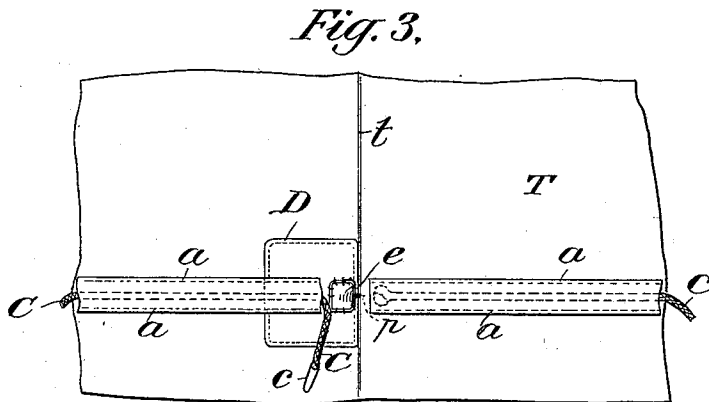
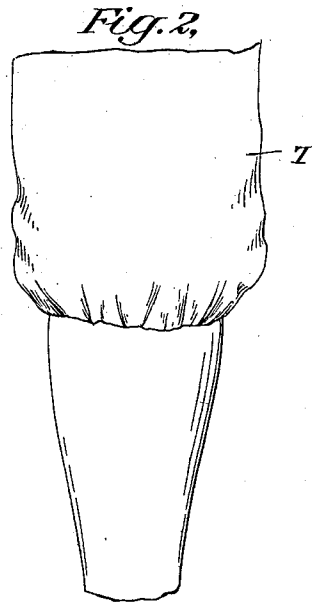
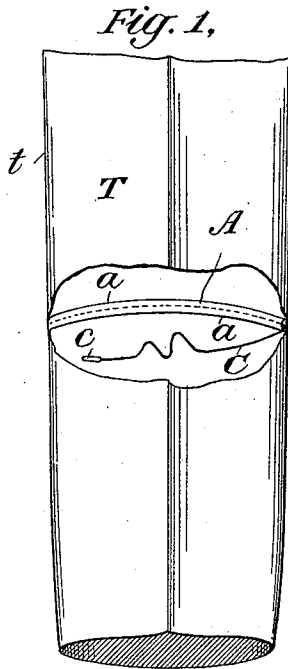


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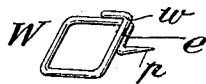


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE PRINCE, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Trousers or Like Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an adjusting device for the limbs of garments whereby the lengths of the same may be altered, so that they can be conveniently used in different situations; and its novelty consists in the construction and adaptation of the parts, as will be more fully hereinafter pointed out.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the leg of a pair of trousers with a part of the front cut away so as to show the manner of attaching the tubular guide. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same with the lower end of the garment turned back and upward, exposing the wearer's leg. Fig. 3 is an enlarged plan view illustrating the details of the fastening device and the means employed to provide a suitable aperture through which the cord may be passed. Fig. 4 is a sectional view. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the fastening device.

In the drawings, T designates one limb of a pair of trousers, of which *t* is the inside seam. At right angles to the longitudinal medial line of the trousers-leg intermediate its extremities and extending all the way or nearly all the way round the leg on the inside is a tubular guide A, preferably a piece of tape or other suitable flexible material, secured to the fabric of the garment by stitches at its outside edge *a*, or by other suitable means. At the seam is sewed or otherwise firmly secured in place a fastening-piece W, consisting of a piece of wire bent as shown in Figs. 3 and 5, one end of which terminates in the point or prong turned outside through the seam, so that, while concealed from view, the prong is yet outside of the garment. That portion of the wire marked *w* is turned so as to be substantially parallel with the piece which forms the prong or catch, so that the space between them forms an eye *e*, which

coincides with the position of the aperture in the seam through which the cord is to be passed. Inside of the tubular guide and firmly secured at one end therein is a cord C of strong suitable material of sufficient length to completely pass around the inside of the garment, and provided at its loose end with a rigid tang *c*, which allows of its passage through the eye *e* without catching. Back of the fastening-piece W and the tubular guide A is placed a reinforcing-piece of cloth D, so that frequent handling will not injuriously affect the fabric of the garment.

The manner of using the device is as follows: When, for instance, a pair of trousers is designed to be worn as an ordinary garment, the cord C is concealed within the tubular guide A, and the fastening-piece being invisible from the outside the wearer would not notice the presence of either. When, however, it is desired to shorten the leg of the trousers and convert them into a garment of the Knickerbocker style, the lower end of the leg is first turned up inside, the tang *c* is passed through the eye *e*, and the cord C is tightly drawn and then permitted to catch upon the prong *p*, which prevents it from slipping backward, and thereby that portion of the garment which is turned inside is prevented from slipping down, and is held securely in place.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new is—

A garment whose limb is provided medially with a tubular guide extending circumferentially around its interior, an adjusting-cord running loosely through said guide, and a fastening-piece secured within said limb at the outlet of the tubular guide, and having a prong to catch and fasten the cord when adjusted, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of November, 1895.

THEODORE PRINCE.

In presence of—

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