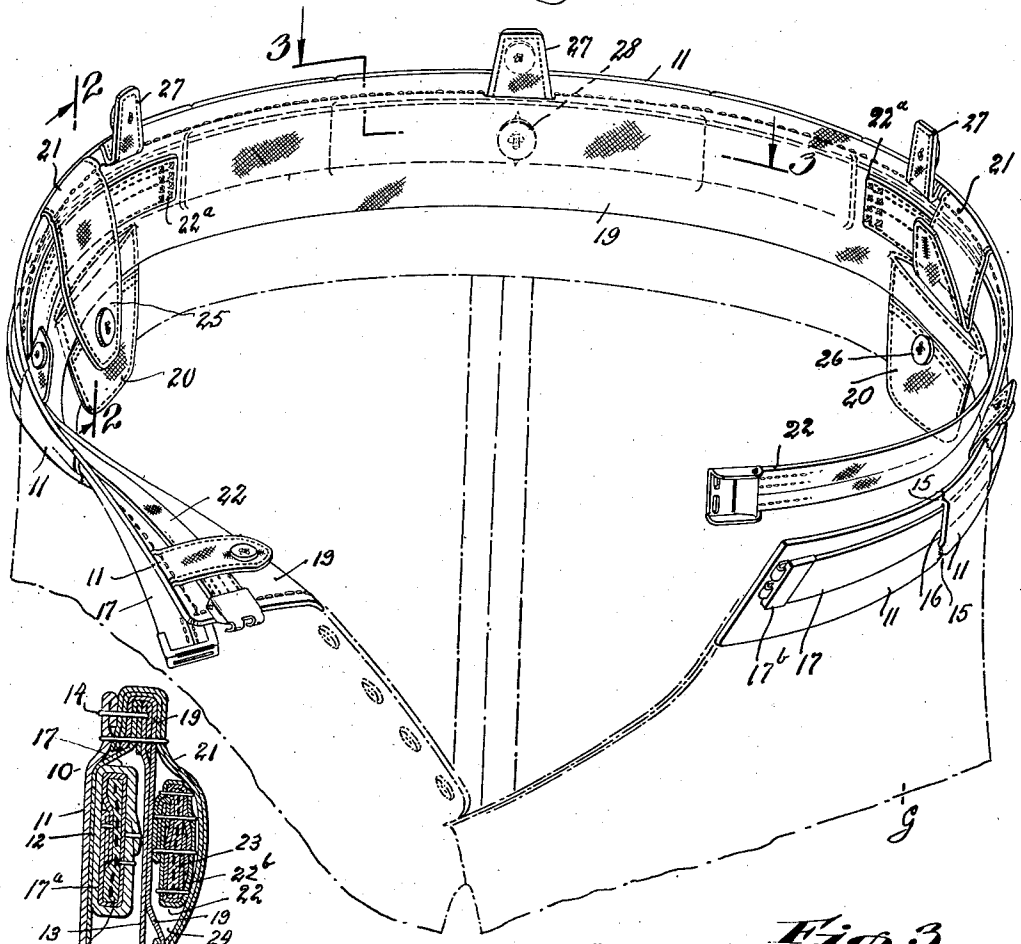
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Fig. 1.



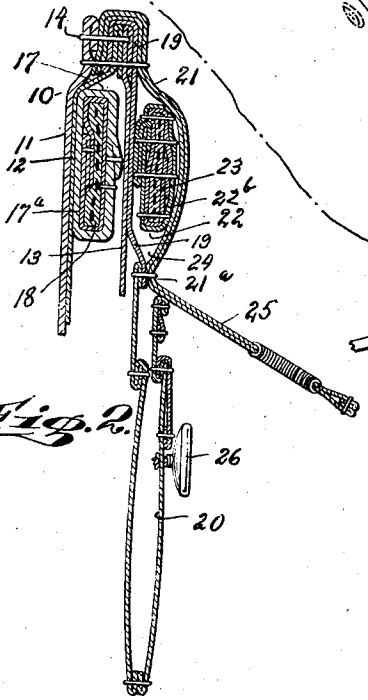
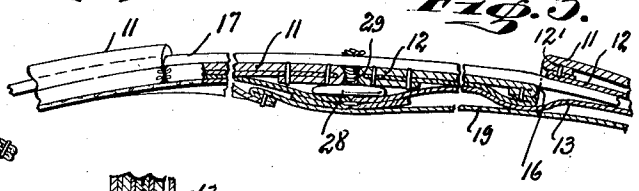


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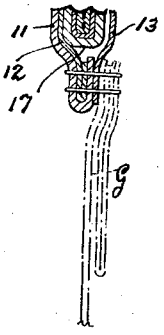


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This invention relates to a waistband for garments such as trousers, as an article of manufacture.

It is well-known that garments especially for summer wear as well as for sports are generally not made to order but sold ready made, and are, therefore, of conventional style. If a customer fancies a garment with a waistband of a particular style or color, such garment has to be made specially for him or her and becomes expensive.

