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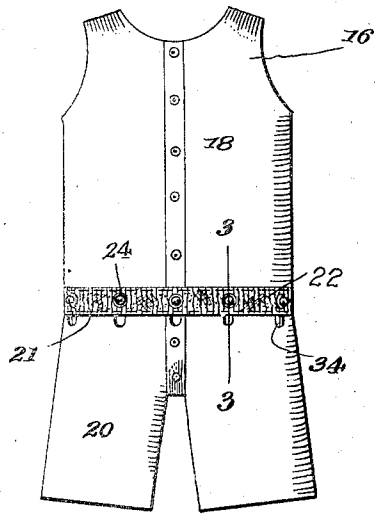


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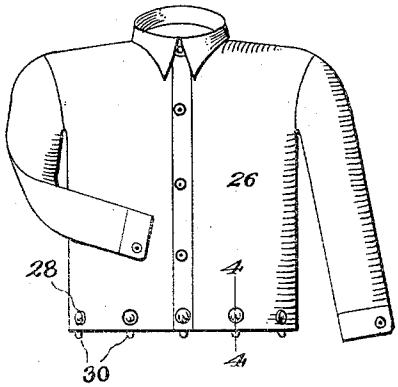


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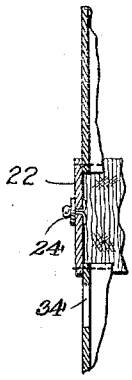


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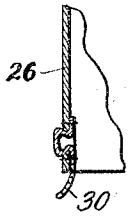


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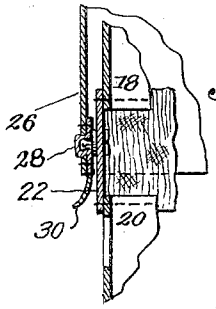


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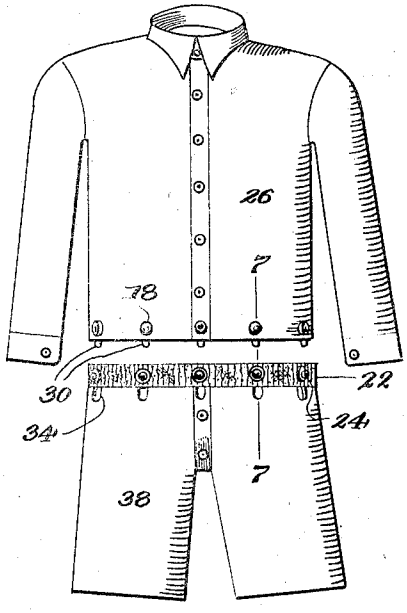
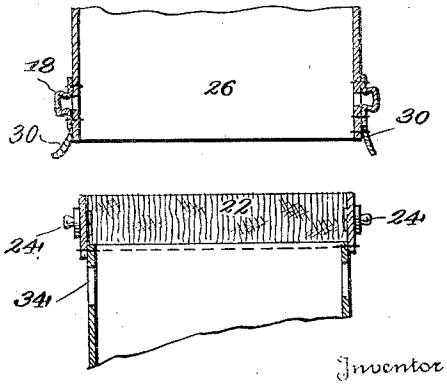


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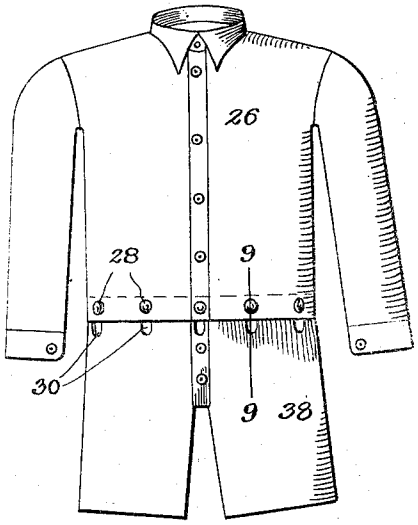
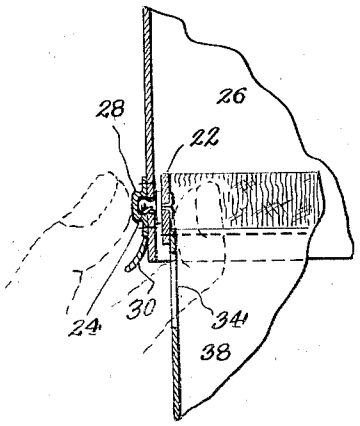


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The present invention relates to a garment, and more particularly to a combination undergarment and top shirt attachment.

