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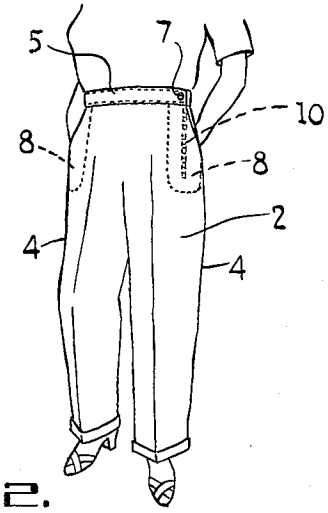

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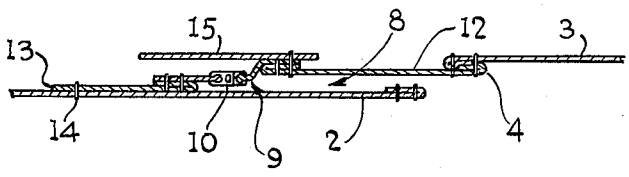

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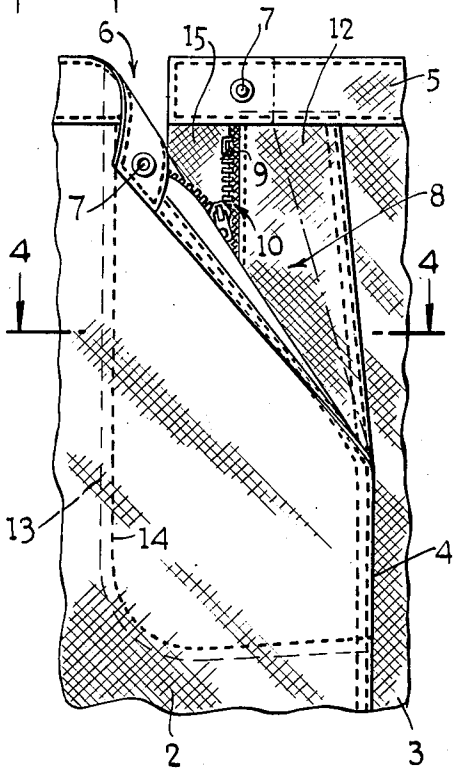

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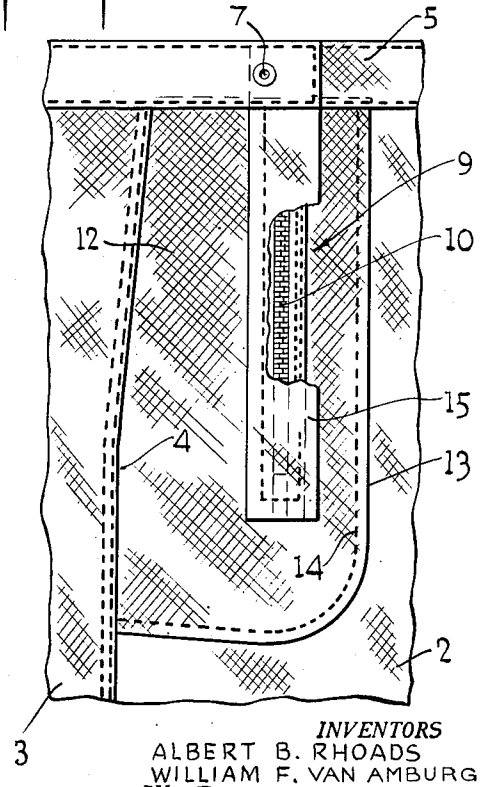

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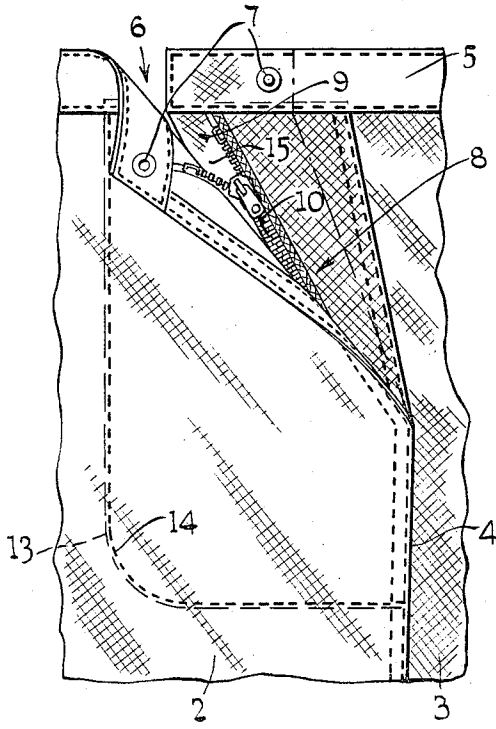

