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FIG. 1.

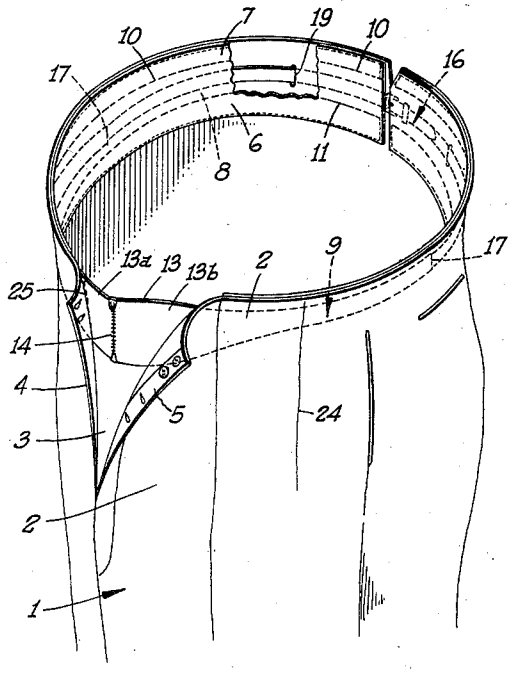


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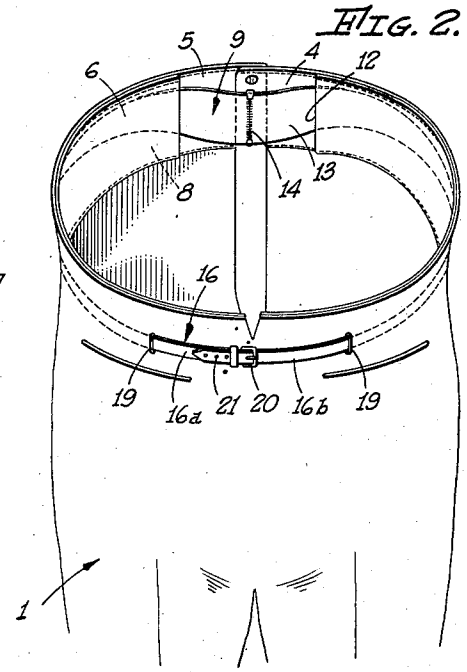


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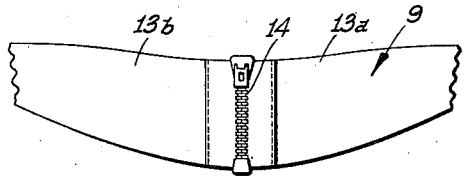


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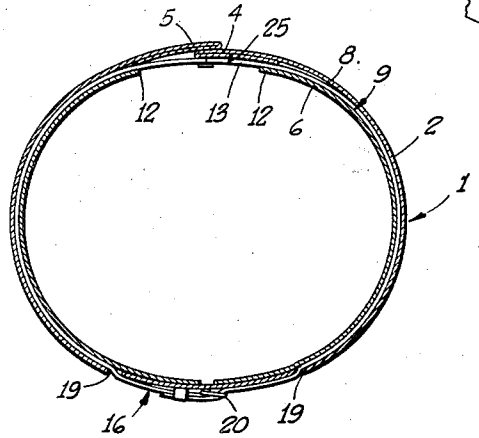
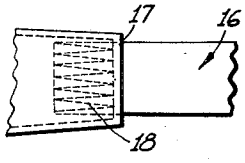


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This invention relates to the construction of belted garments that are supported at the waist line, such as trousers, slacks, etc., and particularly to trousers. This application is a continuation, in part, of my copending application, Serial No. 164,355, filed September 17, 1937, for Trouser support.

A design of trousers has come into vogue in which the trousers are worn without the usual leather belt and belt loops appearing on the outer side of the waist band. In addition to this, a style has come into vogue in which the trousers are pleated just below the waist band so as to give a fullness of material at the front.

While the present invention is useful in the construction of trousers not having the design referred to above, the invention is particularly useful in trousers of that design.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide trousers with a supporting belt which will not be in evidence when the trousers are worn, but which will effectively support the trousers without subjecting the same to circumferential tension, thereby enabling the trousers to fit the wearer's figure, but without giving a tight or drawn effect at the front.