In the use of the present type of undergarments, such as union suits, or the customary two-piece undergarment consisting of an undershirt and drawers, the top shirt worn in combination therewith must necessarily be provided with long tails which in the usual manner are tucked between the undergarment and the trouser of the wearer, not only causing discomfort, but also an increase in cost of the manufacture of the shirt.

It is therefore one of the objects of the present invention to provide a novelly constructed combined top shirt and undergarment which will overcome the aforementioned disadvantages.

A further important object of the present invention is to provide in combination with an undergarment a top shirt which may be detachably connected thereto in such a manner as to eliminate the necessity of providing the top shirt with the usual tails.

A still further important object of the invention is to provide in a combined underwear and top shirt garment novel means for detachably securing the top shirt to the undergarment.

A still further important object of the present invention will be found to reside in the provision in the undergarment of a two-way stretch belting.

Other objects, including simplicity of design and construction, as well as low cost of manufacture, will become apparent from the description of the invention, when considered in connection with the accompanying drawings.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein, for the purpose of illustration, there is shown preferred embodiments of the invention,

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of an undergarment consisting of a combined undershirt and drawers which are provided with attaching means for securing a tailless top shirt thereto in a novel manner,

Figure 2 is a front elevational view of the top shirt adapted to be removably secured to the undergarment illustrated in Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a vertical sectional view of Figure 1 taken on the line 3—3 thereof,

Figure 4 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view of Figure 2 taken on the line 4—4 thereof,

Figure 5 is a fragmentary sectional view of the combined undergarment and top shirt illustrating the novel manner in which the top shirt is detachably connected to the undergarment,

Figure 6 is a front elevational view of a modified form of the invention, illustrating the manner in which the top shirt may be directly detachably connected to the drawers, eliminating the necessity of wearing an undershirt if so desired,

Figure 7 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view of Figure 6 taken on the line 7—7 thereof,

Figure 8 is a front elevational view of the garments illustrated in Figure 6, showing the manner in which the same are detachably connected together, and

Figure 9 is a vertical sectional view of Figure 8 taken on line 9—9 thereof.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein, for the purpose of illustration, there is shown preferred embodiments of the invention, and in which similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts through out the same, the reference numeral 16 generally designates an undergarment consisting of an upper undershirt portion 18 and a lower drawer portion 20 securely fastened together by the medium of a two-way stretch elastic waist-encircling band 22. In this connection, attention is specifically invited to the construction of the elastic band 22 which securely fastens the top shirt portion of the garment to the drawer portion thereof which is constructed of elastic material, and which is adapted to permit of elastic stretching of the same not only in a vertical, but also a horizontal direction. It will be noted that by virtue of the two-way or double stretching feature of the elastic band, the wearer of the garment is permitted of free movement of the trunk or lower portion of the body in any direction desired.

As clearly illustrated in Figure 1, the waist-encircling elastic band 22 is provided centrally and on the outside thereof with a plurality of spacedly disposed male fastening elements 24. The male fastening elements are of the snap fastener type, and are securely fastened to the elastic band by means of sewing the same thereon, or as shown, through the intervention of prongs extending through apertures in the band and bent in the well known manner.

Referring now to Figure 2, there is clearly shown a top shirt which is made in a novel manner, and which is adapted to be detachably secured to the undergarment illustrated in Figure 1. It will be observed that the top shirt 26 is tailless and extends to substantially the waist line, the same being provided on the front and back portions thereof adjacent the lower end, with a plurality of spacedly disposed female snap fastener elements 28, adapted to receive the male snap

fastener elements **24** secured to the elastic band of the undergarment **16** previously described.

