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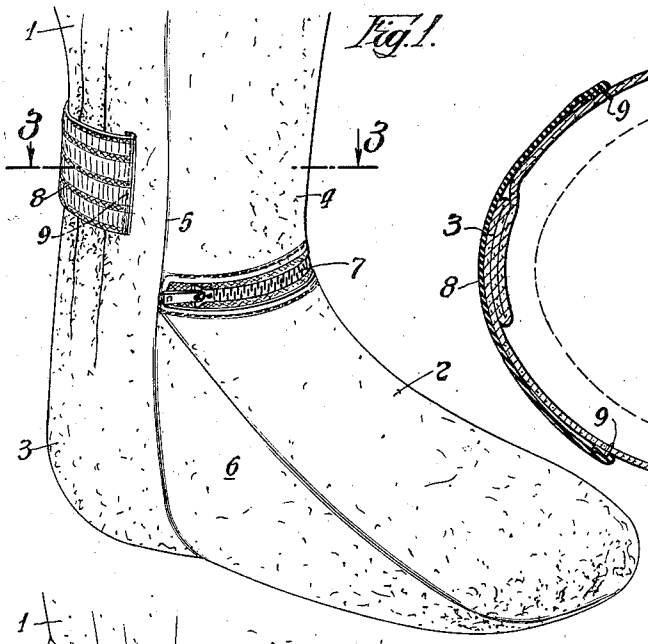


Fig. 1.

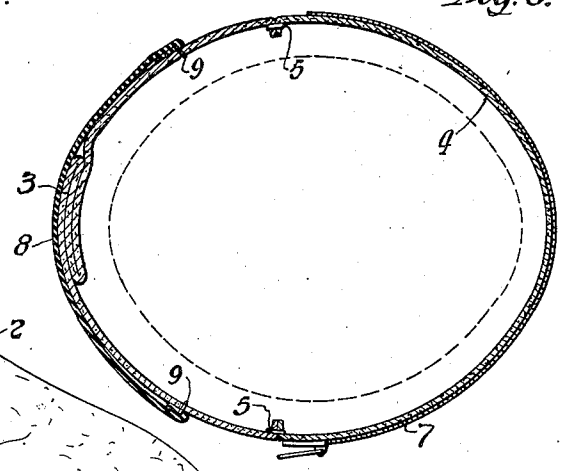


Fig. 3.

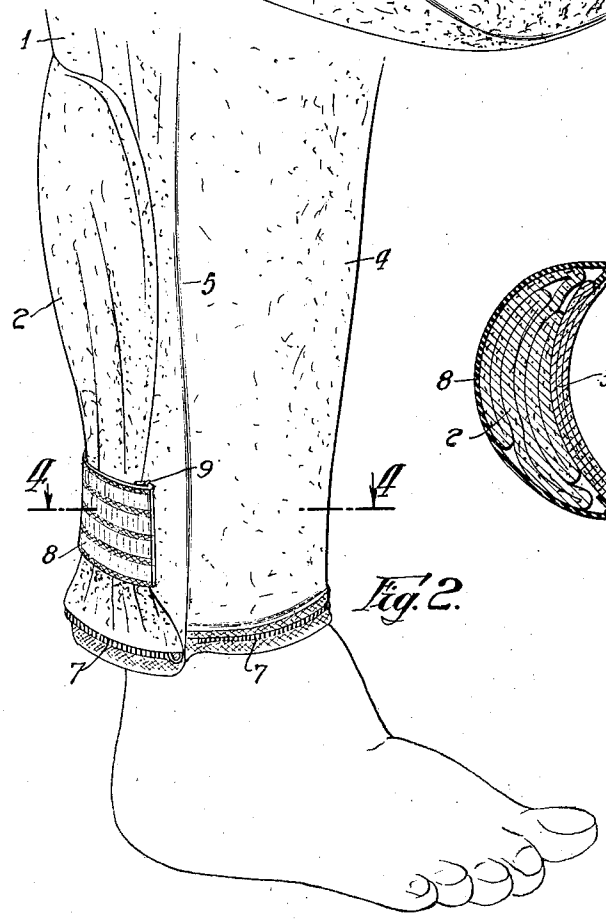


Fig. 2.

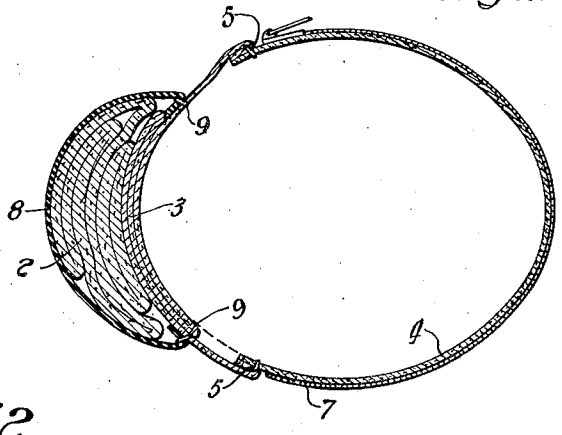


Fig. 4.

