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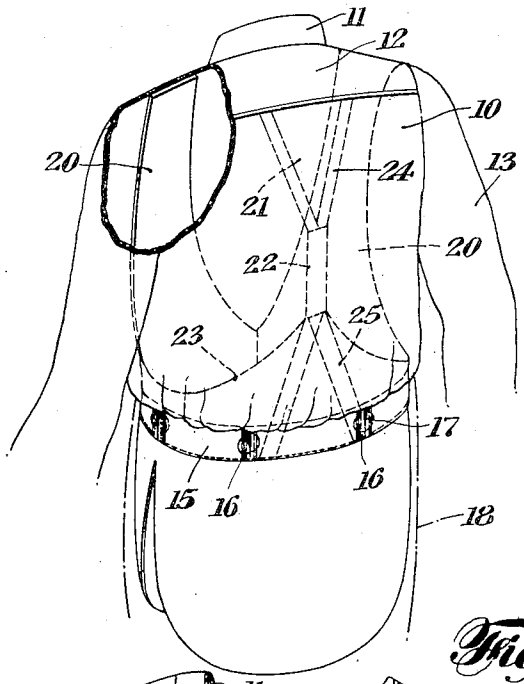


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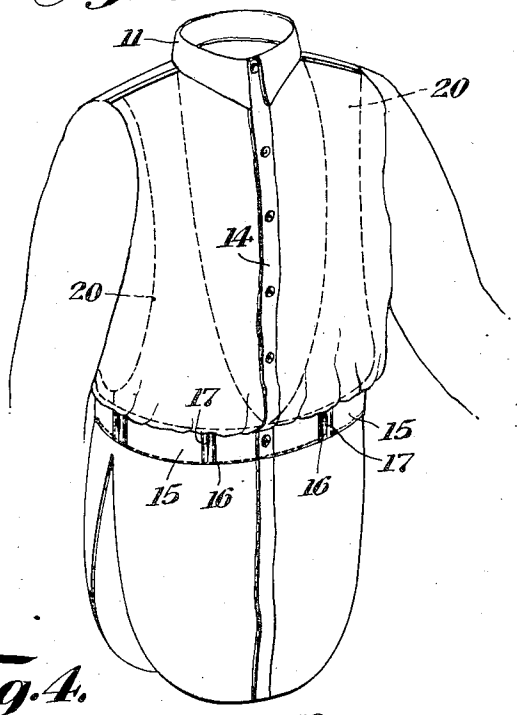


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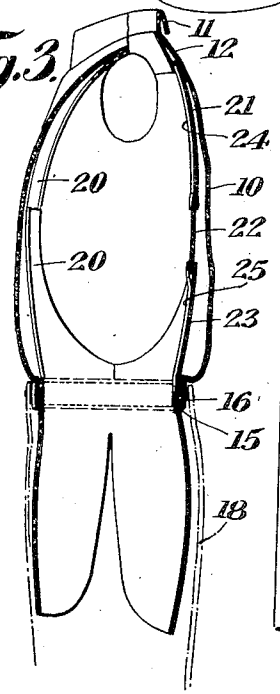
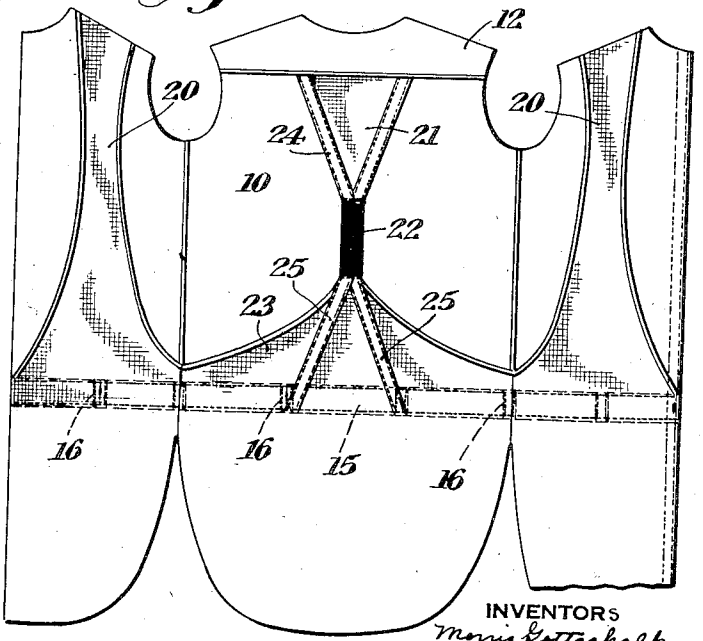