It is, therefore, one object of my invention to provide waistbands of various styles designed to be kept in stock and ready for attachment to garments in lieu of their ordinary waistband, so that when a customer desires a garment with such special band, he can select one from the stock on hand and have it attached to the garment in exchange for the ordinary waistband.

Another object of this invention is to provide a waistband having concealed supporting or tightening means capable when the band is attached to the garment of effectively supporting or tightening the garment around the hips or waistline of the wearer.

A still further object is to provide such band with secret pockets and with means for concealing and locking the same.

With these and other objects in view my invention consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and shown in the accompanying drawing which constitutes part of this specification and in which similar reference characters denote corresponding parts.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the novel waistband;

Fig. 2 is a cross section on line 2—2 of Figure 1 of the waistband shown unattached to the garment;

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section on line 3—3 of Figure 1; and

Fig. 4 is a cross section of the lower part of the waistband shown attached to the garment.

Referring to the drawing more in detail the waistband 10 is made up of a plurality of longitudinal sections each consisting of an outer piece of fabric 11, an inner lining 12 and an outer lining 13. The outer fabric and inner lining of each section are stitched together as at 12' along their edges and the several sections are stitched together along their longitudinal edges as at 14 and transversely along an upper and lower portion of the end edges thereof as at 15, leaving the intermediate portions 16 of adjacent sections unattached to form openings. A belt 17 is adapted to be borne by said waistband and extend through said openings 16 alternately in front and back of the outer fabric. This belt which may be of the same material as the outer fabric or of any other flexible material, is folded upon itself longitudinally to form a tubular casing 17*a* through which extends an elastic band 18. The natural elasticity of the outer fabric of said belt aided by the elastic strip 18 will be resilient enough to comfortably fit around the body of the wearer and effectively support the garment. The ends of this belt may be provided with conventional fastening means such as buckle 17*b* or the like. The outer lining 13 serves as inner curtain and is adapted to cover the inner faces of the belt 17.

Attached along the upper longitudinal edge of the inner face of the waistband is the outer lining or curtain 19 which at one or more places has attached to it pockets 20. These pockets extend transversely of said waistband and downwardly and are inaccessible from the outside. To conceal these pockets, I provide members 21 of lining material or the like which are attached to the upper longitudinal edge of the waistband and which are adapted to fold downwardly to overlap the pockets 20 to conceal the latter.

In lieu of the conventional rear or side straps generally provided on garments, such as pants, and serving for the adjustment of the tightness of the garment around the waistline, I provide semi-resilient straps 22 fixed to, as at 22*a*, and projecting forwardly from opposite sides of the curtain 19. The free ends of said straps may be provided with suitable fastening means. These straps are concealed from view and can be more conveniently handled to adjust the tightness of the waistband than the ordinary rear or side straps. The straps 22 may advantageously be made of lining material cut on a bias and folded upon itself to form tubular casings 22*b* bearing elastic strip 23, which render said straps resilient. To hold said straps in forwardly projecting position the bands or members 21 may be utilized to form supports for said straps. To this end the bands 21 in addition to their being stitched at their upper edges are also stitched at intermediate points as at 21*a* parallel to the longitudinal edges, so that the upper portions of said bands form sleeves 24, while their lower portions 25 thereof serve as flaps which are adapted to overlap and conceal the mouths of the pockets and which by suitable means as buttons 26 or the like may lock the latter.

Several earlaps **27** may be attached to the upper edge of the waistband to project upwardly therefrom and to serve for the attachment of suspenders, when such are desired.

The outer belt is held against displacement within the waistband by providing centrally at its rear a button **28** or the like which may engage a button hole **29** or the like provided in the outer fabric **11** of the waistband.

The lower edges of the outer fabric **11** and of the linings **12** and **13** in the completed article to be kept in stock, may be left unfinished or unattached, as shown in Figure 2, so as to expedite and facilitate the attachment of the waistband to the garment G, as indicated in Figure 4.

Various modifications may be made in the construction of the waistband without departing from the principle of my invention and I, therefore, do not wish to restrict myself to the details described and shown.

What I claim is:

1. In a waistband for garments having a lining or curtain, semi-resilient concealed tightening straps extending forwardly from opposite sides of the inner face of said lining, and attached to said lining or curtain and bands attached to said curtain to form means for supporting said straps in forwardly directed positions, and pockets attached to said lining or curtain, the lower portions of said bands being adapted to extend over and conceal the mouths of said pockets and to be detachably fastened thereto.

2. In a waistband for a garment having a curtain, semi-resilient garment supporting members made of lining material cut on a bias and folded upon itself to form tubular casings, an elastic strip borne in each of said casings, bands serving to hold said members in forwardly projected positions, said bands being stitched to the garment both at their upper edges and along intermediate lines parallel to said edges to form sleeves for the passage of said members, pockets attached to said curtain, the mouth openings of said pockets being concealed by the lower unattached portions of said bands, fastening means between said lower ends of said bands and said pockets to serve as locking means for said pockets, and means at the free ends of said members for fastening said ends together in position of use.

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