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Fig. 1.

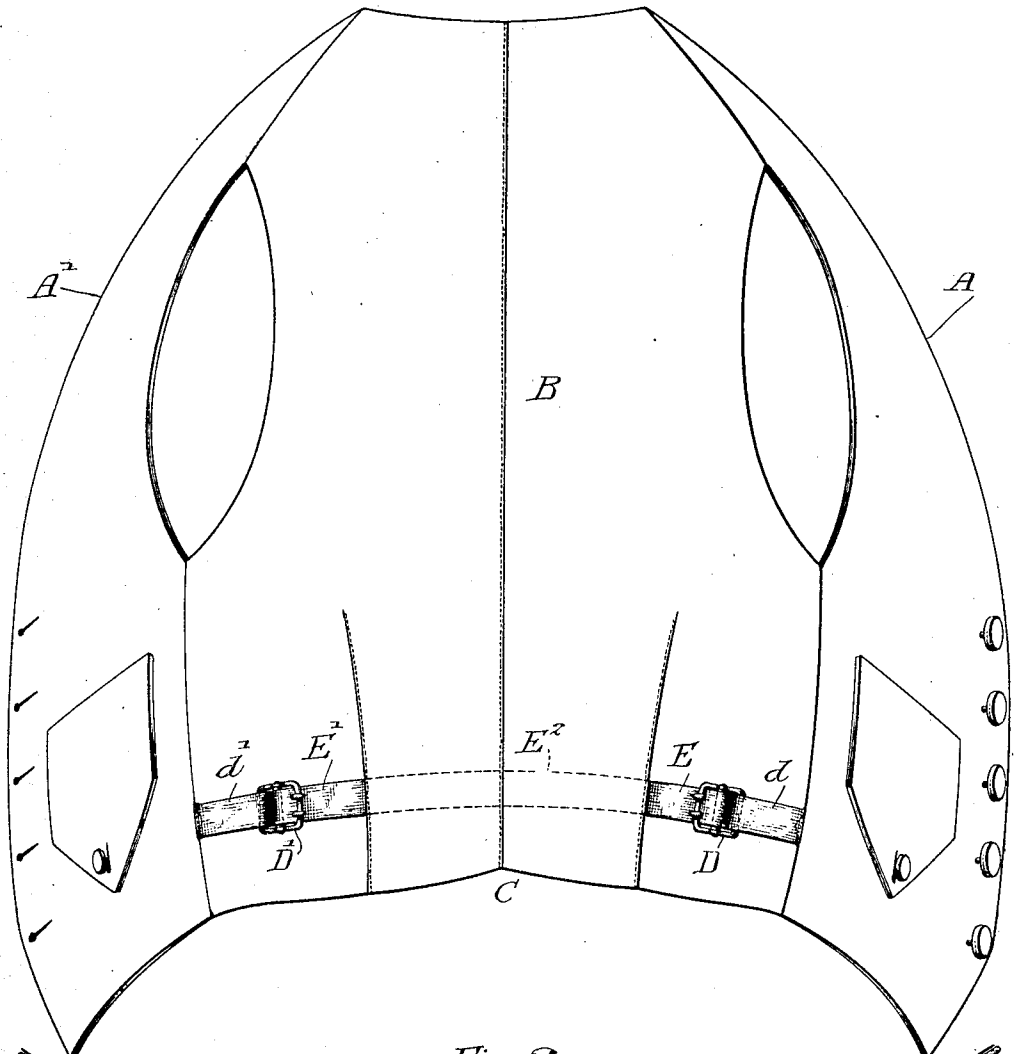
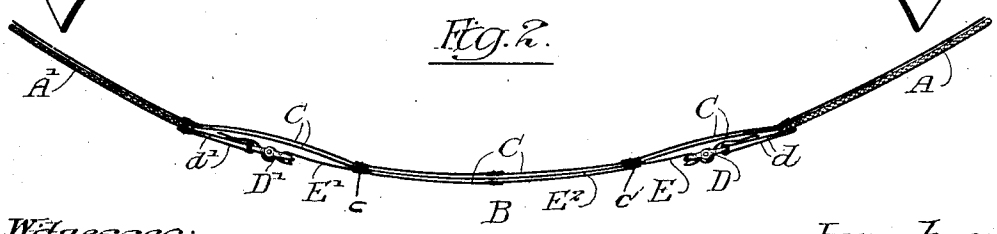


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARK M. HENDERSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waistcoats, of which the following is declared to be a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of the specification.

