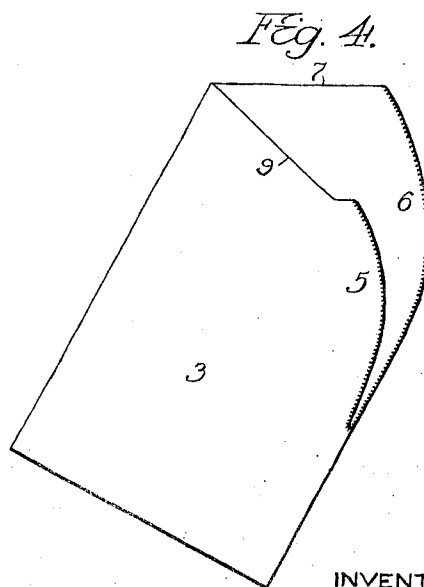
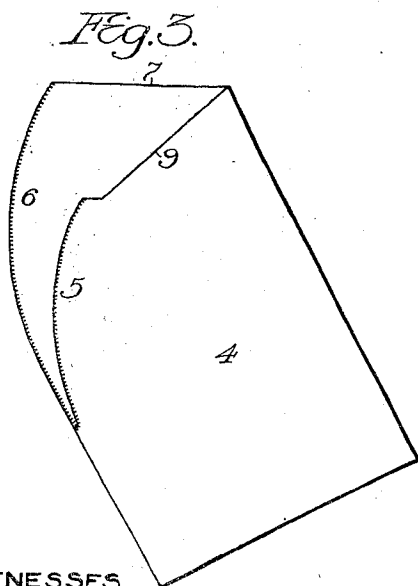
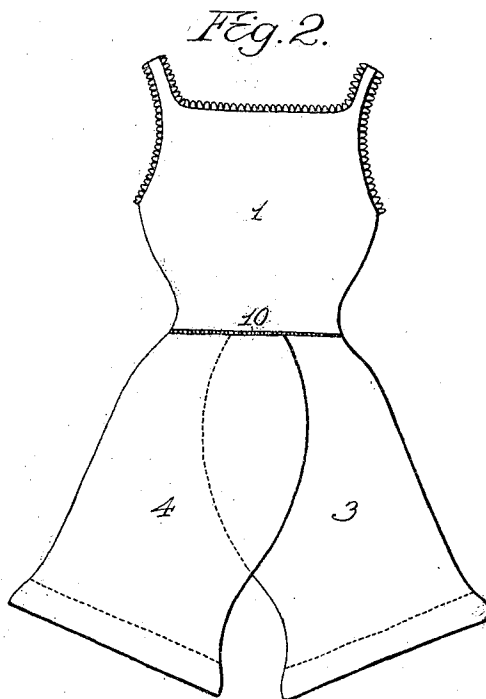
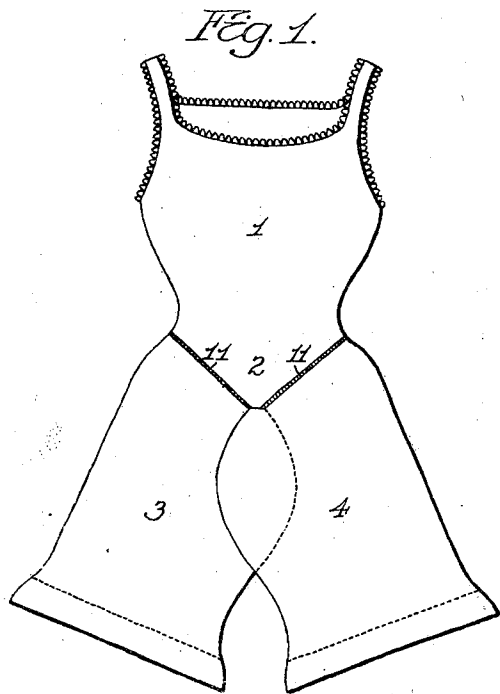


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. ELDER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Union Suits, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to so construct a union suit of knitted fabric, that there shall be ample space for the hips of the wearer, lapped webs both at front and rear, and, in the preferred form, no seam except at the waist. This object I attain in the manner hereinafter set forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a union suit constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same; Fig. 3 is a front view of the web which constitutes one of the legs of the garment, and Fig. 4 is a similar view of the web which constitutes the other leg.

The body-portion 1 of the union suit consists of a seamless tubular web of knitted fabric, either ribbed or plain, suitably trimmed around the neck and arm holes. The front portion of the body is, however, continued downward below the waist line in the form of a triangular web 2, as shown in Fig. 1. Each of the legs 3 and 4 of the garment is likewise composed of a seamless web, tubular in the lower portion of the leg but cut away in the upper portion so as to form a front curved flap 5 and back curved flap 6, a horizontal edge 7 at the top of the back portion of the leg, and an inclined edge 9 at the top of the front portion of the leg. The upper edges 7 of the leg webs are sewed or otherwise united to the lower edges of the rear portion of the body web 1, as shown at 10 in Fig. 2, and the upper edges 9 of the two leg webs are united to the diagonal edges of the downwardly extending triangular flap 2 at the front of the body portion of the garment, as shown at 11 in Fig. 1, the front and back flaps 5 and 6 of one leg web overlapping the corresponding flaps of the other leg web, as shown by dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2, and the size and extent of overlap of the back flaps being in excess of those of the front flaps because

of the different character of the waist seam at the front and back of the garment.

The only seam necessary in the construction of my improved union suit is that at the waist, and owing to the V-shape of the seam at the front of the waist due to the presence of the depending triangular flap 2 this seam does not cause discomfort to the wearer because of the pressure of the corset or of a tight-fitting outer article of apparel at the waist line. The presence of the V-shape seam at the front of the garment also permits me to discontinue the front flaps 5 at a point some distance below the waist line, whereby at the front of the waist there is but a single thickness of web instead of the multiple thickness of web which would be present if the front flaps were carried up to the waist line. The V-shape front seam also lends itself to the disposition of the leg webs at such an angle in respect to one another as to provide ample space for the hips of the wearer, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

My improved garment is composed of but three members, each without seams and without the crotch gusset generally employed in garments of this type. In making certain styles of garments, however, such as those having shaped legs with or without cuffs at the lower ends, seams will be present on the insides of the legs because of the necessity of cutting and shaping the web to impart the desired shape to the legs.

The edges of the front and rear flaps 5 and 6 of each leg member of the garment are preferably overseamed or otherwise finished to prevent raveling of the stitches of the knitted webs of which the leg members of the garment are composed.

Owing to the diagonal disposition of the seams 11 between the front portions of the legs and the front portion of the body of the garment more of the web is removed from the upper portions of the leg webs than would be the case if the seam between the body and legs was horizontal both at front and back, consequently in cutting the legs faults in the web can usually be made to match in with the openings.

I claim:

A three-part union suit composed of a

seamless tubular body and oppositely flaring leg members united to said body member at the waist by a seam at the back and by reversely disposed diagonal seams at the front, the leg members having below said seams overlapping flaps both at front and rear of the garment.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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