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Fig. 1.

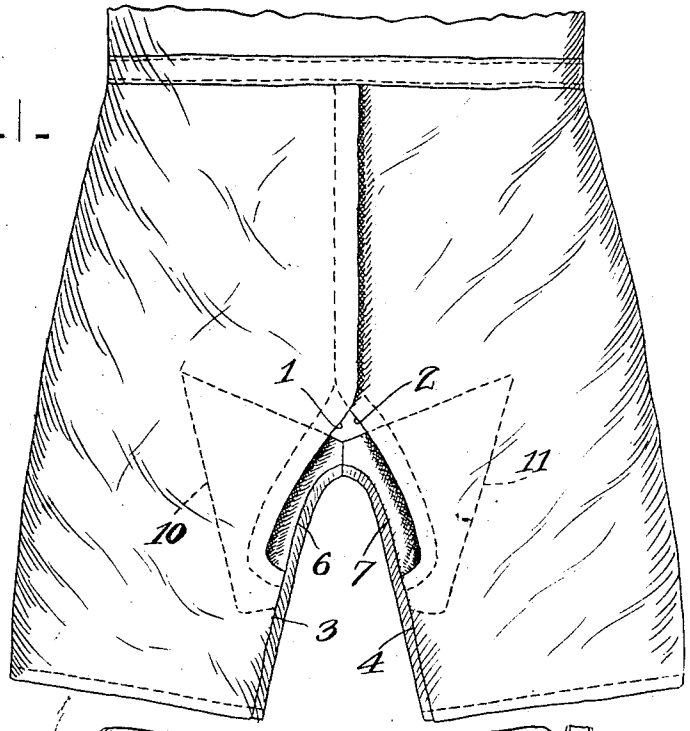
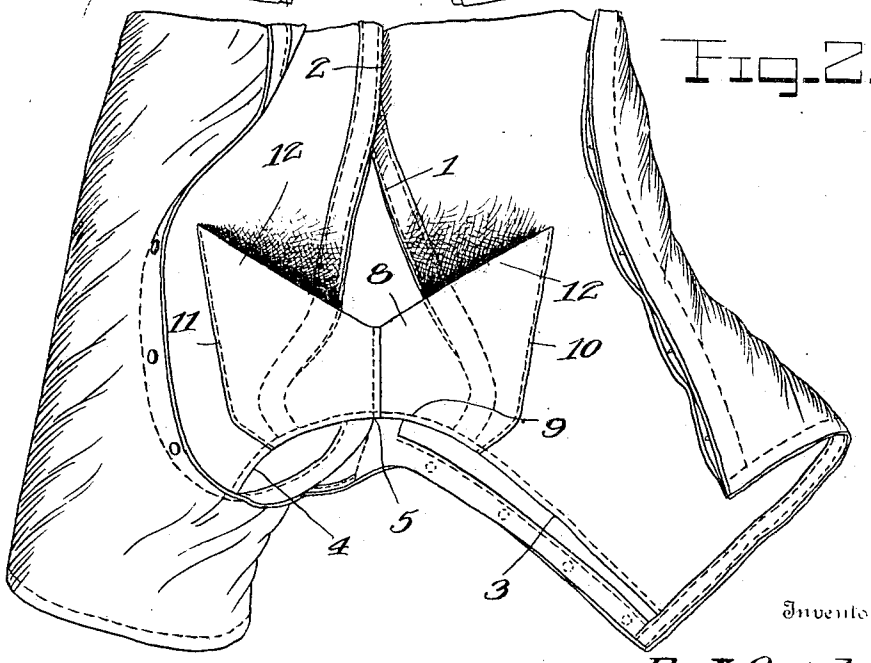


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD J. QUIGLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in garments and more particularly to one-piece suits of underwear. In garments of this character it is usually customary to provide an opening in the back extending from the crotch to about the waist line.

It is the object of this invention to provide a closure for the back opening which is simple in construction and will afford no discomfort to the wearer.

While the preferred form is illustrated upon the accompanying sheet of drawing, it is to be understood that minor detail changes may be made without departing from the scope of the invention.

Figure 1 is a view in rear elevation of this invention, the upper part or body of the garment being cut away. Fig. 2 is a perspective view looking in upon the back of the garment, the front of the garment being opened and turned back to disclose the improved back closure.

The garment illustrated opens from the neck down the front to the crotch. Another opening is provided down the innerside of one limb covering, however, this latter opening does not form a part of this invention. As shown in Fig. 1 the back is provided with an opening which extends downward from about the waist line to a point slightly above the crotch, the edges 1 and 2 of this opening overlapping each other. From this point the edges separate and extend downward in each lower limb covering following what would be the inner seam for a distance about half way from the crotch to the knee and are then joined to the edge at the beginning of the inner seams 3 and 4. The opening in the front extends to the crotch 5 and terminates at the jointure of the inner edges 6 and 7 of the front members of the lower limb covering.

The improved closure 8 is of the shape clearly illustrated in Fig. 2. The lower edge 9 of the closure 8 is secured to the inner edges 6 and 7 of the front portion of the lower limb covering, the closure extending along each edge to a point below the opening in the back. The outer edges 10 and 11 of the closure are secured to the back members forming the lower limb covering, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1. The upper edge 12 of the closure is unattached.

When this garment is assumed the improved closure not only acts to close the opening in the back of the garment, but also forms the crotch of the garment.

What I claim is:—

1. A garment of the character described provided with an opening in the back portion thereof, said opening extending downward in each portion of the lower limb covering, a closure for the opening secured to the inner edges of the front members of the lower limb covering and the outer edges of said closure secured throughout their entire length to the rear portions thereof.

2. A garment of the character described provided with an opening in the front extending downward to the bifurcated portion of the garment, and provided with an opening in the back extending downward from the waist line to a point below the bifurcations, the edges of said opening overlapping each other to a point above the bifurcations, and an additional crotch member providing a closure for the rear opening below the overlapping portion thereof, said crotch member being secured to the inner edges of the front portions of the lower limb covering and the outer edges of said crotch member being secured to the rear portions of the lower limb covering.

3. A garment of the character described provided with an opening in the back extending below the crotch, a closure therefor permanently secured to the back of the lower limb covering and to the crotch seam, having a portion of lesser width at the back of the crotch and free angularly disposed edges extending from each side of the center.

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