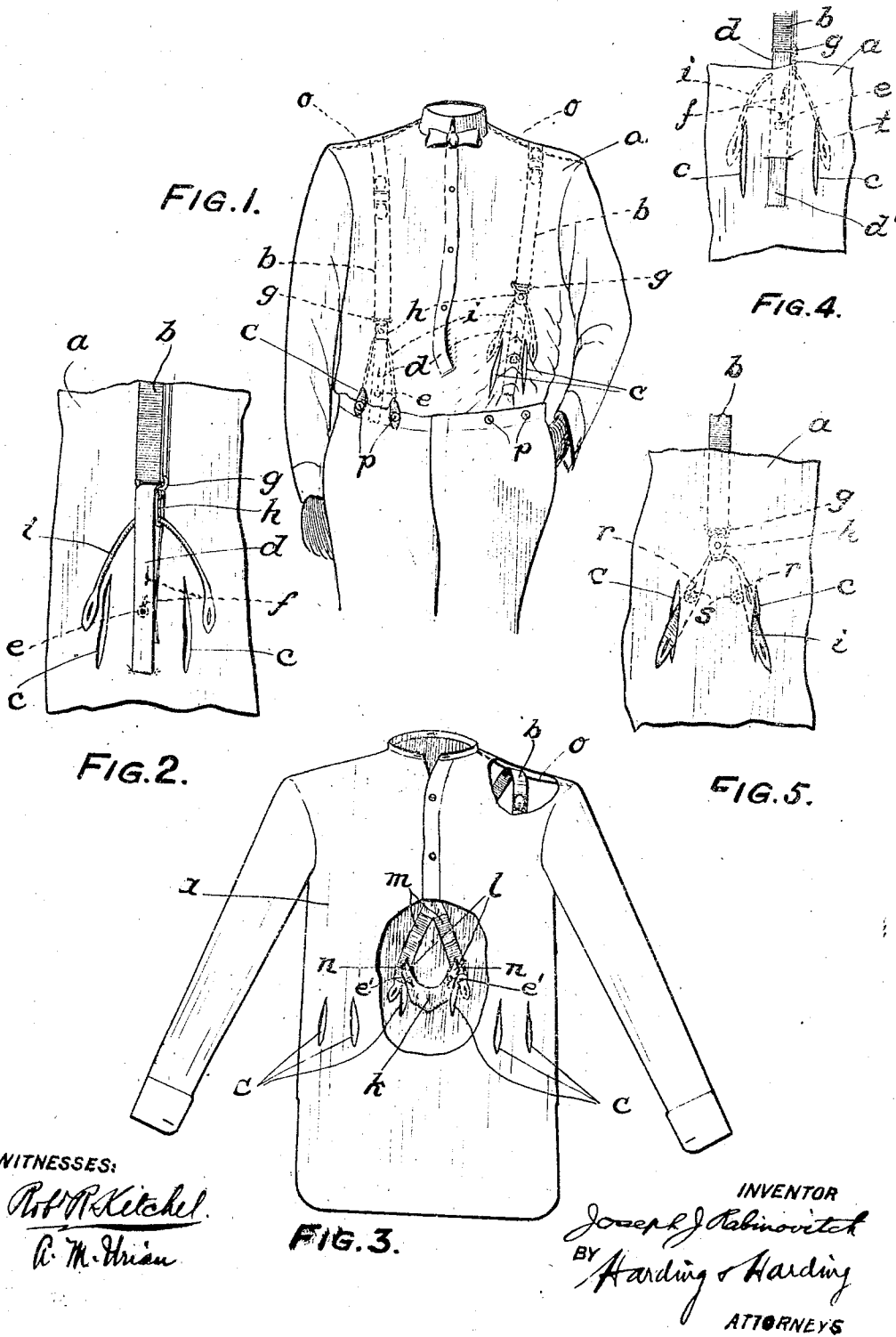


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH J. RABINOVITCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shirts, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to so modify the construction of the ordinary shirt that suspenders may be worn in connection therewith, but under, instead of over, the shirt, so as to completely or substantially conceal them from view.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the shirt that, in attaching the suspenders to the trousers, notwithstanding that the ends thereof may have slipped up a substantial distance above the trousers-band, the suspender ends may be readily pulled down and grasped without the necessity of reaching up between the shirt and the body.

A further object of the invention is to effect the foregoing results without any substantial modification of the ordinary suspenders, so that it is only necessary for the prospective wearer to purchase the shirt.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the shirt that a shirt of the same trade number may be worn by different individuals in whom there is a substantial variation in the distance from neck to waist-band.