The male and female elements of the snap fasteners are respectively secured to the band **22**, and adjacent the lower portions of the front and back of the top shirt **26** in position to register and cooperate in the detachable and removable securing of the top shirt **26** to the undergarment **16**. As will be observed in Figure 4, a tab **30** is secured to the top shirt **26** below each female attaching element which may be readily grasped by the wearer to facilitate the disengagement of the fastener elements and the consequent removal of the top shirt from the undergarment. It is to be observed, in this connection, that the undergarment is provided with novel means for facilitating the fastening of the male and female snap fastener elements together, this means comprising, as clearly illustrated in Figures 1 and 4, an aperture or finger-receiving hole in the drawer portion of the undergarment directly below each male snap fastener element.

When it is desired to wear the top shirt, in combination with the undergarment, illustrated in Figure 1, the top shirt is put on in the usual manner, and the registering snap fastener elements securely fastened together in a novel manner, as illustrated in Figure 9. The index finger being extended through the apertures **34** directly below the male fastener elements, the thumb being placed on top of the female attaching elements and upon application of pressure the same being subsequently snapped together. When it is desired to remove the top shirt, the snap fastener elements may be disengaged by a slight upward and outward pulling of the respective tab **30**.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a novelly constructed undergarment, which permits of the detachable connection of a novelly constructed top shirt eliminating the necessity of the wearer being troubled with the usual tail portion generally provided in the present and well known type of shirt. In this connection, it is to be observed that the elastic band not only permits of free movement of the top shirt with respect thereto, but has an additional function of permitting of free movement in any direction without discomfort to the wearer of the trunk portion of the body.

Attention is now specifically directed to Figures 6 to 9, inclusive, wherein there is shown a modified form of the invention in which the top shirt **26** is directly detachably secured to the drawer portion of an undergarment. To the waist line of the drawers **38** there is securely fastened by stitching or otherwise the two-way stretch elastic band **22** having, as described with respect to Figures 1 to 5, inclusive, thereon the male attaching elements of the snap fasteners **24**. There are times when one desires to wear merely the drawer portion of an undergarment, such for example in athletic activities and the like, and it has been found that it is desirable to eliminate the necessity of wearing a top undershirt, and by virtue of the modified form of the invention illustrated in Figures 6 to 9, inclusive, the novelly constructed top shirt may be directly detachably connected to the underdrawers. The top shirt **26** is of the same construction as illustrated and described with respect to Figure 2, the same being provided with the female attaching elements of the snap fasteners which receive the male attaching elements **22** and are connected and detached therefrom in the usual manner. Similarly the top shirt **26** is provided with the removing tabs **30** and the drawers **38** with the finger-receiving aperture **34** facilitating the attaching and removing of the top shirt from the drawers. Figures 8 and 9 show the top shirt **26** in position on the drawers **38**.

While there is shown for the purpose of illustration preferred embodiments of the invention, it is to be understood that it is capable of further changes and modifications without departing from the spirit and scope thereof, and it is contended, therefore, that only such limitations shall be imposed thereon as are indicated in the prior art or in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In combination, a top shirt, an undergarment, means for removably securing said top shirt to said undergarment, comprising a plurality of spacedly disposed female snap fastener elements secured to the outer portion of said top shirt at the waist line thereof, tabs secured to said top shirt below said female fastener elements, a plurality of spacedly male snap fastener elements on said undergarment adapted to be received by said female snap elements for removably securing said top shirt to said undergarment, said undergarment adjacent said male fastener elements being provided with finger-receiving apertures permitting of the insertion of a finger, facilitating the connecting of said fastener elements.

2. In combination, a tailless top shirt, an undergarment, having a two-way stretch elastic waist-encircling band secured thereto, a plurality of spacedly disposed fastener elements on said top shirt adjacent the waist line thereof, a plurality of spacedly disposed cooperating snap fastening elements secured on said elastic band whereby said top shirt may be removably secured to said elastic band, tabs secured to said top shirt adjacent said snap fastener elements, said undergarment adjacent the snap fastener elements on said elastic band being provided with finger-receiving apertures to facilitate the connecting of said fastener elements.

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