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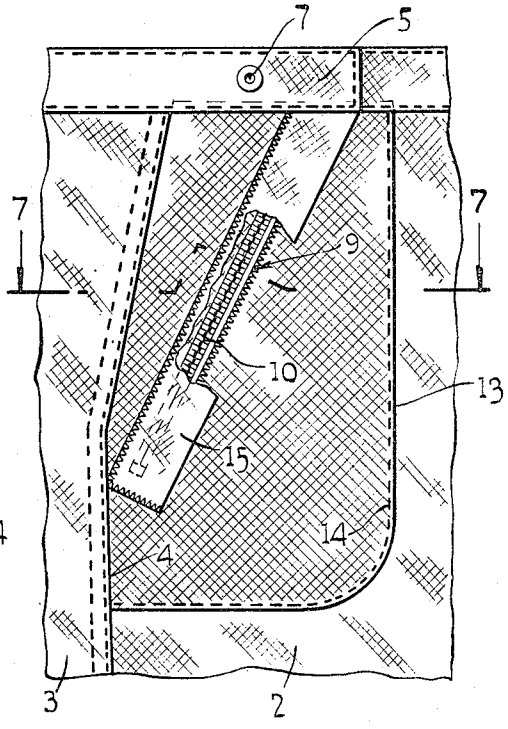

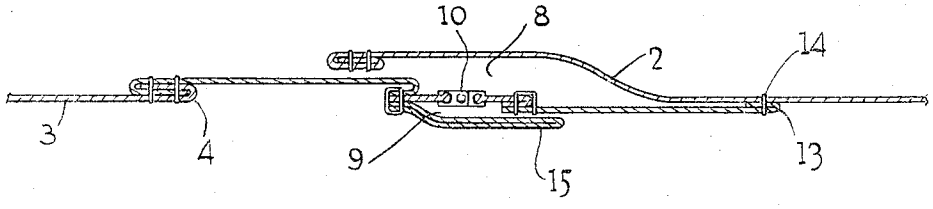

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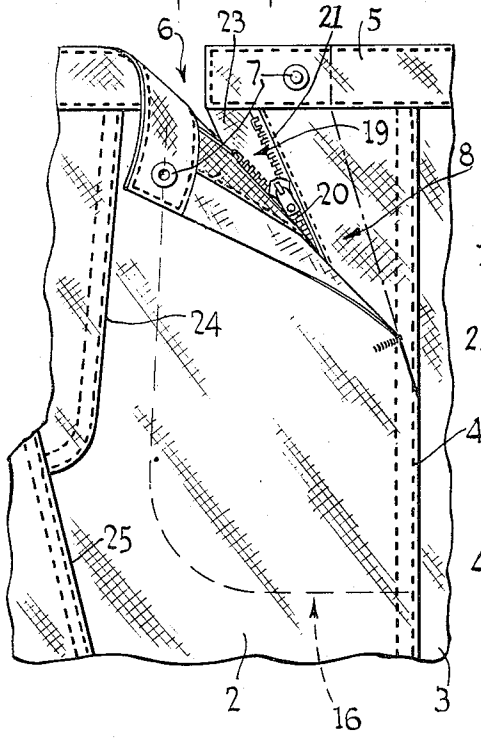

