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Fig. 1.

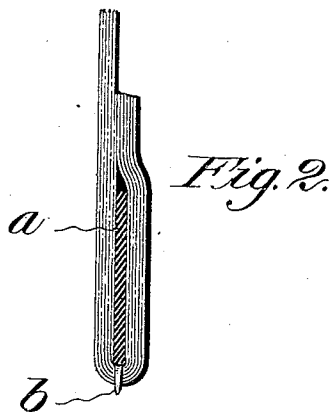
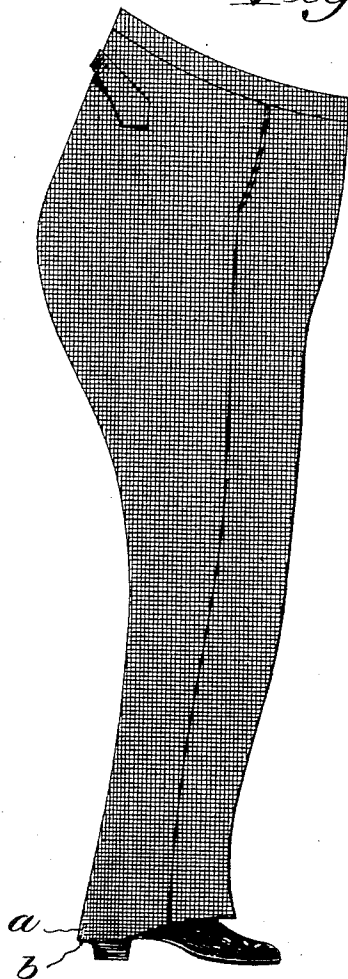
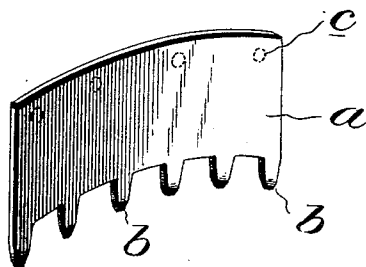


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED POULSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Trousers-Guards, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The invention relates to trousers-guards adapted for application at the rear lower ends of the garment to prevent the wearing of the fold of the cloth at that point.

It has for its object to produce a guard which may be very easily applied within the fold of the cloth at the lower rear portion of the garment and thus completely concealed from view.

It has for a further object to provide means for holding the guard in position, which means also receive the wear which would otherwise be upon the fold of the cloth.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a garment having the guard applied thereto in the fold at the rear lower portion thereof. Fig. 2 is a vertical section, upon an enlarged scale, through the fold of the garment with the guard applied; and Fig. 3 is a perspective of the guard removed from the garment.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

The trousers-guard consists of a body portion *a*, formed of any suitable material—for instance, iron, steel, or other hard material.

The guard may be of curved shape to adapt the same to the curvature of the garment within which it is held and is provided with apertures *c* for assisting in securing the guard

in place, although these are not considered as essential for that purpose.

The lower edge of the guard is provided with a series of spaced teeth *b*, adapted to be passed through the cloth at the fold thereof within which the guard is located. These teeth project slightly beyond the fold of the cloth and are the only part of the guard visible in use. They receive the wear upon the edge of the fold and also prevent any movement of the guard laterally, while the stitched end of the fold will prevent a vertical movement of the guard.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the guard can be applied by simply passing the teeth thereof through the fold of the cloth and then stitching the end of the fold portion, as usual in garments of this character. The guard is thus completely concealed from view and when located within the fold cannot be caught upon the shoe and torn from place when the garment is being put on or taken off.

Having thus described my invention and set forth its merits, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A wear-plate for garments consisting of a curved plate adapted to be inclosed within a fold of a garment and thereby concealed from view, and provided upon one edge with a series of puncturing-teeth depending in the plane of the plate and capable of passing through said fold and protecting the same from wear; substantially as specified.

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