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Fig. 1

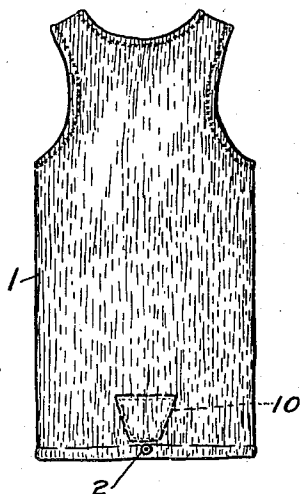


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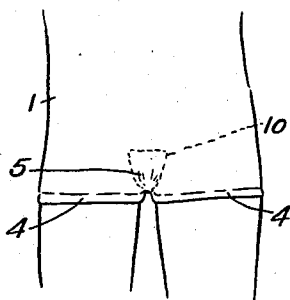


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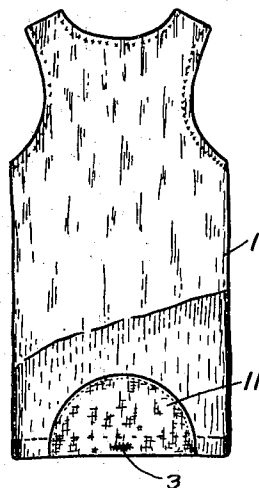


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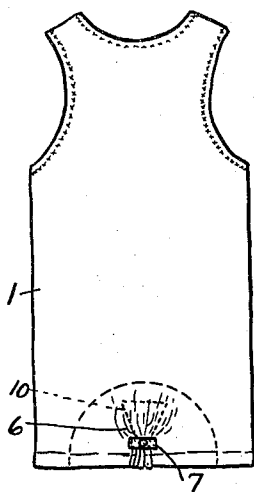


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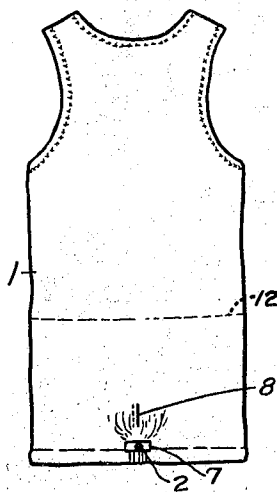


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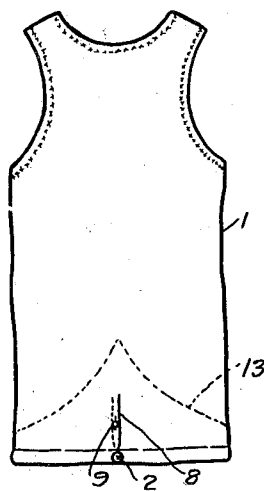


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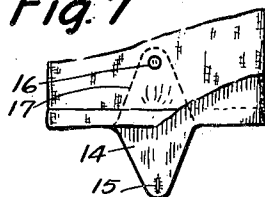
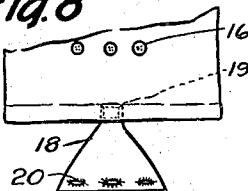


Fig. 8



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The purpose of this invention is to provide an improvement in undergarments in which pants may be formed at the lower end of a shirt and the wearing qualities thereof are increased.

5 The invention is an undergarment in the form of a shirt with means fastening the lower edges between the legs to form pants and additional material is added to the front and rear to reinforce the material of the garment at the wear-
10 ing points.

Undergarments of this description have been made in which the lower portion of the garment is shaped to form short pants and with addi-
15 tional material added to form a closure at the crotch, and somewhat similar garments have been used for ladies' lingerie, however, in all cases the pants are formed by shaping the lower edges of the garment and in most cases these garments are loose fitting so that they do not
20 embody supporting characteristics.

This invention, therefore, relates to an undergarment, preferably made of a man's shirt, with a button at the lower edge of the front over which the buttonhole in the lower edge of the
25 back may be buttoned between the legs to form a closure which also forms a support or means for holding the male organs, and which is also provided with means for reinforcing the parts at which wear may develop at the front and
30 back.

This invention is an improvement over my co-
pending application with the Serial Number 682,367 in that reinforcing means is provided at the wearing parts and a slit is provided in the
35 pocket at the front.

The object of the invention is to provide an undergarment in which a support is formed at the front and in which the wearing parts there-
of are reinforced.

40 Another object is to provide means for reinforcing the wearing parts of a combination undergarment formed of an undershirt which will not interfere with the comfort thereof.

Another object of the invention is to provide
45 means for forming a combination undergarment having short pants and a shirt, from an under-
shirt.

A further object is to provide means in the front of an undergarment fastened between the
50 legs so that the wearer may urinate without un-
fastening the fastening means between the legs.

And a still further object is to provide a com-
bination undergarment with supporting and re-
55 inforcing means which is comparatively simple
and inexpensive.

With these ends in view the invention em-
bodies an undergarment in the form of an un-
dershirt having means fastening the lower edges
at the crotch and means reinforcing the ma-
terial thereof.

Other features and advantages of the inven-
tion will appear from the following description
taken in connection with the drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a front view of the garment show-
ing reinforcing in the front thereof.

Figure 2 is a view showing the garment as it
may appear in use.

Figure 3 is a view of the garment with the
lower portion of the front broken away to show
the reinforcing of the back.

Figure 4 is a front view of the garment show-
ing an alternate construction in which a pocket
is formed in the front by gathering the mate-
rial together and holding it with a piece of tape
and means is provided for reinforcing the front
20 and back.