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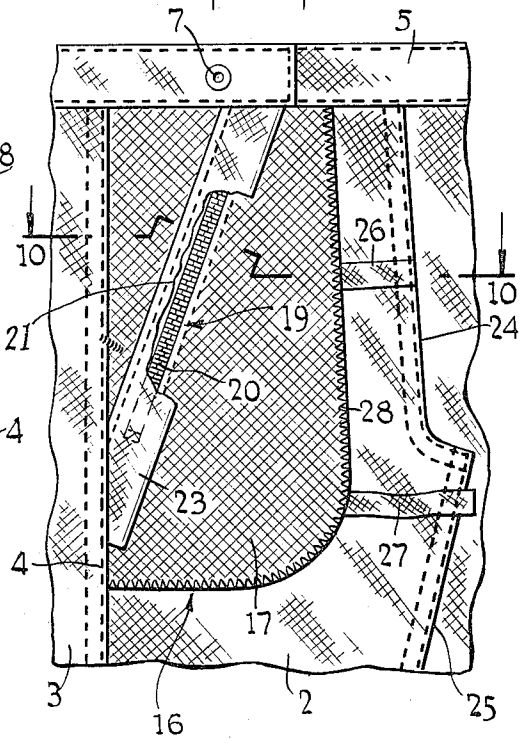

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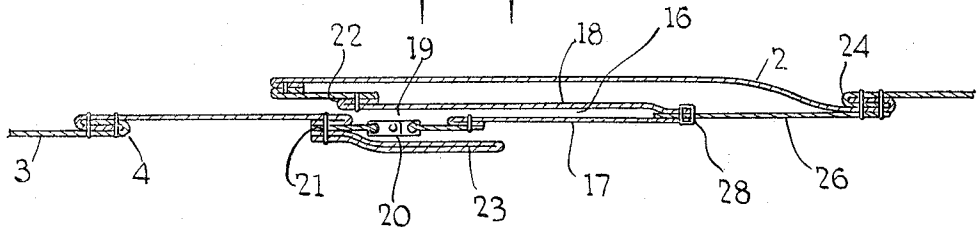

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This invention relates to garments, especially ladies' trousers or slacks and the like, and particularly to an improved concealed placket construction therefor incorporated with one of the side pockets and a pocket assembly.

In such garments, a placket opening is usually provided in one side of the garment, and fastening devices, such as hooks and eyes, snap fasteners, or a slide fastener are usually provided for closing the same. It is desirable that such fastening devices be concealed so as to enhance the appearance of the garment. It is customary to place the fastening device in the placket and allow sufficient material to overlap the fastening device so as to conceal the same.

According to the present invention, the fastening device, preferably a slide fastener, is attached to the edges of a slit arranged in the inner wall of the pocket rearwardly of the front section or panel of the garment thereby concealing the fastener from view.

It has been found that if the fastener is placed in the garment in such a manner without anchoring the front edge of the pocket that the pocket will gap open and the walls of the pocket will tend to be pulled out through the pocket opening when disposed on the wearer which, of course, is very objectional in that it not only presents an untidy appearance, but also exposes the fastener. The present invention prevents such gapping or pulling out of the pocket.

Accordingly, it is the general object of the present invention to provide an improved placket opening for such garments which is not only concealed, but one which presents a tidy appearance at all times.

It is another object of the invention to provide an improved construction for such garments wherein the fastener is concealed in the side pocket, and with the pocket so constructed and arranged that it will not tend to pull out through the opening when the garment is in use.

It is a further object of this invention to provide an improved placket construction for such garments which is inexpensive and simple in its construction, and one which may be easily and quickly incorporated with the garment.

It is still another object of the present invention to provide an improved pocket assembly having a placket opening incorporated therewith which may be prepared and sold as a unit to manufacturers of such garments, and which may be conveniently incorporated therewith at a minimum expense.

Various other objects and advantages of this

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invention will be more apparent in the course of the following specification, and will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, there is shown for the purpose of illustration, an embodiment and several modifications thereof which our invention may assume in practice.

In these drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a pair of slacks with which our invention is incorporated;

Fig. 2 is an interior fragmentary view, partly in section, of one side of the pair of slacks shown in Fig. 1, showing one embodiment of our invention with the placket closed;

Fig. 3 is an exterior fragmentary view, similar to Fig. 2, showing the placket partially open;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is an interior fragmentary view, partly in section, of one side of a pair of slacks, showing a slight modification of the embodiment shown in Fig. 2, with the placket closed;

Fig. 6 is an exterior fragmentary view of the modification shown in Fig. 5, with the placket partially open;

Fig. 7 is an enlarged sectional view taken on line 7—7 of Fig. 5;

Fig. 8 is an interior fragmentary view, partly in section, of another embodiment of our invention, showing the placket closed;

Fig. 9 is an exterior fragmentary view of the embodiment shown in Fig. 8, showing the placket partially open; and

Fig. 10 is an enlarged sectional view taken on line 10—10 of Fig. 8.

