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 UNION UNDERGARMENT.
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Fig. 1.

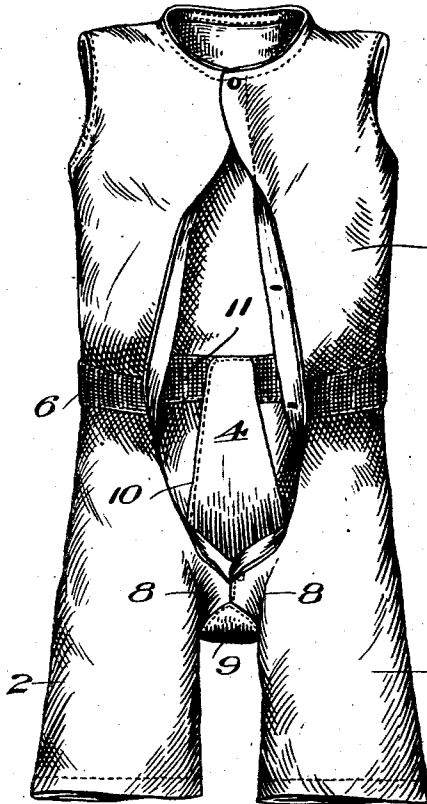


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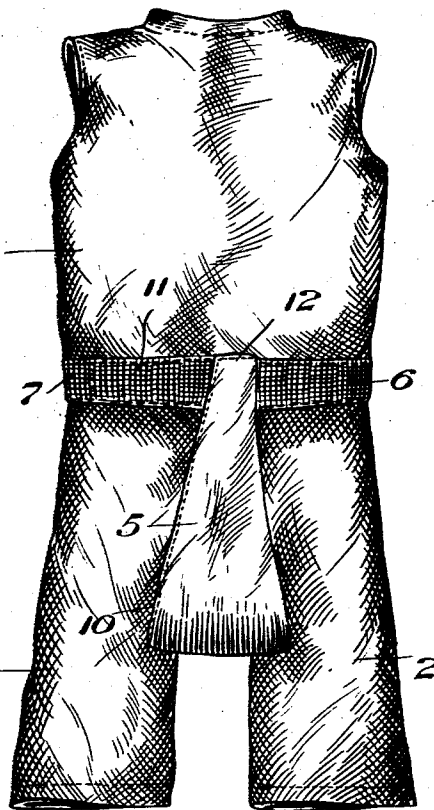
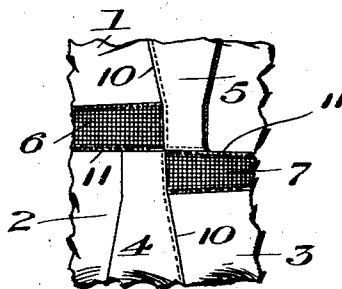


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN GIBBS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Germantown, Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Union Undergarments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to union undergarments.

This application is a division of Serial No. 762162, filed April 19, 1913.

The present invention has for its objects, first, the provision in a union undergarment having an elastic part or belt joining its body and leg portions, novel reinforcing means at the back adapted to prevent undue stretching of the elastic part without interfering with the elasticity of said elastic part; and second, to provide in a union undergarment having a split elastic part or belt connecting its body and leg portions, a double or duplex flap construction for the seat, the flaps of which run up to the body and are connected to sections of the split elastic belt, thereby constituting a reinforcement and preventing undue stretching of the elastic portion aforesaid.

The foregoing objects are accomplished by the provision of a union undergarment constructed as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a front view of the garment opened out to show the inside flap; Fig. 2, a rear view thereof; and Fig. 3, a detail view looking toward the back of the garment with the outer flap raised.

The body 1 is made in a single piece and the legs 2 and 3 are each made of one piece. The flaps 4 and 5 which form a duplex seat closure are each made of one piece, but preferably of multi-ply construction. The split elastic belt portion is composed of the parts 6 and 7.

As contradistinguished from those union garments having a crotch provided with flaps one of which is connected to one leg only, in the present garment the flaps 4 and 5 are each connected to the flare seams 8 on the inner sides of both legs, the flaps being each provided with a pointer end 9 for this purpose and both flaps 4 and 5 are of the same size and shape, the pointed ends 9 being substantially coincident where they are stitched to the seams 8. From the crotch the flaps taper upwardly in the rear

of the garment and each is stitched to its leg along the seam 10.

Heretofore, elastic belt portions of union undergarments have extended unbroken across the back of the garment and the elastic part has not been reinforced in any manner or prevented from stretching as far as it will yield. In consequence, the elastic belt has, in underwear heretofore known to the art, soon unduly stretched and lost its elasticity. By making the elastic belt in two parts which are disconnected at the back and running the seam 10 all the way up to the upper seam 11 which joins the elastic belt sections to the body of the garment and there stitching the upper ends 12 of the flaps 4 and 5 to said seam and stitching the rear ends of the elastic sections 6 and 7 to the flaps, I obtain in my undergarment all the advantages of an elastic belt without interfering with the freedom of the wearer to assume a stooping position and without the possibility of the elastic belt unduly stretching in an up and down direction, that is, lengthwise of the garment, and losing, by reason of undue stretching, its elasticity. Furthermore, this construction affords great strength of connection between the legs and the body of the garment and adds to the life thereof by reason of the flaps 4 and 5 being connected to the body and legs. A further advantage is that the flaps hang almost straight from the waistband of the garment and the normal closing of the posterior part of the garment is insured and a comfortable fit provided at the crotch, besides obviating the necessity for employing any buttoning or fastening device.

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

1. A union undergarment having an elastic belt connecting its body and leg portions, a posterior part having an opening, and a flap for said opening which has a substantially non-elastic upper part attached to the body of the garment above the elastic belt thereby substantially preventing up and down stretching of the elastic belt thereat.

2. A union undergarment having an elastic belt connecting its body and leg portions, a posterior part having an opening, and overlapping flaps constituting a closure for said opening, both of said flaps having substantially non-elastic, overlapped, upper

parts attached to the body of the garment above the elastic belt, thereby substantially preventing up and down stretching of the elastic belt thereat.

- 5 3. A union undergarment having body and leg portions, an elastic belt composed of sections which are connected to and interposed between the body and leg portions and are disconnected at the back, and a
- 10 closure for the seat of the garment consisting of overlying inelastic flaps which are, respectively, joined at their side edges to the rear ends of the elastic sections and at their upper ends are connected to the body
- 15 of the garment.
4. A union undergarment having an elastic belt which is split at the back of the garment, and a seat having substantially
- 20 non-elastic extensions running up across the elastic belt and connected to the body of the garment, thereby substantially preventing up and down stretching of the elastic belt thereat.

5. A union undergarment having body

and leg portions, an elastic belt composed 25 of sections which are connected to and interposed between the body and leg portions and are disconnected at the back, and a closure for the seat of the garment consisting of one-piece overlying flaps which are, 30 respectively, joined at their side edges to the rear ends of the elastic belt sections and are provided with horizontal or square upper ends which are connected to the body of the garment above the elastic belt. 35

6. A union undergarment having an elastic belt which is split at the back of the garment, and a seat having extensions running up across the elastic belt and connected to the body of the garment and also connected 40 to the ends of the elastic belt where the latter is split.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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