Figure 5 is a view showing an alternate con-
struction in which a slit is provided in the front
and the reinforcing is in the form of a continu-
ous band extending around the garment.

Figure 6 is a view showing another alternate
design in which the slit in the front is provided
with a button and the reinforcing is shaped to
conform to the seat of the wearer.

Figure 7 is a view showing an alternate con-
struction in which the back of the garment is
shaped to form a flap extending downward which
may button up over the front to form the pocket
and provide a protecting covering.

Figure 8 is an alternate design showing an
additional piece of material added to the lower
edge of the back of the garment to form the flap
shown in Figure 7.

In the drawing the garment is shown as it
would be made wherein numeral 1 indicates the
body of the garment, numeral 2 the button at
the front, and numeral 3 the buttonhole at the
back.

The garment is preferably in the form of an
undershirt with a plain or hemmed lower edge
and the lower edge of the front is provided with
a button 2 over which the button-hole 3 in the
lower edge of the back may button with the back
drawn between the legs. With the back drawn
between the legs and buttoned over the button-
50 hole the central portion of the garment will be
drawn upward between the legs, as shown in
Figure 2, and the sides of the garment will form
short pants, as indicated by the numeral 4, and
it will be noted that such a garment is particu-
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larly adaptable for summer wear and will provide a maximum amount of comfort. Such a garment will fit snug around the legs and thru the crotch and will hold the male organs flat against the body or in a comfortable position and will also function as a supporter. The front may be provided with some fullness to provide a pocket and the pocket may also be formed by gathering the material together, as shown at the point 6 in Figure 4, and attaching a strip of tape 7 to the gathered material to hold it in the shirred or gathered position. It will be understood that this pocket may be formed by changing the stitches in the material or by any other means or in any other manner. The pocket may also be provided with a slit 8, as shown in Figure 5, and it will be understood that the slit may be used with the pockets of any of the other designs or may be omitted, as may be desired. The slit may also be provided with a button 9, as shown in Figure 6, or any other fastening means that may be desired.

A piece of material, as indicated by the dotted lines 10, may be used on the inside of the garment or pocket, as shown in Figures 1 and 4, and this may be of any material and may be sewed or attached to the material of the garment in any manner or by any means. This piece of material may be placed on either the inside or outside of the garment or located at any point or points. This piece of material may also be of any shape or design and may be large or small, as may be desired.

Another piece of reinforcing material 11 may be placed on the back of the garment, as shown in Figure 3, and it will be understood that this may also be of any shape or design and may be placed on the inside or outside of the garment or in any position. The entire lower edge of the garment may also be reinforced by a continuous band 12, as shown in Figure 5, or by an especially shaped piece of material 13 to fit the seat of the garment, as shown in Figure 6. These pieces of reinforcing may also be of any other shape or design and may extend to any point or points. They may be made of any material and may be attached to the material of the garment or made integral therewith or the stitches of the garment may be drawn together or doubled up to provide reinforcing at these points.

The garment may also be provided as shown in Figure 7 in which the back is shaped with a downwardly extending part 14 having a buttonhole 15 in the lower end and a button 16 on the front over which the part 14 may be buttoned, as indicated by the dotted lines 17. This piece of material may function as the supporter, however, it may also be used in combination with the pocket, and the pocket may be formed in in any manner. In the design shown in Figure 8 this piece of material is formed by a flap 18 which is attached to the garment, as shown at the point 19, and the lower edge is provided with buttonholes 20 which button over the buttons 16 on the front of the garment. It will be understood that this flap may be formed by additional material or shaped by the material of the garment or provided in any manner or by any means. It

will also be understood that other means may be used for drawing and holding the lower edges of the garment together at the crotch.

It will be understood that other changes may be made in the garment without departing from the spirit of the invention. One of which changes may be in the use of other means for forming the reinforcing, another may be in the use of other means for connecting the lower edges, and still another may be in the use of the means for forming the pants or pocket with a garment of any other type or description.

The construction will be readily understood from the foregoing description. In use the garment may be provided as shown and described and it will be noted that a standard or regular man's undershirt may be used or a special garment may be provided with the lower edge shaped or fastened to form the pants or pocket when the edges are drawn between the legs and attached or the lower portion of the garment may be of any other design or description. The garment may be used independent of the supporting feature as it may only be necessary to place a button on the lower edge of the front and a buttonhole in the lower edge of the back and by buttoning the buttonhole over the button the lower portion of the garment will be shaped to form pants, as shown in Figure 2, and the front portion will hold the male organs snug and comfortable. This part of the garment may also be provided with a slight fullness or with a regular pocket and this may be formed in any manner or by any means. This part of the garment may also be provided with a slit and the slit may be provided with closing means and it may also be provided with reinforcing means. It will, therefore, be understood that this invention relates to a combination garment formed with an undershirt as by connecting the lower edges of the front and back between the legs the side portions thereof form short pants and it, therefore, shapes itself into shirt and pants forming a combination garment. The lower parts thereof may be reinforced to increase the wear of the garment and the reinforcing may be shaped to protect any part or parts as may be desired.

Having thus fully described the invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. An undergarment composed of a shirt like body having neck and arm openings and open at the lower end, means for detachably connecting the same lower end together at a mid-point to form two legs openings, a face of said garment having a closed sack-like fullness formed between the leg openings and near said connecting means, said fullness being provided by gathering together some of the material adjacent said connecting point, and means comprising stitching retaining said gathered material.

2. An undergarment as described in claim 1 having a slit in the sack-like fullness.

3. An undergarment as described in claim 1 having reinforcing material at the rear of the lower part thereof.

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