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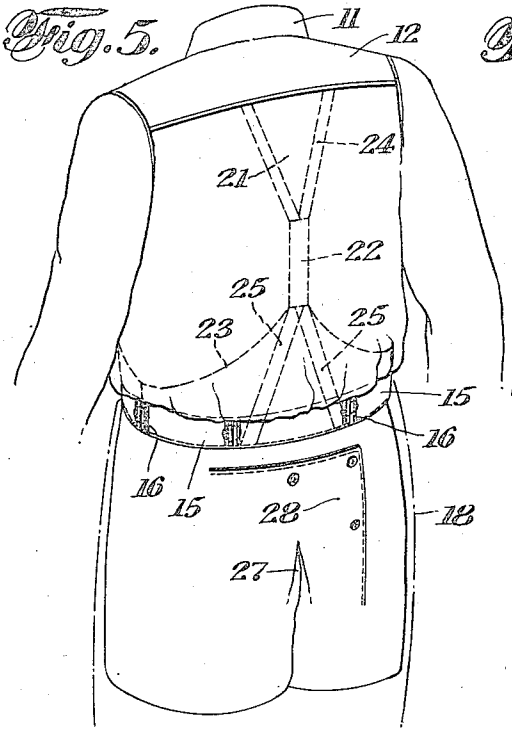


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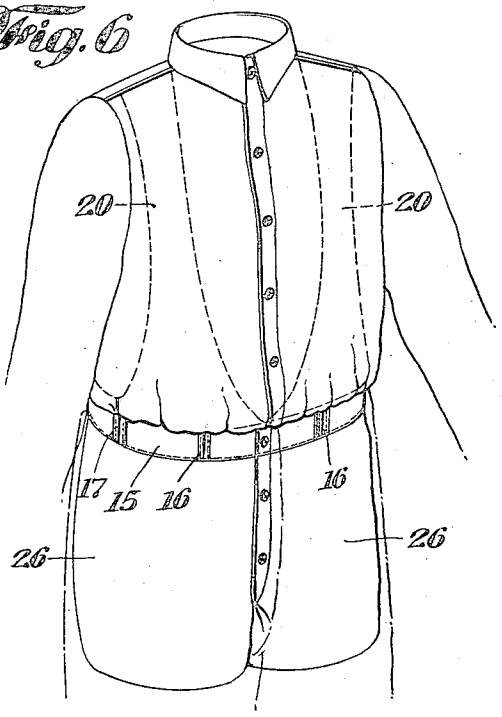
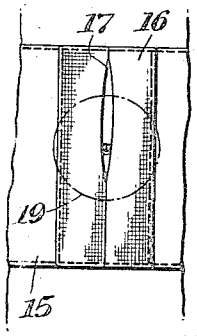