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This invention has for its main object to provide a sleeping garment of the type generally known as "pajamas", which is equipped with foot receiving portions capable of being disposed in position to constitute continuations of the legs of the garment to provide jointly with the latter continuous and completely closed lower limb receptacles, or in position to permit the whole feet from the ankles to project from the legs of the garment with the foot receiving portion disposed in upwardly folded position behind the lower portions of the legs immediately above the ankle.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment of the aforesaid type with yielding means for holding the foot receiving or "shoe" portions of the garment in their upwardly folded positions firmly and to utilize the bulk of said shoe portions to cause the ankle embracing portions of the garment legs to hug the ankles closely and comfortably.

Other objects of the invention are pointed out or will be readily understood from the following description.

A suitable embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the ankle and foot embracing portion of the leg of a garment constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing the foot receiving or shoe portion of the garment folded back and upwardly behind the lower end portion of the garment leg.

Figs. 3 and 4 are plan sectional views taken respectively on the lines 3—3 of Fig. 1 and 4—4 of Fig. 2.

The legs of the garment exemplified by the leg portion 1 are equipped each with a foot receiving or shoe portion 2. Preferably, the heel portion 3 of the latter constitutes an integral part of the rear leg portion, the latter being connected with the front leg portion 4 by means of stitch chains 5. The shoe portion 2 may be made of a plurality of pieces of fabric but preferably the top wall thereof is initially an integral part of the front leg portion 4 while the sole and side walls of the shoe portion is composed of a piece 6 of fabric.

A transverse slit closed by means of the slide-fastener 7 is disposed substantially in line with the ankle and separates the top wall of the foot portion from the front leg portion 4 and extends in a substantially horizontal plane from one of the stitch chains 5 to the other thereof through an arc of more than 180 degrees.

The slide fastener 7 may be equally as long as the slit and constitutes a closure for the same, but preferably said slide fastener is of slightly less length than said slit in order that the shoe portion may be readily folded back upon a line intersecting the permanently closed end of the slide fastener 7 and the opposite end of said slit.

Stitched at its ends to the rear wall 3 above and spaced upwardly from and opposite to the slide fastener 7 is a band 8 of suitable elastic material. The stitch chains 9 which secure said ends of the band 8 to the wall 3 are spaced appreciably from the stitch chains 5.

The area bordered by the rear and front walls 3 and 4 of the leg portion in horizontal alignment with the band 8 is preferably only slightly greater than is required to effect a snug fit of this portion about the ankle portion of the leg of the wearer, indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3, the band 8 being of the same length between the stitch chains 9 as the distance along the rear wall 3 separating said stitch chains. Thus the length of the band 8 is appreciably less than the width of the shoe portion so that when the latter is folded back as shown in Fig. 2 it must be gathered or bunched in order to be received between said band 8 and the opposed portion of the wall 3.

This gathering or bunching of the shoe portion when projecting through the aperture defined by the band 8 effects a bulking of said shoe portion and causes the portion of leg in horizontal alignment with the band 8 to embrace the wearer's ankle snugly but without discomfort, but places the band 8 under very slight tension which suffices to maintain the shoe portion in the position shown in Fig. 2, the latter being thus maintained clear of the floor when the wearer walks with bare feet or with slippers.

Obviously, when the shoe portion is in the position of Fig. 2 with the slit closed, the foot and ankle are fully protected against the admission of air for the reason that the excess length of the slit over that of the slide fastener is so slight as to be self-closing.

Also obviously, the feet of the wearer of the garment will usually be encased in the foot portions in cold weather, whereas in warmer weather the foot portions will be folded back to the position shown in Figs. 2 and 4.

I claim as my invention:

In a garment of the type specified, a leg and foot receiving member of normal cross-sectional dimension along its ankle embracing portion to permit easy passage of the foot therethrough, a strap of elastic fabric secured at its ends to side wall portions of the said ankle embracing portion and of less length than the distance normally

separating said points of attachment when said ankle embracing portion is completely expanded maintaining the rear wall portion of the latter normally gathered to cause said ankle embracing portion to embrace the ankle of the wearer snugly, there being a transverse slot in the front wall portion of the garment at the upper end of the foot receiving portion thereof through which the foot of the wearer is adapted to be projected and a manually operable closure for said slot, said foot portion adapted, when said slot is open and the foot projected therethrough, to be folded back and upwardly along a line in the back wall portion aligned substantially with said slot and inserted between said strap and said gathered wall portion embraced thereby.

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