For the purposes of illustration, our invention is shown incorporated with a pair of ladies' slacks having front and rear sections 2 and 3, respectively, joined by vertical side seams 4. Both the front and rear sections are attached preferably to a waistband 5 by stitching with the waistband being open at one side, as at 6, for adorning the garment and removing it from the body of the wearer. In the present instance, there is provided a snap fastener 7 for fastening together the two ends of the waistband at the opening 6, but it will be understood that a button and buttonhole may be used or a hook and eye or any other suitable fastening device. There are provided side pockets 8 which open rearwardly, as more clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

In accordance with the present invention, there is associated with the inner wall which is positioned rearwardly of the outer wall of one of the side pockets 8, a placket 9 having a slide

fastener 10 associated therewith for normally closing the same in a well-known manner, so that the placket and fastener will be concealed by the outer wall and front section of the garment. It will be understood that our improved placket is arranged with only one of the side pockets 8, the left as shown in Fig. 1. In the preferred embodiment of our invention, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, the pocket 8 is in the form of a patch pocket with the inner wall 12 thereof consisting of a piece of material suitably attached to and suspended from the front portion of the waistband 5 with the rear edge thereof attached to the front section 2 along the vertical seam 4 adjacent thereto. The front edge 13 of this inner wall 12 is also attached to the front section by a row of stitching 14 so that the inner wall 12 in conjunction with a portion of the front section 2 of the garment forms a pocket. There is provided preferably a flap 15 arranged rearwardly of the placket and fastener 10 so as to protect the body of the wearer from the opening and closing action of the fastener. In this construction, the placket and fastener associated therewith are arranged vertically.

It will be understood that the placket 9 and the fastener 10 associated therewith are positioned in the inner wall 12 rearwardly of the front section or outer wall so as to be concealed thereby. An important aspect of the invention is the construction of the placket pocket, and especially the stitching 14 around the front edge thereof so as to anchor securely that edge whereby displacement is prevented.

In Figs. 6, 7, and 8, there is shown a slight modification of our invention. This construction is substantially the same as our preferred embodiment, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, and differs therefrom only in that the slide fastener 10 is arranged angularly relative to the waistband and front section 2 instead of vertically as in the preferred form. In other words, the placket opening 9 and the fastener 10 associated therewith are disposed substantially parallel to the pocket opening and adjacent thereto, yet concealed by the front section or outer wall of the garment. In such construction, it will be seen that a much deeper pocket is provided thereby tending to eliminate any danger of the contents of the pocket from falling therefrom when the placket and fastener are open.

There is shown in Figs. 8, 9, and 10, another modification of the present invention. In this construction, there is provided a so-called swing type pocket 16 having inner and outer walls 17 and 18, respectively, which are attached to and suspended from the front portion of the waistband 5 with the lower rear edge attached to the front section 2 along the vertical seam 4.

There is arranged in the front section preferably along the rear edge of the pocket, an angularly or diagonally extending placket 19 which is so positioned that it is concealed by an overlapping portion of the front section and the outer wall 18 of the pocket. As before, there is associated with the placket for connecting the same a slide fastener 20 having one side thereof attached to the rear edge of the inner wall 17 of the pocket, with the other side thereof attached to the inner wall of the front section, as at 21. The upper rear edge of the outer wall 18 of the pocket is attached to an inturned portion of the front section, as at 22. As before, there is provided preferably a flap 23 on the inner side of the placket and fastener 10 associated therewith for protecting the wearer from the opening and closing action of the fastener.

The front edge 28 of the pocket, i. e., the front edge of both the inner and outer walls are anchored to the front section 2 at the fly and crotch seams 24 and 25, respectively, thereof preferably by means of a pair of tapes 26 and 27 having one of their ends attached to the front edge of the pocket with the other ends attached along the fly and crotch seams. It will be understood that this front edge of the pocket may also be anchored to the front section 2 by means of stitching, if so desired, in a manner similar to the preferred embodiment, but it would detract from the appearance of the garment in that the stitching would be exposed.

