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FIG. 1.

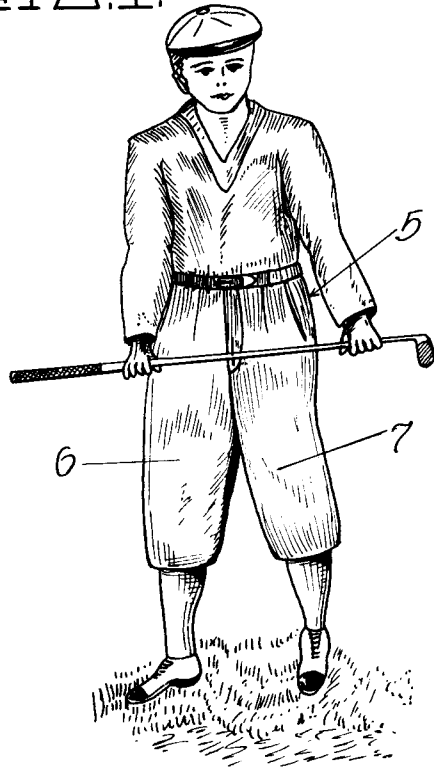


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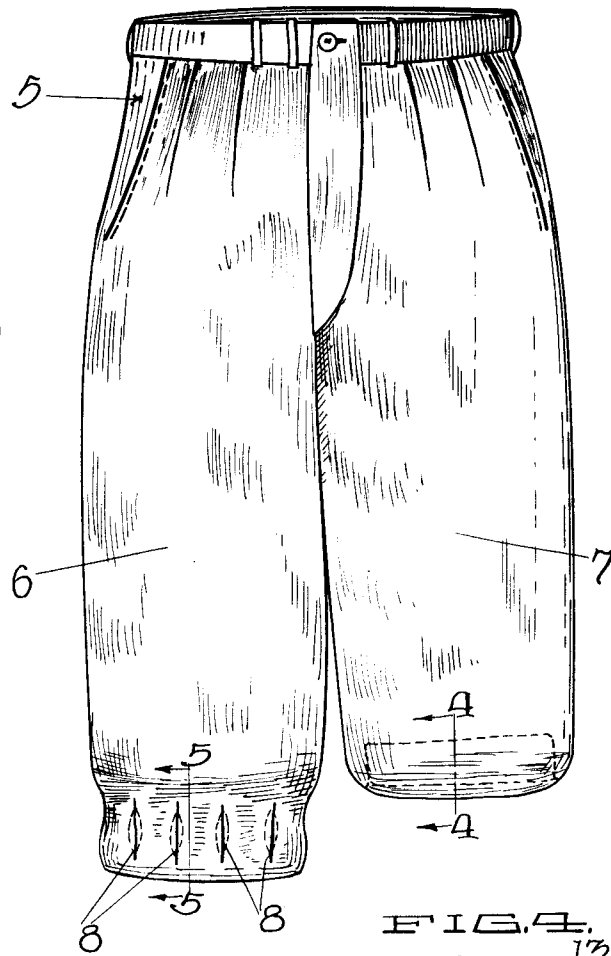


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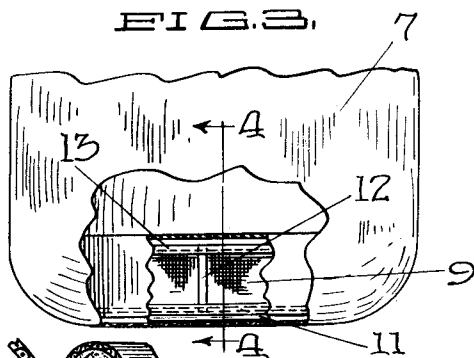
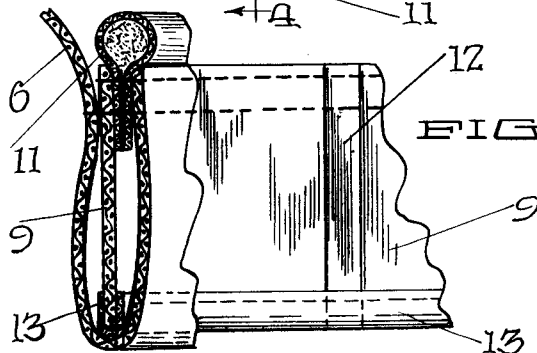
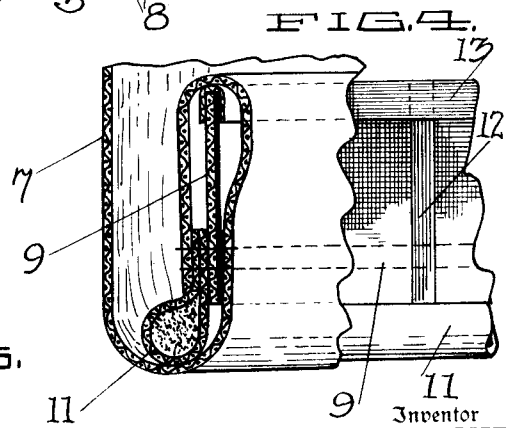


FIG. 5.



