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IMPROVEMENT IN PANTALOONS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM O. LINTHICUM, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Waistbands of Pantaloons, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to render pantaloons more elastic, and the fastening more durable, than they have hitherto been; and it consists in an adjustable elastic strap attached to the waistband or top of the pantaloons behind, and in a plate fastening in front, the construction and arrangement being as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents the front of the pantaloons, showing the plate fastening on the waistband or top. Fig. 2 is a rear view, showing the elastic strap on the back of the pants or waistband.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The plate fastening consists of two parts, *a* and *b*, attached near the ends of the waistband or top of the pantaloons in any secure and durable manner. The plate *a* is provided with two, more or less, button-head rivets, *c*, rigidly attached. The plate *b* has holes *d*, to correspond in number, size, and position with the button-rivets *c*. From these holes *d* slots *e* are made. The holes receive the heads and the slots receive the necks of the buttons *c* when the pants are fastened together. This makes a convenient, durable, and perfectly se-

cure fastening. *f* represents the elastic strap. This strap is made of rubber webbing, similar to suspenders, the ends of which are attached to the waistband *g*, or top of the pants, at or near the hips. This strap is made adjustable as to length by means of a buckle, or by any of the means usually employed for that purpose. By attaching this band near the hips, the surplus cloth is uniformly folded or plaited on the back. The strap may be permanently attached when applied to woolen goods, or it may be made removable by means of buttons, or otherwise, when applied to pants which require washing. By means of this elastic strap the pants are made self-adjusting to the waist or abdomen, and are rendered easy and comfortable to the wearer.

This elastic strap may be applied to waistcoats or vests with equal advantage, allowing the garment to adjust itself to the form, thereby maintaining a uniform fit, and preventing undue strain on the buttons.

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

The plate fastening *a b* and elastic strap *f*, combined and arranged with pantaloons, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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