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FIG. 1.

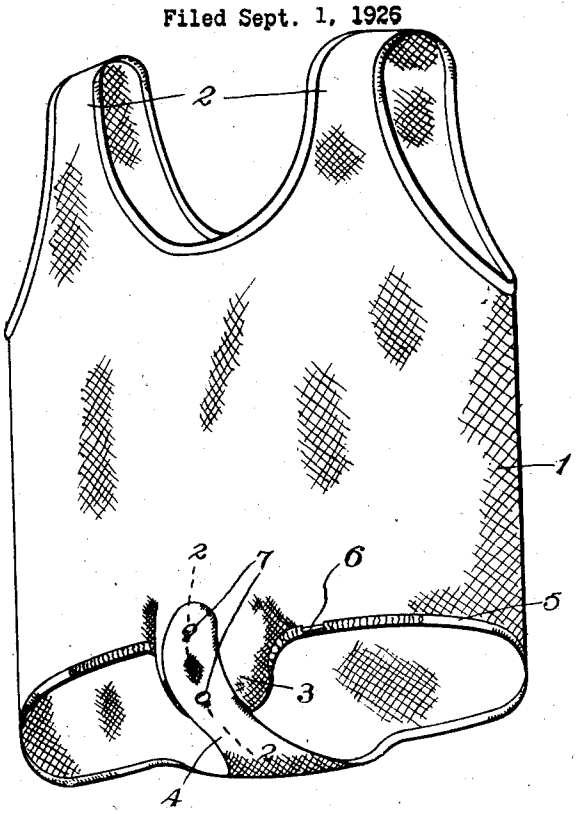
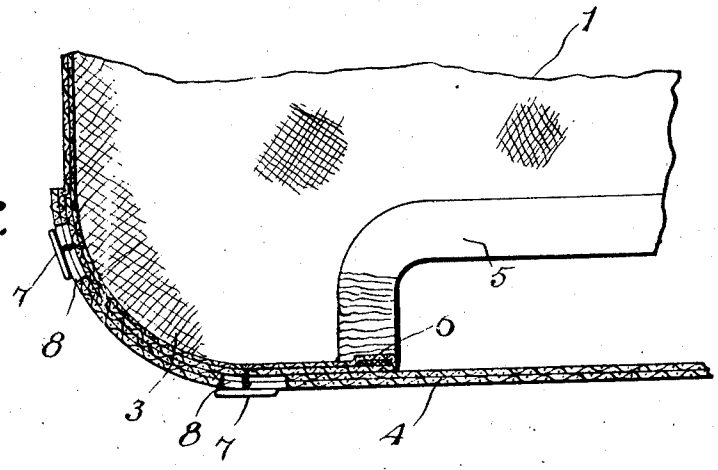


FIG. 2.



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This invention relates to body garments and more particularly to a shirt intended to be worn by swimmers, athletes, professional dancers and others doing work or exercise requiring a great deal of physical exertion.

One object of the invention is to provide a garment which will serve not only as a shirt but also as a jockstrap and thereby assist in preventing rupture.

Another object of the invention is to provide the shirt with front and rear extensions, the forward extension being adapted to engage and support the penis and testicles and the rear extension being releasably secured to the front extension, whereby to retain the latter in a supporting position.

Another object of the invention is to provide the front extension with an elastic serving to contract its marginal portions and form a pocket adapted to fit closely about and beneath the testicles.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved shirt.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view through the shirt taken along the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

The shirt constituting the subject matter of this invention includes a body portion 1 formed of fabric and having its upper portion provided with the usual shoulder straps 2. At its front and rear the lower portion of the shirt is provided with depending extensions 3 and 4 which may be formed integral with the shirt or separate therefrom and attached to it in any desired manner as by sewing or the like. It is also preferred to have the extensions lined, or of a double thickness, as shown in Figure 2, so that they will be strengthened and prevented from easily tearing. A hem 5 is formed along the lower edge of the body 1 and extends about the margin of the depending front extension 3. The hem not only provides a good finish for the lower edge of the shirt but also forms a marginal receptacle in which is received an elastic 6. The elastic extends about the margin of the front extension 3 and partially across the front of the shirt. The elastic is sewed or otherwise secured at its ends and midway its length while stretched and, therefore, when it is released and contracts the marginal portion of the front extension will be contracted with it and the front extension drawn into the shape of a pocket, as shown in Figure 2. The rear extension is of sufficient length to permit it to be drawn forwardly and dispose its free forward end portion in overlapping relation to the front extension or pocket 3. Buttons 7 are carried by the front extension and adapted to be passed through buttonholes 8 formed in the rear extension to securely but releasably retain the rear extension in engagement with the front extension. Therefore, the rear extension constitutes means to prevent the front extension or pocket from moving forwardly out of a supporting position.

When the shirt is in use, it is put on in the usual manner and the front extension so disposed that it covers the penis. The marginal portions thereof through which the elastic extends are moved rearwardly so that they extend beneath and upwardly from the testicles. The penis and testicles will therefore, be disposed in the pocket formed by the front extension and will be very well supported and prevented from having swinging motion which might cause a rupture or other injury to the athlete, dancer, or other person wearing the shirt. The rear extension is drawn forwardly and when engaged with the buttons will serve to brace the front extension or pocket and prevent it from moving forwardly out of proper supporting position. When the elastic loses elasticity, it can be very easily removed and replaced with a new one. By having the front extension formed, as shown, it completely encloses the penis and testicles and prevents danger of them moving transversely out of position to be supported by it.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. A combined shirt and supporter comprising a fabric body having its lower portion formed at its front and rear with depending extensions, an elastic extending about the margins of the front extension and having its end portions extending along the lower edge of the front of said body and secured thereto, said elastic serving to contract the marginal portions of said front extension and form the same into a supporting pocket, the rear extension being adapted to be projected forwardly and secured in overlapping relation to the front extension.

2. A combined shirt and supporter comprising a fabric body having its lower portion formed at its front and rear with de-

pending extensions, a hem being formed along the lower edge of the body and about the margins of the front extension, the rear extension being of sufficient length to extend forwardly beneath the body with its free forward end overlapping the front extension, an elastic in said hem having a portion extending about the margins of the front extension and yieldably retain the same in the form of a pocket, and means for releasably securing said rear extension in overlapped engagement with the front extension.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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