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Fig. 1.

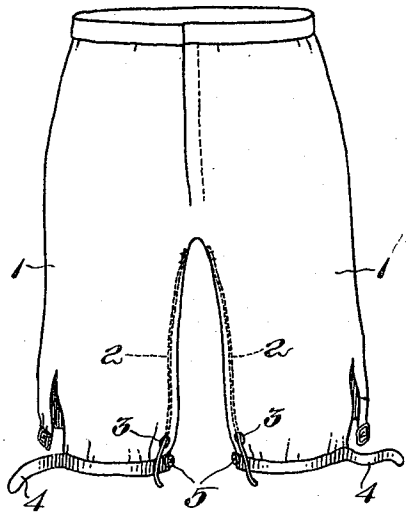


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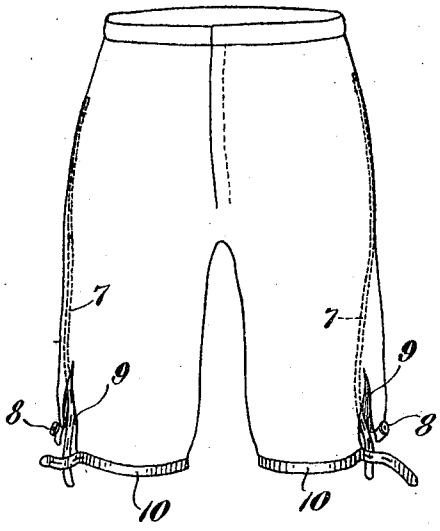


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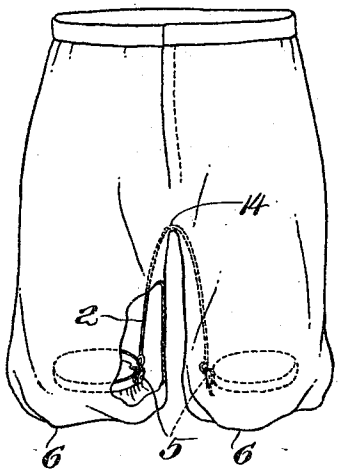
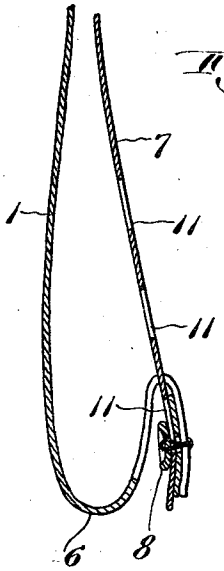


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS W. TULLY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Brookline, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garments and especially to means for preserving the loose, full or blouse effect of a tubular sleeve, knickerbocker-leg or the like without having to rely upon a tight closure or strap around a limb of the wearer.

Heretofore such tubular portions of garments of the class referred to have been provided with an end finish, strap or cuff adapted to be fastened tightly as at the wrist or above the knee of the wearer, the loose material of the tubular main part of the garment falling over the part so tightened upon the wearer. Good appearance of the garment necessitates this relation of its parts, which is difficult to maintain without fastening the cuff part so tightly as to be uncomfortable or to impede circulation. Objects of the present invention are to provide a simple, inexpensive and effective support for such garments enabling the free part of the tubular sleeve or leg to hang over the end part without dependence upon tightness of the end portion on the arm or leg, and to provide for adjusting the support.

The invention will be described in connection with a specific embodiment in a pair of knickerbockers or boy's trousers, but it will be understood the devices so described and shown are typical species only of the genus from which they are selected as an illustrative instance.

In the accompanying drawings,—

Figure 1 is a front view of a pair of knickerbockers illustrating one embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a similar view illustrating another embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 3 is a similar view parts being broken away of the garment shown in Fig. 1 as it appears when in position on the wearer; and

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail in vertical section.