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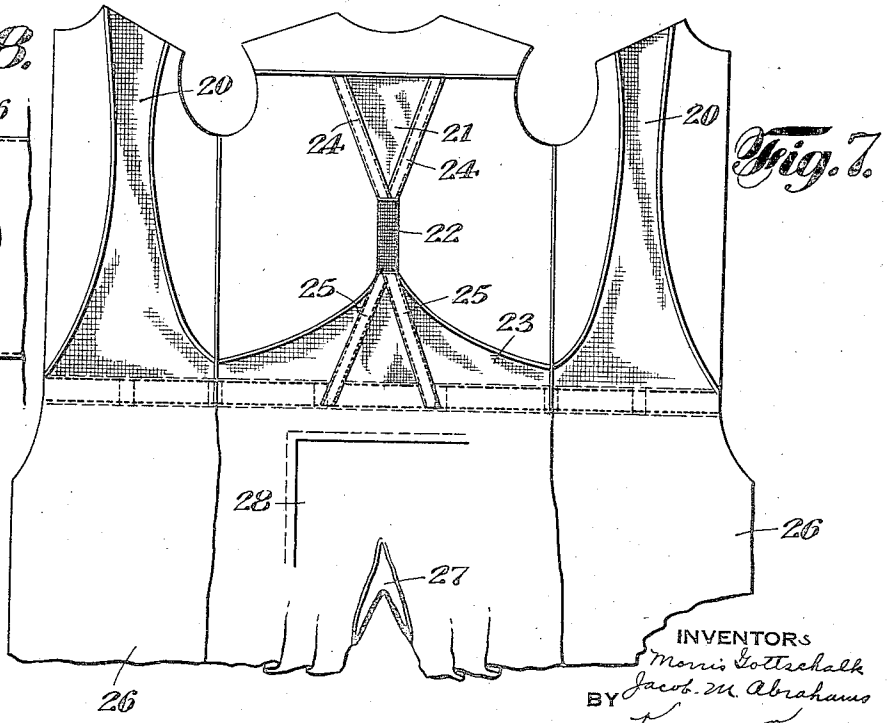


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This invention relates to a health shirt which provides concealed trouser-suspending means. A garment of this type naturally replaces an assortment of separate garments such as have been hitherto used, including a shirt, a union suit or even separate underclothes and a pair of suspenders, without the attendant disadvantages of wearing the more numerous articles of clothing.

The suspenders in this arrangement form a body garment inside of the outside shirt of the device and are supported directly from the shoulder pieces so that in holding up the trousers there is a direct pull on the shoulders. The bottommost portions of the suspender arrangement are broadened and secured to a band at the waist of the garment around the entire length thereof so that the support provided is not local and does not permit sagging. Then, too, usually suspenders have been worn outside the shirt and in this device the same are concealed from view. The health feature of this garment arises in one instance from the use of a suspender provided with the garment instead of the usual belt which often causes health difficulties, due to the constriction at the waist.

The shirt of the garment fastened to the suspender body has sufficient length of material to provide the proper blousing effect of the shirt when worn. Owing, too, to the method of attaching the trousers to a garment of this nature the shirt and tails cannot crawl up or be pulled out and it is neat appearing because of necessity it will adways be in its proper place.

While this garment comprising the outside shirt and concealed suspender body is in itself useful and adaptable to be worn as a separate garment it is possible, as will be described later, to provide underpants in the one garment which are attached to the remainder at the band surrounding the waist and may be either fastened to the shirt or to the suspender body or be a separate unit. A seam which usually bisects the back of these underpants is eliminated by providing a triangular crotch inset.

An object of this invention is to provide a health shirt comprising an outside shirt together with a concealed trouser-suspending body thus eliminating the harmful habit of wearing a belt. And a still further object of this invention is to provide a combination garment comprising an outside shirt and a union suit provided with trouser-suspending means.

Features of this invention are that two or three usual garments are combined into one; that proper blousing of the outside shirt is effected; that a seam in the back of the underpants is eliminated; that the suspender body and arrangement is concealed within the outside shirt and permits the trousers when worn to be borne directly by the shoulders; that the trousers are supported around the full circumference of the waist; that the combination garment is cooler and lighter and that the laundering is more economical.

