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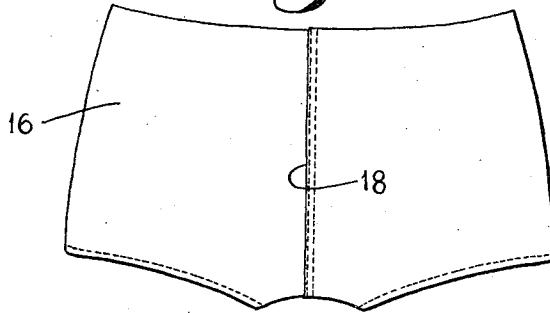


Fig. 1

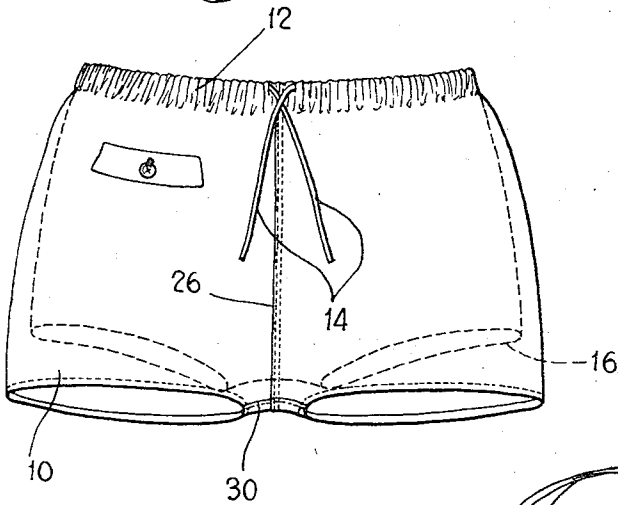


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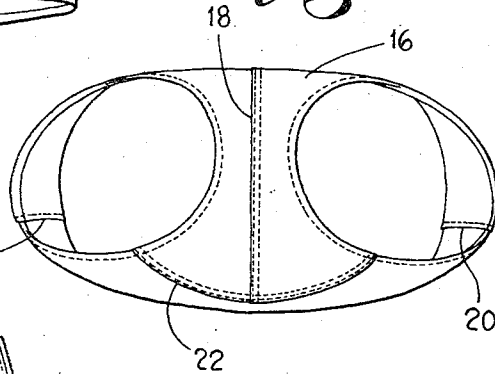
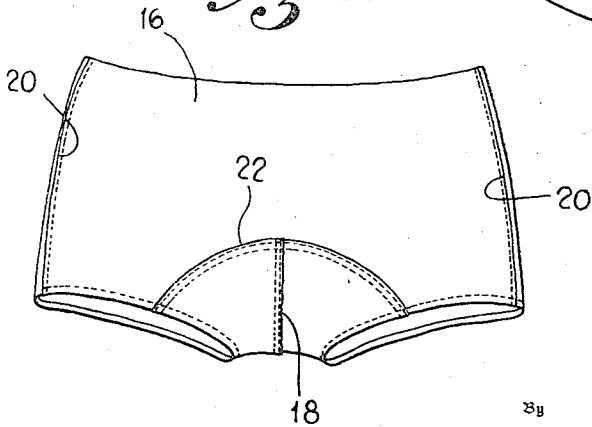


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to improvements in men's trunks, and has for one of its principal objects the provision of a garment of the class described which is particularly adaptable for use on the beach and for swimming. The garment, however, can be worn for other and related sports with good effect.

One of the principal objects of the invention is to provide a pair of men's trunks into which a supporting lining is incorporated, the lining extending throughout the trunks and thereby producing a close, form-fitting garment next to the skin, with an outer garment having more artistic lines, while at the same time producing a suitable effect for beach wear.

Another important object of the invention is to provide in a pair of trunks for men an inner lining which, on account of its peculiar cut and construction, produces a pouch effect which heretofore has been obtainable only through a separate construction. In the garment of this invention, the inner lining and pouch comprise a single element by virtue of the distinctive arrangement of the associated parts.

A still further important object of the invention is to provide a pair of men's trunks in which both the lining and outer garment can be made of any material suitable for the purpose, and wherein the lining itself can be composed of any cloth which has elasticity either in one or both directions of stretch.

Other and further important objects of the invention will be apparent from the disclosures in the accompanying drawings and following specification.

The invention, in a preferred form, is shown in the drawings and hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front view of the improved men's trunks of this invention, showing the inner lining in dash lines.

Figure 2 is an elevation of the inner lining, the outer garment being removed, and showing the same as viewed from the front of the garment.

Figure 3 is a rear view of the inner lining.

Figure 4 is a bottom view of the lining, looking at the same from the inside and through the top opening of the trunks, and illustrating particularly the manner in which the supporting pouch effect is produced.

As shown in the drawings:

The reference numeral 10 indicates generally the outer portion of the improved men's trunks of this invention, the same being of conventional

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form and having a belt 12 which is gathered into a shirred effect by means of an elastic element inserted into the hem of the belt 12. A draw string 14 is also inserted into the hem of the belt 12, and this can be fastened into a suitable knot after the garment is put on.

The inner lining, as shown by the dash lines 16 in Figure 1 and the full lines in Figures 2 and 3 and 4, extends throughout practically the entirety of the trunks themselves, with the exception, however, that the leg portions are somewhat shorter. This inner lining is fastened to the trunks at the belt line and is composed of some suitable elastic material such as balbriggan, Lastex or any similar one or two-way stretch material.

It will be evident from the drawings that the inner lining is composed of two rear portions joined by a medial seam 18, and a single front portion or panel which is connected to the rear portion by lines of stitching 20 down the sides. This front portion is cut away in an arcuate curve, as shown at 22, and to the middle portion of this curve is connected the seam 18 which joins the two back portions at the medial line of the rear of the trunk lining. This particular cutting of the patterns of the two rear portions and the single front portion and the joining of the same along the arcuate curve 22 and the connecting straight line 18 produces a desired supporting and pouch effect in the lining itself, thereby eliminating the necessity of an additional supporter or similar arrangement, which has heretofore been considered a necessary adjunct in men's trunks of this type.

The outer garment is composed of two front portions joined together by a central seam 26, and an overlap is indicated in Figure 1, and the rear portion is similarly constructed, the two front and rear portions being then joined at the sides by vertical seams, as is common in this construction. A cross seam 30 at the bottom completes the crotch.

It will be seen that herein is provided a pair of men's trunks which, on account of the built-in supporting lining which extends throughout, produces a combination form-fitting garment and supporting pouch in a single element composed of three associated parts. A separate construction for a supporter is eliminated and the lining can be composed of any material which has elasticity.

I am aware that many changes may be made and numerous details of construction varied throughout a wide range without departing from

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the principles of this invention, and I, therefore, do not propose limiting the patent granted hereon otherwise than as necessitated by the prior art.

I claim as my invention:

A pair of men's trunks comprising a main body 5 portion having front and rear parts, said parts joined together by stitching, an inner lining for the trunks, said inner lining comprising two rear parts and a front part, the front part comprising a panel co-extensive with the front part of the trunks but with a substantially semi-circular cut-away portion adjacent the lower middle thereof and the two rear parts being substantially alike and each comprising a half panel with an exten-

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sion in the form of a quadrant, said parts joined by longitudinal stitching.

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