Referring now to Fig. 1, each leg portion 1 of the garment is provided with a support preferably made as a tape, cord, or string 2 fastened, as by sewing, to the inner surface well above the bottom end of the garment, for instance being applied as shown at the upper part of the inner longitudinal seam. The lower and free ends of each of the tapes 2 are carried through a vent, eyelet, or button-holed opening 3. The supports are preferably flexible and inelastic, but may be made of elastic tape if desired.

The bottoms of the trouser legs terminate in the usual strap 4 or other end-finish, cuff or closure. Whatever the construction of the finish, cuff or closure, a fastener such as a button 5 sewed to the cloth may be provided on each leg underneath the opening 3.

As shown in Fig. 3 when the closure 4 has been clasped about the leg the support 2 is wound or tied about the fastener 5, the position of the closure 4 on the leg of the wearer being thereby fixed without unduly tightening said closure against slippage, and especially against slippage relatively to the bloused-over bottom parts 6 of the trouser legs.

Instead of or in addition to the supports 2 on the inner side of the trouser legs, supports 7, Fig. 2, conveniently attached to the inside of the garment as at the outer longitudinal seams, may be employed. The construction of the supports 7 may be the same as that of the supports 2 above described, and the fastener for the supports 7 may be the same fastener, such as the button 8, relied upon for the leg-end fastening means such as strap 10, or the supports 7 may be tied around the strap 10. No separate opening 3 is necessary for the supports 7, which may be attached to the fasteners 8 by bringing them out through the usual vents 9 in the legs of the trousers.

As illustrated in Fig. 4 the supports 2 or 7 instead of being adapted to be wound or tied about a fastener such as the button 8 may be provided with a series of button-holes 11 thereby to be adjustably fastened to the buttons 8 at the bottom of the trousers to maintain the closure in place.

As illustrated in Fig. 3 it is not necessary to provide separate supports 2 for each leg of the trousers, and in some cases a preferred construction comprises a single tape, cord or other support 2 attached at 14 to the gusset or center seam in the crotch of the garment. While the fasteners for the free ends of the supports have been shown as buttons, this is illustrative only, any other desired form of fastening, such as a buckle, friction-clasp, snap-clasp, or a piece of tape adapted to be tied to the support, being

comprehended within the intended construction for this purpose in the specified relation. It will also be apparent that the support may in some cases be attached to the end of the tubular portion of the garment and adjustably attached by any of the above-mentioned means at its anchorage within the garment and above the end to be supported without departure from the invention.

Once adjusted, the supports 2 or 7 need not be altered when the garment is put on and taken off, and as many of the supports as desired may be distributed around the end intended to be held in place thereby without departing from the invention.

I claim:

1. A garment of the class having relatively loose tubular portions terminating in ends adapted to be fitted closely, the tubular portions being adapted to blouse over said ends when the ends are fitted in normal position, characterized by supports extending between the exterior of the ends and points within the tubular portions above a relaxed position of the ends whereby to prevent the ends from slipping down.

2. A garment such as knickerbockers having cuffs intended to be held up on the legs of the wearer and parts adapted to blouse or depend over the cuffs, characterized by elongate supports attached to the inside of the garment above said depending parts, said garment having means adjustably to fasten said supports to the cuffs, said supports and fastening means being accessible while on the wearer for adjustment to retain the cuffs in their proper position.

3. A nether garment having legs, a support within the garment extending over the crotch and downwardly within the legs, and means for securing the support to the ends of the legs to hold up the ends of the legs independently of the support afforded by the garment legs or by binding contact with the wearer.

4. A nether garment having legs terminating at the bottom in ends of reduced circumferential extent, elongate supporting means secured to the inside of the garment above said ends and extending through openings in the legs near said ends, and fastening means on the outside of said ends for attaching said supporting means to the ends whereby to support the ends.

5. A garment comprising legs terminating at the bottom in ends of relatively small circumferential extent, a support extending over the crotch, thence downwardly along each leg, and thence out through openings in the legs near said ends, and means for securing the support to the outside of said ends to position the ends.

Signed by me at Boston, Massachusetts, this sixth day of November 1917.

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