One of the objections to an ordinary leather belt is that unless the belt is of considerable width, when the belt is worn tight on a person who is stout, there is an unsightly bulge under the belt completely across the front of the trousers. Wide leather belts, however, necessitate relatively long belt loops, and this type of belt interferes somewhat with the usefulness of the pleats referred to as being in vogue at the present time and which must be located below the lower edge of the belt.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a belt construction which is located so that although it can be worn relatively tight, it will not produce a tight or drawn effect in the trousers at the front, and also to provide such belt with means for supporting and/or confining the abdomen of the wearer without producing any bulging effect in the outline of the trousers at the front.

Further objects of the invention will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel parts and combination of parts to be described hereinafter, all of which contribute to produce an efficient belted garment. (Trouser support.)

A preferred embodiment of the invention is described in the following specification, while the broad scope of the invention is pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective of trousers embodying my invention, the lower portion of the trousers being broken away and portions of the lining broken away to disclose an arrangement of the belt. The opening at the front of the trousers is shown partially open so as to disclose the manner in which the belt is arranged at the front;

Fig. 2 is a view somewhat similar to Fig. 1 but representing the trousers as viewed from the rear and with the belt and trousers completely closed;

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken through the closed trousers, as shown in Fig. 2, and particularly illustrating the manner in which the belt and trousers cooperate;

Fig. 4 is an elevation of the front of the belt in a closed condition and broken away at the sides; and

Fig. 5 is a detailed side elevation particularly illustrating the connection between the relatively wide band or bandeau used at the front of the trousers and a relatively narrow band or strap preferably employed toward the rear.

Before proceeding to a more detailed description of the invention, it should be stated that I am aware that trousers carrying a belt worked into the trousers have been suggested heretofore.

In one such suggested construction one end of the belt terminates at one of the flies of the trousers at the front and the other end of the belt terminates at the other fly, the belt being provided at the rear with means for tightening it. With such a construction, the tightening of the belt places the trousers at the front in considerable tension.

In another construction suggested, the belt is worked into the trousers so that the free ends of the belt extend out through slits at the front of the trousers. When this belt is tightened on a stout person, it will, of course, develop the objection referred to above, tending to produce bulging under the lower edge of the belt.

In another construction of trousers that has been suggested, the belt is worked into the trousers at the waist band, but the belt when tightened subjects a portion of the trousers at the waist band to the same tension that exists in the belt. This is highly objectionable.

In accordance with my invention, the belt is worked into the trousers in such a way that it extends across the front of the trousers back of the fly opening. Furthermore, at this point of

the belt, it is preferably constructed of fabric which is very thin though capable of sustaining a requisite tension for supporting the trousers.

Furthermore, at this point, this belt or bandeau is relatively wide, thereby rendering the presence of a stout paunch less conspicuous and giving support to the abdomen.

The belt is preferably constructed with disconnectable means at the front and this fastening means may be of any desired type, for example, buttons or "zipper". This facilitates putting on the trousers.

For illustration the invention will now be described in detail as applied in the construction of trousers. Referring more particularly to the parts, 1 indicates trousers having a waist portion 2 and having a fly opening 3 which may be located at the front, and having a right inside fly 4 and a left outside fly 5. The waist portion 2 is provided with a lining 6 that extends around the interior of the waist portion and which is unattached to the trousers at its medial bone 7 so as to form a channel or guide sleeve 8 in which the belt 9 is received. If desired, the sleeve portion 8 can be limited by horizontal stitches 10 and 11 extending along the lining (see Fig. 1).

Referring particularly to Fig. 3, the lining is formed with an opening 12 located near the front opening 3 of the trousers so as to provide a front portion 13 for the belt that is accessible from the inner side. At this point where the belt extends across the front, back of the fly, it is preferably of considerable width (see Fig. 1).

