The manner of applying the vest is very simple and will be readily apparent without explanation. Adjustment to suit different sized wearers may be made by moving the keepers 21 back or forth to vary the length of the elastic loop 22 or 22^a.

25 A feature of special importance is that when pull is exerted on the elastic members 19 the strain on the body members 10 at the stiffeners 16 will be uniformly distributed thereby preventing any distortion.

30 It will be apparent that, while I have described the vest as being especially designed

for formal or informal dress wear, it may equally well be used for ordinary wear, the only difference in the two cases being the material which is used in the manufacture 35 of the garment.

I claim:—

1. A vest of the character described, comprising an inelastic front body portion stiffened at its outer ends, elastic terminal 40 members carried by the body portion, keepers for looping the terminal members and adjusting the length of the loops, frame members loose in the bights of the loops, and means for releasably interengaging the 45 frame members.

2. A vest of the character described, comprising an inelastic front body portion, stiffeners at the outer ends thereof, tapering intermediate members having their 50 wider ends secured to said body portions adjacent said stiffeners, elastic terminal members secured to the narrower ends of said intermediate members, keepers for looping said terminal members and adjusting the length of said loops, frame members loose in the bights of the loops, and 55 means for releasably interengaging the frame members.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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