In the manufacture of such a garment, it will be understood that the pocket especially as shown in the last modification as just described may be prepared separately, sold, and stocked for subsequent use. As prepared, such pockets will have a placket opening with a slide fastener associated therewith. Thus, it will be seen that a substantial savings will result in the making of the garment.

As a result of our invention, it will be seen that there is not only provided an improved concealed placket construction but, in addition, a construction which will prevent gapping of the pocket opening when the garment is worn due to the fact that the front edge of the pocket is securely anchored thereby enhancing the appearance of the garment besides the other advantages obtained.

While we have shown and described an embodiment and several modifications thereof which our invention may assume in practice, it will be understood that this embodiment and the modifications are merely for the purpose of illustration and description, and that other forms may be devised within the scope of our invention as defined in the appended claims.

What we claim as our invention is:

1. In a garment of the class described having front and rear sections, a waistband to which said sections are attached and being open at one side of said garment, a pocket suspended from said waist band and opening rearwardly with the rear edge thereof attached to the front section along the joining edges of said front and rear sections, a slit in the inner wall of said pocket opposite the opening in said waistband so as to be concealed by the outer wall of said pocket, a slide fastener attached to the side edges of said slit so as to provide a concealed placket, and means attaching the front edge of said pocket to said front section so that the front edge of the pocket is anchored thereto whereby the walls of said pocket are prevented from being displaced and pulled out through the pocket opening from behind the front section when the garment is in use.

2. In a garment of the class described, the combination as defined in claim 1, wherein the means attaching the front edge of the pocket to the front section so that the front edge of the pocket is anchored thereto consists of a row of stitching through the front edge of said pocket and said front section.

3. In a garment of the class described, the combination as defined in claim 1, wherein the means attaching the front edge of the pocket to the front section so that the front edge of the pocket is anchored thereto consists of at least one strap-like member having one end thereof at-

tached to the edge of the pocket and the other end attached to the front section.

4. In a garment of the class described, the combination as defined in claim 1, wherein the slit in the inner wall of the pocket is arranged angularly relative to the waistband so as to provide a pocket of maximum depth.

5. In a garment of the class described having front and rear sections joined in a vertical side seam, a waistband to which said sections are attached and being open at one side of said garment, a pocket suspended from said waistband and opening rearwardly, said pocket having an inner wall and an outer wall with said inner wall consisting of a piece of material disposed inwardly of the front section and with the outer wall consisting of a portion of the front section, said inner wall having its rear edge connected to the front section along the joining edges of said front and rear sections and having its inner edge attached to said front section by a row of stitching extending substantially from the waistband to the vertical side seam, a slit arranged in said inner wall opposite the opening in said waistband so as to be concealed by the outer wall or front section, and a slide fastener attached to the side edges of said slit so as to provide a concealed placket.

6. In a garment of the class described, the combination as defined in claim 5, wherein the slit in the inner wall of the pocket is arranged angularly relative to the waistband so as to provide a pocket of maximum depth.

7. In a garment of the class described having front and rear sections joined in a vertical side seam, a waistband to which said sections are attached and being open at one side of said garment, a swing pocket suspended from said waistband and opening rearwardly with the lower rear edge thereof attached to the front section along the joining edges of said front and rear sections in the vertical side seam, a slit in the inner wall of said pocket opposite the opening in said waistband so as to be concealed by the outer wall of said pocket and said front section, a slide fastener attached to the side edges of said slit so as to provide a concealed placket, and means attaching the front edge of said pocket to said front section so that the front edge of the pocket is anchored thereto whereby the walls of said pocket are prevented from being displaced and pulled out through the pocket opening from behind the front section when the garment is in use.

8. In a garment of the class described, the combination as defined in claim 7, wherein the means attaching the front edge of the pocket to the front section so that the front edge of the pocket is anchored thereto consists of a row of stitching through the front edge of said pocket and said front section.

9. In a garment of the class described, the combination as defined in claim 7, wherein the means attaching the front edge of the pocket to the front section so that the front edge of the pocket is anchored thereto consists of at least one strap-like member having one end thereof attached to the edge of the pocket and the other end attached to the front section.

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