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Fig. 1

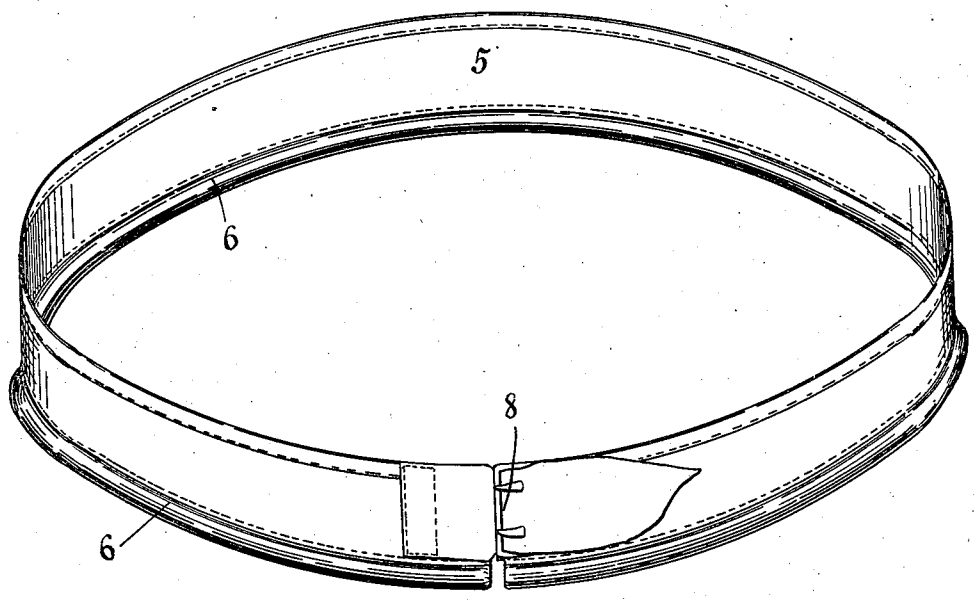
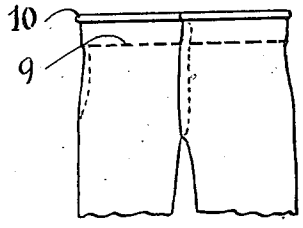


Fig. 4



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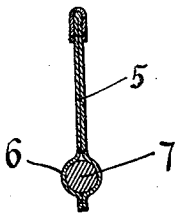

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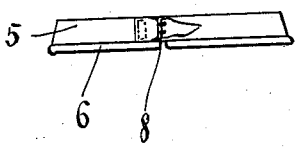

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARLAN P. COLE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Means for Supporting Wearing-Apparel, of which the following is a specification reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to improved means for suspending the trousers and under-drawers and consists in the use of a belt or band preferably made of a material having a roughish exterior surface and provided with a laterally extending friction ridge. In combination it is also sometimes preferable to fasten upon the inside of the upper part of the trousers or under-drawers a band of material having a roughish exterior surface and provided with a laterally extending friction ridge.

Referring to the accompanying drawings Figure 1 is a perspective view of a belt illustrating my invention. Fig. 2 is a cross section of the same. Fig. 3 a front elevation of the belt, and Fig. 4 a section of the upper part of a pair of trousers showing the application of the friction band with the laterally projecting ledge.

5 is the band of the belt, 6 a circumferential pleat in the lower extremity of the belt containing a cord 7 or other suitable material adapted to provide a ledge or ridge. The band 5 is preferably wider at the base than at the top so that the belt when fastened to the body by the buckle 8 fits snugly thereto.

Referring now to Fig. 4 the waist band 9 is preferably sewn to the inside of the trouser or other garment as shown and is provided at the top with a laterally projecting ridge or ledge 10 so that after the belt shown in Fig. 1 has been placed in position, say over the shirt, the drawers or trousers are then fastened over the belt in such a manner that the ridge 10 of the garment rests upon the ridge 6 of the belt and retains the garment in place. The diameter of the band fastened to the garment is preferably smaller around the ridge than around the lower edge of the band which is just the opposite effect produced in the belt adapted to pass around the body.

Of course it will be understood that a band of uniform diameter may be used and gussets may be made in the sides to shorten the diameter and produce the desired effect. It is also obvious that the belts or bands may be made of any suitable material but it is preferable to provide a roughish exterior surface to insure a good hold.

Various modifications may be made within the scope of the claim without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

In a belt, a body portion gradually increasing in diameter downwardly in combination with a circumferentially outwardly extending projection at its diametrically increased part.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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