The means whereby the foregoing results are secured may be best understood by the following description of preferred embodiments of my invention in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the application of my improved shirt, in connection with the ordinary suspenders, to the body of the wearer. Fig. 2 is a detail view of a part of the front of the shirt engaged with one of the front ends of a suspender. Fig. 3 is a front view of the shirt partly broken away to show the engagement with the rear end of the suspender. Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views of other embodiments of the invention.

a is the body of the shirt. The shirt is constructed like an ordinary shirt except in the following particulars. Formed in the front and rear of the shirt, at locations substantially corresponding to the locations of

the buttons on the waist band of the ordinary trousers when the shirt is in use, are six orifices in the shape of comparatively long and narrow slits or slots *c*. On the inner face of the shirt, midway between each pair of front slits *c*, at a point approximately on a level with the lower ends of the slits, is secured a strip *d* of a length perhaps three times that of a slit. To one face of the strip, near its lower end, is secured a button *e*, and near the free end of the strip are one or more button-holes *f*. The strip is passed through the corresponding end of the suspender in any convenient way. Preferably it is passed through the usual link *g* between the main strap *b* of the suspenders and the ear *h* carrying the tabs *i*. The free end of the strip *d* is then brought down and buttoned to the button *e*, thus forming a loop.

To the rear face of the shirt, between the pair of rear slits, is secured a piece *k* and integral therewith and projecting upwardly therefrom are strips *l*, each provided, like the strips *d*, with a button *e'*, to which the free end of the strip is adapted to be buttoned. The strips *l* engage the rear strap-terminals *m*, preferably by being passed through slits or openings *n* formed therein, and are then formed into loops by buttoning the ends thereof, as described.

Secured to the inner face of the shirt, at the shoulder portions thereof, are shoulder-straps *o*, through which the main straps of the suspenders are slipped, whereby the suspenders are suspended from and within the shirt before the shirt is applied to the body.

The shirt is put on in precisely the same manner as is an ordinary shirt and the ends or tabs of the suspenders are pulled through the slits *c* and fastened to the trousers buttons *p*, as shown on the left-hand side of Fig. 1. The tendency of the suspender ends is of course to slip upwardly into a relatively inaccessible position, but in my invention, the fastening ends may be drawn down, from the position shown on the right-hand side of Fig. 1, by taking hold of the shirt at the points where the pieces *d* and *k* are secured thereto and pulling downwardly. This brings the suspender tabs down until they either project through the slits *c* or are within the shirt on a level with the slits. In either position they may be readily grasped and buttoned to the trousers.

By reason of the provision of the vertical

slits *c*, a shirt of a given size may be readily accommodated to bodies of different height, the leeway in this regard being equal to the length of the slits. When the suspenders
5 are secured in position they are substantially concealed. Even in case the waist-band of the trousers is provided with outside buttons, only the extreme ends of the suspenders are visible; and in case the trousers but-
10 tons are on the inside, even these extreme ends are concealed.

The shirt may be sold separately, which is a decided advantage, from a practical standpoint, over structures wherein the
15 shirt and suspenders are combined, and modified to adapt them to each other; there being practical difficulties in the way of marketing a combined article of this kind.

In Fig. 4, I have shown a modification in which the strip, marked *d'*, is secured to the
20 outside of the shirt and is passed through an additional orifice *t*, and is then passed through the suspender link and buttoned to itself as before described.

In Fig. 5, I have shown a modification in which the wide end of each suspender tab is increased in length and a second button-hole
25 *r* formed therein adapted to engage a button *s* sewed to the shirt alongside the corresponding slit *c*. This construction is less desirable, first, because it involves a slight change in the suspenders; and second, be-
30 cause the capacity of the shirt to accommodate itself to high and low waist-bands is lessened; but it possesses the advantage of great simplicity and may on that account be
35 preferred by some users.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:—
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1. A shirt provided with a series of orifices relatively long vertically and relatively narrow horizontally located substantially at the waist portion thereof, and pieces secured to
45 the shirt adjacent the orifices and extend-

ing up alongside the inner face thereof and adapted to removably engage the suspenders.

2. A shirt provided with a series of pairs of orifices located respectively at opposite sides of the front and in the center of the back adapted for the reception of suspender ends,
50 strips secured to the shirt between said orifices and extending upwardly, and complementary fastening devices near opposite ends of the strips to enable the strips to be
55 passed through the suspenders and folded upon themselves and secured in folded position.

3. A shirt provided with a series of pairs of orifices located respectively at opposite sides of the front and in the center of the back for the suspender ends, and suspender
60 engaging devices permanently secured to the inner face of the shirt in proximity to said orifices and adapted to be removably
65 attached to the suspenders.

4. A shirt provided with a series of pairs of orifices relatively long vertically and relatively narrow horizontally and located
70 respectively at opposite sides of the front and in the center of the back for the suspender ends, a strip secured at its lower end between the slits of each front pair substantially opposite the lower ends thereof, a
75 piece secured between the slits of the rear pair substantially opposite the lower ends thereof having integral strips projecting upwardly, complementary fastening devices carried by each strip respectively near its
80 fastened end and near its free end, whereby the strips may each be passed through the suspenders and said fastening devices engaged.

In testimony of which invention, I have hereunto set my hand, at Philadelphia, on
this 12th day of April, 1909.

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