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This invention relates to improvements in garments and has particular reference to that type of garment ordinarily used by golfers, hikers and other persons desiring to enjoy freedom of movement of the lower limbs. This type of garment is often referred to as, golf trousers, plus-fours or knickers.

The principal object of this invention is to produce a garment of the character described, wherein a restriction about the leg of the wearer, as is common with the usual type of garment, is eliminated.

A further object is to produce a garment which, while eliminating the restricting or binding annoyance, has the same appearance as the ordinary garment of this type.

An additional object is to produce a device which is economical to manufacture, durable, highly efficient in use, and one which is comfortable to the wearer.

A still further object is to provide a garment which may be easily put on or taken off.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Fig. 1 illustrates the general appearance of the garment in use,

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the garment, showing one of the legs in the wearing position and the other leg in the position it would assume previous to turning the same up into wearing position, and further illustrating the method employed in gathering the material,

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary detail view of one of the pants legs having a portion thereof broken away to show the construction,

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3, and

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

Golf trousers, knickers or plus-fours are usually provided with a strap and buckle arrangement at the bottom of the pants leg, so that after the pants are placed upon the body, the lower end of the pants may be buckled about the leg at a point above the calf, which buckling act serves to hold the pants in such a position that the goods thereof forms a baggy or blouse effect over the knee. This buckling of the pants, in order to retain this baggy effect, must be sufficiently tight so that the lower part of the pants will not drop down below the calf of the leg, the result being

that there is a restriction placed about the leg of the wearer, which restriction is often annoying, uncomfortable and harmful, particularly when the person stoops or squats, as for instance, in teeing up a golf ball. Also in driving, it often occurs that the muscles of the legs are restricted and consequently an otherwise good stroke is spoiled.

Applicant, has, therefore, produced a pair of pants which has all the advantages of the ordinary knickers, but none of the disadvantages. In other words, applicant has produced a pair of pants having the neat appearance of knickers but without restricting the leg of the wearer in any manner, and further has produced a pair of trousers which may be placed upon the wearer, that is, drawn over the feet and removed, without the necessity of buckling or un-buckling, or in any other manner fastening the bottom of the trousers.

In the accompanying drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 5 designates a pair of trousers having leg portions 6 and 7. As both leg portions are formed the same at their lower extremities, but one will be described. Referring to Fig. 2, it will be noted that adjacent the lower end of the leg I provide a series of openings 8, which openings have their opposite margins sewed together, with the result that the lower end of the pants leg is smaller due to the gathering effect of this stitching operation.

Referring now to Fig. 5, it will be noted that a band 9, made of buckram or any other suitable stiffening material, is placed within a fold formed midway of the gathered bottom portion of the pants leg, and that a piping 11 is stitched between the end of the pants material and the stiffening material. This piping is filled with any soft material, such as kapok. The buckram may also be provided with stiffening stays 12 and may be edged as shown at 13, if desired. After the pants leg has been thus formed, it is turned up as shown in Fig. 4. This brings the piping 11 to such a position that it forms a padding, thus making the pants leg hang in a baggy or blouse effect, although the bottom of the pants is not supported from the leg as is customary. It is evident that there may be considerable space between the leg of the wearer and the inner surface of the bottom of the pants leg, yet to all intents and purposes the observer would be under the impression that the user is wearing the conventional garment.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same and that various changes relative to the material, size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. In a garment of the character described, having leg portions, each of said leg portions having a reduced end, a stiffening material embodied in said reduced end, said end being turned inwardly upon itself so as to produce a blouse effect, and a piping carried by said stiffening material

and said pants leg, said piping serving to increase the blouse effect.

2. In a garment having pants legs, both of said legs having their lower portions cut and stitched so as to reduce the size of the lower end of the pants leg, said pants leg being folded upon itself midway of the reduced portion, a stiffening strip stitched between the material of said fold, and a relatively thick piping secured to said stiffening strip, whereby when said pants leg is folded upon itself and within itself, a blouse effect will be produced at the lower end of said pants leg.

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