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FIG. 1

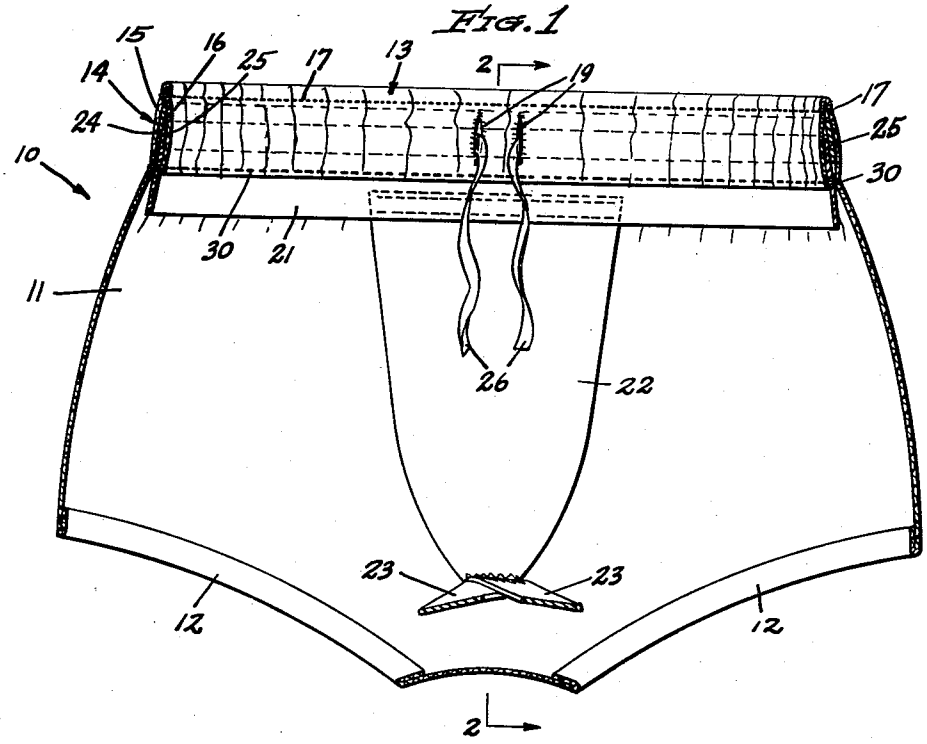


FIG. 2

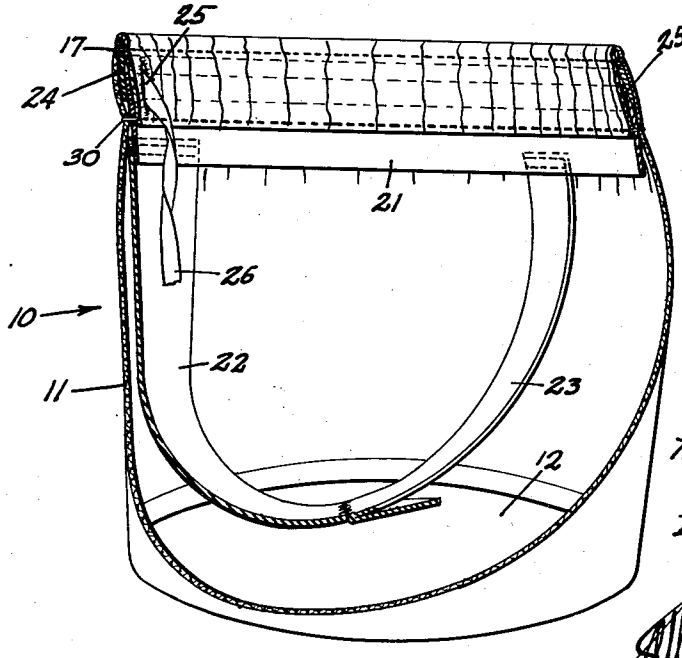
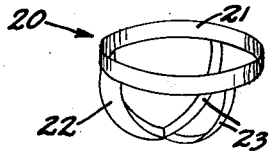


FIG. 3



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This invention relates to athletic apparel and particularly to athletic trunks for men.

It is an object of my invention to provide an inexpensive pair of trunks which may be easily and quickly put on or removed and which yet will resist removal sufficiently to constitute a suitable covering and an elastic support for the wearer while engaging in athletic sports such as track and swimming.

When male swimmers dive while wearing trunks alone, and particularly where they are diving in the surf, there is a very strong action of the water along the abdomen which tends to force water inside the trunks and strip these downwardly over the hips of the diver. It is another object of my invention to provide a pair of swimming trunks which are inexpensive to manufacture and comfortable to wear and which embody means for adequately resisting this action of water incidental to diving.

