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PANTALOONS.

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Fig 1

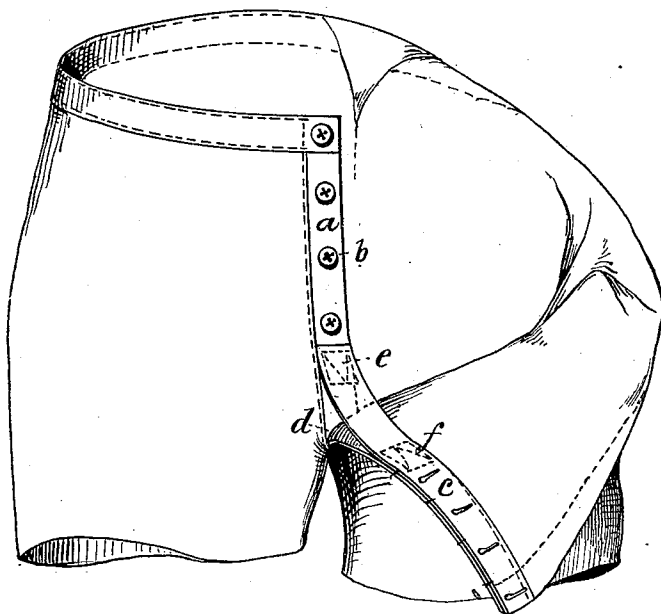


Fig. 4

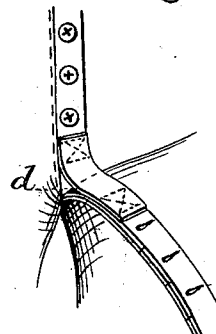
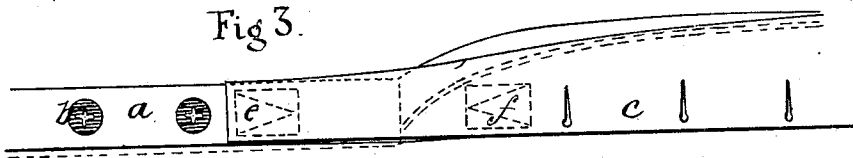


Fig 2.



Fig 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PANTALOONS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, RODMOND GIBBONS, of the city of San Francisco, in the State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pantaloon, and garments of a similar character, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to a fastening for the crotch in the fly of pantaloons or similar garments; and it consists in bridging said crotch with a check-piece of cloth or other inelastic pliable material, as hereinafter fully described.

The object of this invention is to prevent that tension at the crotch ordinarily produced either by continued use of the garment, or by any undue strain caused by the assumption by the wearer of any posture of the body, or by the removal of the garment, calculated to produce such an effect.

The said improvement is applicable to all descriptions of pantaloons and garments of a similar character, its application to the garment adding greatly to its durability, by preventing the stretch of the cloth or stitching at the crotch.

To enable persons skilled in the art of manufacturing the garments to which my invention is adaptable, I describe the same as follows, referring to the annexed drawing.

Figure 1 is a view of the upper part of a pair of pantaloons, the front of the fly being turned down, so as to show the application of the improvement. Figs. 2 and 3 are, respectively, edge and face views, on an enlarged scale, of the fly extended so as to show the attachment of the improvement. Fig. 4 shows a modification in construction.

In Figs. 1, 2, 3 the button-strip of the fly is represented by *a*, and the buttons by *b*.

The button-hole strip is indicated by *c*, and between the button-holes it is stitched to the front of the garment in the ordinary way. The lower end of the button-hole strip does not extend down and fasten into the crotch *d*, as in the common construction of pantaloons, but bridges over the crotch, being securely stitched at *e* to the button-strip *a*. The button-hole strip is also firmly secured at *f* below the lower button-hole.

Fig. 4 shows, instead of the preferred construction exhibited in the other figures, a separate piece of cloth serving as the bridge or check piece. This construction I deem to be within the scope of my invention.

My improvement, as seen in the manner preferred by me, adds nothing to the cost of the garment, but rather cheapens its manufacture, by causing the attachment of the lower end of the button-hole strip to be made at a point more easily reached than that at which the connection is ordinarily made.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In combination with the fly of pantaloons or similar garments, an inelastic bridge or check-piece, arranged across the crotch thereof, substantially as described, whereby the strain at the crotch, when the fly is opened and spread apart, is received by said bridge or check-piece, instead of at the angle of the crotch itself.

In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name this 22d day of May, A. D. 1876.

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