It is preferable to provide a disconnectable fastening at the front so that the front portion 13 of the belt comprises two flaps 13*a* and 13*b* which may be connected together. This may be accomplished by using buttons or other fastening means, if desired, but for this purpose I prefer to employ a disconnectable "zipper" connection 14. This wider portion or body of the belt preferably extends around to a point on each side and is preferably constructed of stout fabric such as is employed in forming linings; that is to say, it is a thin fabric capable of supporting considerable tension. This enables the belt to be constructed so that its thickness is negligible, and it has no effect in bulging the trousers out at the front as might occur if it had any considerable thickness.

It is preferable to construct the belt so that it can be adjusted as to its length at some point on the circumference of the waist. For this purpose and in order to preserve the feature of thinness of the belt at the front portion 13, I prefer to use a tightening "strap" 16 at the rear. This strap can be made of leather, but is preferably made of several thicknesses of the same material as the trousers.

This strap 16 is connected at each side to the rear ends of the relatively wide front portion of the belt at two joints 17, one of these joints being shown in detail in Fig. 5. In forming it, the ends of the strap 16 are put in place between one or more layers of material forming the front band or bandeau of the belt and connected to the same by a series of stitches 18.

In the present instance the rear portion of the strap 16 is exposed at the rear of the trousers where it passes outwardly through openings or slits 19 formed in the trouser material. The exposed strap 16 at this point comprises, of course, two sections 16*a* and 16*b*, one of which may be provided with adjusting means, for example, a buckle 20, the other being provided with eyelets or eyes 21 to cooperate with the tongue of the buckle.

The trousers illustrated are shown with pleats 24 at each side of the front. These pleats are of the common form employed to give increased fullness just below the waistline.

Although it is not essential that the belts be attached to the trousers at any point, nevertheless it is practical and preferable to attach them to the trousers at one point in the circumference of the belt. For this reason, I prefer to connect the belt by stitches 25 to the trousers or lining. These stitches are preferably located on the inside at about the point indicated in Fig. 3.

It will be evident that when these trousers are worn, the waist portion of the trousers will be devoid of any tension in a circumferential direction. The belt is concealed at the front and tends to reduce any bulging effect at the front, thereby leaving the trousers hanging naturally and freely. Furthermore, the tension of the belt can be readily adjusted at the adjusting means such as the buckle 20 in the rear.

It is understood that the embodiment of the invention described herein is only one of the many embodiments this invention may take, and I do not wish to be limited in the practice of the invention, nor in the claims, to the particular embodiment set forth.

What I claim is:

1. Trousers having a waist portion with an inner lining and having a fly opening extending down the front, and a belt encircling the waist of the wearer lying between the material of the trouser and portions of the lining at the sides of the trousers and extending across the front of the trousers in back of the lining at said front opening, said belt and the waist of said trousers cooperating to support the trousers in a condition devoid of circumferential tension at said waist portion, said belt comprising a narrow rear portion and a relatively wide portion at the front, said wide portion having a disconnectible fastening located substantially centrally of said wide portion in rear of the fly opening, and means operably associated with said narrow portion for adjusting the length of the belt.

2. Trousers having a waist portion with an inner lining and having a fly opening extending down through the waist portion, and a belt encircling the waist of the wearer lying between the material of the trousers and the lining at portions of the circumference of the waist portion and extending across the front of the trousers in back of said fly opening, said belt and the waist of said trousers cooperating to support the trousers in a condition devoid of circumferential tension at said waist portion, said belt comprising a relatively wide portion at the front and having a disconnectible fastening located substantially centrally of said wide portion in rear of the fly opening, said trousers having openings in the trouser material at another point, said belt being passed through said openings for exposing a portion of the belt, and means for adjusting the length of the belt operably associated with said exposed portion.

3. Trousers having a waist portion with an inner lining and having a fly opening extending down the front, and a belt encircling the waist of the wearer, said belt including a relatively wide fabric band at the front side and a relatively narrow strap portion at the rear, said belt lying between the material of the trousers and por-

tions of the lining of the trousers along both side hip portions thereof and extending across the front of the trousers back of the trouser material at said fly opening, said band having a disconnectible connection substantially centrally thereof and in rear of the fly opening, said band being fixedly attached at a single location on its circumference to the trouser material adjacent the front of the waist portion, and means operably associated with said narrow portion for adjusting the length of the belt.

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