In the manufacture of waistcoats it has heretofore been common practice to provide central portions of the back of the waistcoat with an adjusting strap and buckle in order to enable the waistcoat to better fit the wearer. In use such waistcoats are found objectionable for a variety of reasons. The strap and buckle at the central portion of the back, if considerable slack be taken up, will cause a puckering of the garment at such point; the buckle located at the center of the back and opposite the spine of the wearer, causes discomfort; the taking up of the entire slack of the garment at the central portion of the back produces an unsightly appearance; and an effective adjustment of the waistcoat over the hips of the wearer is not secure.

My present invention consists in providing the waistcoat with individual buckles or equivalent adjusting devices, and straps at the sides instead of a single adjusting strap and buckle at the central portion of the back.

The invention also consists in the detail features of novelty all of which will be hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

Figure 1 is a back view of a waistcoat embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a view in horizontal section through the adjusting straps embodying the invention.

A designates the right hand front portion of the waistcoat and A′ denotes the corresponding left hand portion.

B is the back of the waistcoat that is provided with a lining C. The back B and lining C of the waistcoat are ordinarily formed of lighter material than the front portions A and A′.

To the rear edges of the front portions A and A′ are stitched the loops or short straps *d* and *d′* to which are fastened the buckles D and D′ through which adjustably pass the take-up straps E and E′. These take-up straps E and E′ are preferably formed of a continuous strip, the central portion of which E^2 passes through the back portion B and extends between the back portion B and the lining C of the waistcoat. The take-up straps E and E′ are preferably stitched to the back C at the point *c* and *c′*, where they pass to the under side of the back.

The buckles D and D′ are at points approximately above the hips of the wearer and by locating the buckles and individual take-up straps at such points, the adjustment of the waistcoat will not only be divided between the two take-up straps, thereby preventing any unsightly bulging of the back portion of the waistcoat, but by effecting the adjustment at points above the hips of the wearer, a more accurate conformation of the waistcoat to the form of the wearer is secured. Moreover, the avoidance of a buckle at the central portion of the back and opposite the spinal column of the wearer relieves my waistcoat from one of the serious objections to the old style of adjusting strap and buckle. By extending the central portion of the take-up strap inside the back of the waistcoat and by using comparatively short straps at the sides, a much more sightly garment is produced as the side take-up straps need be comparatively short, the adjustment being divided between the two individual straps.

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

1. A waistcoat comprising a back and front portions and provided at each side with a short strap the front end of which is secured to the front body portion of the waistcoat and provided at its sides with individual buckles and take-up straps, said take-up straps being connected by a part extending across the back portion of the waistcoat, the said part being fixed to the back portion of the waistcoat at points remote from each other, so as to hold the back part of the waistcoat smooth without exerting undue strain thereon.

2. A waistcoat comprising front portions formed of body cloth, a back portion of relatively light material united to said front portions, short straps connected to the rear edge of said front portions and having their free ends projecting rearwardly therefrom, take-up straps connected by a part extending across and within the back portion of the

waistcoat and secured to said back portion at points remote from each other, the free ends of said take-up straps extending forwardly, and buckles for connecting the take-up straps with said short straps.

3. A waistcoat provided at each side with a short strap having a front end extending rearwardly and provided also with take-up straps having their free ends extending forwardly, said take-up straps being connected by a part extending across the back portion of the waistcoat, the said part being stitched to the back portion of the waistcoat at points remote from each other, so as to hold the back part of the waistcoat smooth without exerting undue strain thereon.

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