Other objects, features and advantages of this invention will be apparent from the following description and drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a rear view of the health shirt with a section removed to show the construction of the suspender body.

Fig. 2 is a front view of the health shirt with the suspender body in outline.

Fig. 3 is a side view in section of the same.

Fig. 4 is a view of the shirt opened on a plane to show the complete interior construction of the suspender body.

Fig. 5 is a back view of the combination garment comprising the shirt and union suit together with a suspender body.

Fig. 6 is a front view thereof.

Fig. 7 is a plane opened view of the same, and

Fig. 8 is a front view of one of the trouser-supporting loops in the band at the waist of the garment.

In the drawings, **10** indicates the usual outside shirt provided with collar **11**, yoke **12**, sleeves **13** and buttoning up the front **14** in the usual manner. A narrow fabric band **15** usually of the same goods of which the shirt is made, encircles the same at the waist of the wearer. At spaced intervals this band **15**, which is on the outside of the garment, is provided with loops **16** fastened only to the top and bottom respectively of the band and button-holed vertically at their mid portion **17** to provide for the fastening of trousers **18** when buttoned by means of their suspender buttons **19** to these corresponding loops **16**.

While band **15** serves as a reinforcement in a sense, it does not pull on shirt **10** because there is an interior suspender body provided which takes the direct pull of the trousers fastened through the loops to the band **15**. This suspender body comprises two front straps **20** fastened respectively to the band **15** at their lower ends and to the yoke **12** at their upper ends. The ends of the straps **20** are broadened out as may be seen from Figs. 4 and 7 so that a wide support is given for the stitching necessary in the garment. Thus, the upper ends of the front strap **20** pull on the shoulders across an area substantially

equal to the width between the shoulders and the collar.

The single back-supporting member of the suspender body comprises a triangular piece of fabric 21 with its base sewed to the bottom and back of yoke 12. The tip of fabric 21 is connected by means of a strip of elastic 22 to another piece of fabric 23 forming the remaining back portion of the suspender body. Portion 23 spreads away from the point of connection with elastic 22 so that in conjunction with the broadened lower ends of the two straps 20 the band 15 is connected along its entire length and around the waist of the garment to the suspender body.

To aid the back of the suspender body 22 in taking bending and stretching strains additional pieces of tape 24 and 25 connected to the back portions of the suspender body can be provided to strengthen this part of the garment. As the tails of the shirt are always connected to the band 15 there is of course no way for the shirt 10 to crawl up or be pulled out.

In place of the tails there may be provided underpants 26 which are made of fabric continuing from either the shirt fabric or the suspender body fabric or even may be separate. These underpants 26 start at band 15 and in this embodiment are of one piece with straps 20 and back 23 of the suspender body. As the back of the pants 26 is of one piece with no bisecting seam there is provided instead a triangular crotch inset 27 together with the usual button-fastening drop seat 28.

When this garment is worn the shirt is put on in the usual way and buttoned down the front 14. The straps 20 of the suspender body are then in front and the back of the suspender body at the back of the wearer. Then when the trousers are buttoned to the band 15 through the waist loops 16 they are supported directly from the shoulders and yoke 12 of the shirt, the shirt being made full enough to provide the proper blousing. When the combination is chosen instead, it is put on like a union suit and buttoned in a similar manner, the trouser supports and the shirt and body for this arrangement being identical with that of the health shirt alone.

Thus, this invention is for a combination garment which has desirable features from the standpoint of health and economy and is not to be limited except as may be done by the appended claim.

We claim:

In a garment, a cloth shirt, a yoke in said shirt, a reinforced trouser-supporting band about the waist of said shirt, a relatively open body within said shirt comprising straps having narrow portions at the tops thereof and widened portions at the bottoms thereof, said body being connected between said band and said yoke and adapted to give uniform and continuous support to said trouser-supporting band and being shorter in length than the distance between said yoke and said trouser-supporting band, and button-receiving means on said band which do not continue through said shirt.

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