The manner of accomplishing the foregoing objects as well as further objects and advantages of my invention will be made manifest in the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a transverse vertical sectional view through a combined pair of trunks and supporter comprising a preferred embodiment of my invention.

Fig. 2 is a fore and aft vertical sectional view taken on the plane 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a diagrammatic perspective view of a preferred form of an elastic belt and support means utilized in my invention.

I shall now refer specifically to the drawing, in which the preferred form of my invention therein illustrated is indicated by the numeral 10. This comprises a pair of athletic trunks 11 having leg openings 12 and a waist opening 13. The trunks 11 have waist material 14 surrounding the waist opening 13, the upper portion of this being folded inwardly and downwardly inside said opening to divide this waist material into outer waist material 15 and inner waist material 16. Stitching 17 is preferably applied to the uppermost bight of the waist material 14 to form a relatively short hem 18 extending entirely around the waist opening 13. The inner waist material 16 is supplied with a pair of button holes 19 for a purpose to be noted hereinafter.

Garment 10 also includes an elastic supporter 20, as shown in Fig. 3, which includes an elastic belt 21, a front pocket member 22, which is sewed to the lower edge of the belt 21 at the front thereof and a pair of elastic straps 23 which are attached to the lower end of the pocket means 22 and extend upwardly to attach at spaced points to the lower edge of the elastic belt 21 at the rear thereof. The garment 10 also preferably includes an auxiliary elastic belt 24 and a draw string 25. In assembling the garment 10 the draw string is slipped up into the space between waist material portions 15 and 16 of the trunks 11 and the ends 26 of this draw string are pulled inwardly through the buttonholes 19. The auxiliary elastic belt 24 is then slipped upwardly between the waist material portions 15 and 16. The elastic belt 21 of the supporter 20 is now slipped upwardly into place between the auxiliary elastic belt 24 and the draw string 25. With the various elements of the garment 10 thus positioned the elastic belts 21 and 24 are stretched until the waist material portions 15 and 16 of the trunks 11 are taut. The garment is now run through a sewing machine to apply stitchings 30, which extend entirely about the waist opening 13 and sew together the lower edge of the inner waist material 16, the elastic belt 21 and the lower portion of the outer waist material 15 of the trunks 11. After the stitching 30 has been applied and the garment released from tension the constriction of the elastic belts 21 and 24 causes a gathering of the waist material 14 of the trunks 11 so that this waist material, though itself inelastic, affords no hindrance to the stretching of the elastic belts 21 and 24 in the wearer putting on or removing the garment 10.

While the garment 10 may be used for all manner of athletic pursuits, it is especially useful in swimming with trunks where the trunks must be held on so as to resist the action of the water which tends to strip the trunks from the wearer when diving. Means for preventing this is afforded by the auxiliary elastic belt 24, the force of which is localized adjacent the extreme upper edge of the trunks 11. Additional facilities for preventing accidental removal of the garment 10 is provided therein in the drawstring 25 which may be pulled taut and the ends 26 thereof tied by the wearer after the garment has been put on so as to provide an unyielding member about the waist of the garment preventing its removal.

While I have shown and described a single preferred embodiment of my invention it is to be understood that various changes and alterations may be made in this without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A combined pair of athletic trunks and suspensory bandage which consists in: a pair of trunks comprising an outer garment; a relatively wide elastic belt disposed within the waist portion of said trunks; an elastic suspensory bandage depending from said belt within said trunks; a relatively narrow auxiliary elastic belt for shaping inwardly the upper edge of said trunks against the body, the material of said trunks being folded inwardly at said upper edge and downwardly opposite the upper portion of said relatively wide elastic belt; and stitching means for securing the lower edge of said inwardly turned material to said relatively wide elastic belt a substantial distance above the lower edge of the latter and to the outside material of said trunks to form a casing, said relatively narrow auxiliary elastic belt being enclosed in said casing so as to be definitely and permanently located opposite the upper edge of said wide elastic belt, and overlapping the latter, to cooperate with said wide elastic belt in shaping said garment to the hips of the wearer with an increased inward tension directly at the upper edge of said trunks.

2. A combined pair of athletic trunks and suspensory bandage which consists in: a pair of trunks comprising an outer garment; an elastic suspensory belt disposed within the waist portion of said trunks; an elastic suspensory bandage depending from said belt within said trunks; an auxiliary elastic belt for shaping inwardly the upper edge of said trunks against the body, the material of said trunks being folded inwardly at said upper edge and downwardly opposite inner surfaces of said elastic belts; and stitching means below the lower edge of the auxiliary elastic belt and above the lower edge of the suspensory belt for securing together said inwardly folded material and the outer material of said trunks to mount said suspensory belt within said trunks in a position spaced downwardly from the upper edge of said trunks, and to encase said auxiliary elastic belt in said trunks substantially closer to the upper edge of said trunks than said suspensory belt is mounted.

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