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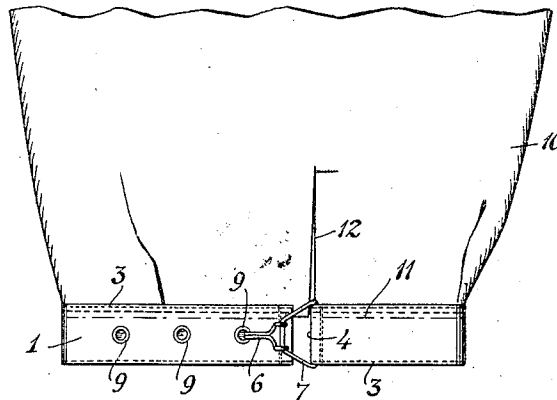


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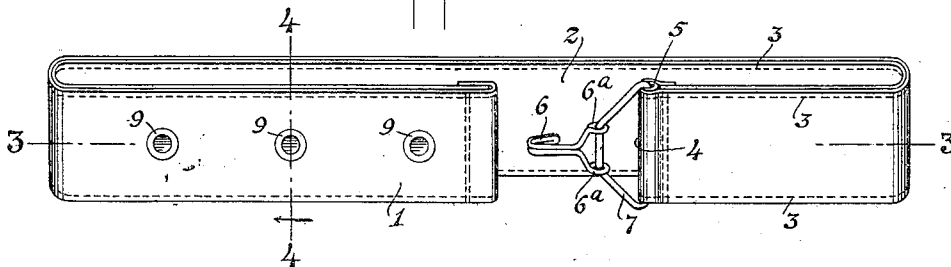


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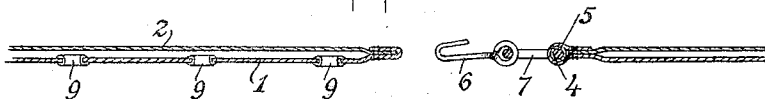


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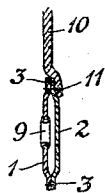


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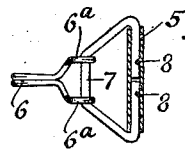
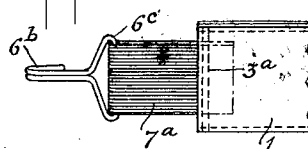


Fig. 6.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS J. SCHEINMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Knickerbockers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to knickerbockers or knee breeches and has for its object to improve the construction thereof and to provide a simple and easily operated means for securing the lower ends of the leg portions about the legs of the wearer, which means is yielding, is readily adjustable and of great durability and at the same time is cheap and easy to apply to the knickerbockers.

My invention will be fully described hereinafter and the features of novelty will be pointed out in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the lower end of a leg portion of a pair of knickerbockers with my invention applied thereto; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my improvement; Fig. 3 is a horizontal section thereof on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a cross section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3; Fig. 5 is a detail view partly in section of one of the fastening means used in my invention, and Fig. 6 is a detail view of another form of hook and method of attaching same.

My improvement comprises a band composed of two sections 1 and 2 of tape or other suitable material arranged face to face and secured together along their opposite edges by stitching 3 to form a tubular tape or band as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The section 1 is somewhat longer than the section 2 so that its ends overlap and are turned back on and secured to the section 2, the one end 4 being formed into a loop in which a metallic or other stiffening sleeve or similar device 5 is located. A hook 6 is secured to a preferably elastic band 7 which has its ends securely fastened in the sleeve 5 in any suitable manner as for instance by means of prongs 8 as shown best in Fig. 5. A series of apertures preferably reinforced by means of eyelets 9 are formed in the section 1 of the tubular tape and are adapted to receive the hook 6 to adjustably secure the tubular band or tape formed of the sections 1 and 2 about the leg of the wearer. With this arrangement the eyelets 9 do not ex-

tend completely through the tubular tape but project only through the section 1, whereby the section 2 forms a backing therefor and at the same time protects the leg against contact with the hook 6 when the ends of the tape are connected. The said tubular tape is secured to the lower end of the leg 10 of the knickerbockers by means of stitching or other fastening means 11 which extend adjacent to one edge of said tubular tape and leave the major portion thereof free from said leg and extending below the same as shown best in Fig. 4. The knickerbockers are provided with the usual flaps which are arranged to overlap as the lower ends of the legs of the knickerbockers are adjusted to legs of different dimensions and to the edges of which the tape may also be fastened.

The above construction provides a simple means for securing the lower ends of the knickerbocker legs about the legs of the wearer which is much more readily adjustable by inexperienced persons than is the usual strap and buckle, and which owing to the fact that the tubular tape is made of material other than the material of which the knickerbockers are made reduces the cost of manufacture thereof. The cooperating hooks and eyelets also hold much better than do the usual strap and buckle and owing to the reinforcing eyelets last much longer and do not tear the goods as do the usual buckle tines or teeth. Owing to the fact that the tape is somewhat yielding or elastic in the direction of its length and to the elastic band 7 the knickerbockers will readily yield as the knee of the wearer is bent and will thus prevent undue stress on the garment at this point.

It will be noted that the hook 6 shown in Figs. 2, 3 and 5 is of a special construction peculiar to the present invention and is to be considered as a novel part thereof. The said hook is provided at its one end with eyelets 6<sup>a</sup> which are preferably spaced apart in alinement with each other and extend in planes parallel with the plane in which the hooked end is bent. These eyelets 6<sup>a</sup> freely engage the band 7 so as to be readily slidable thereon as is shown best in Fig. 2. With this construction the hook 6 will readily accommodate itself to any and all changes in the position of the wearer of the knickerbockers and will freely move along the band 7 so as to reduce and distribute the

strain thereon and minimize the tendency to cut through the said band as well as to reduce the chafing action thereon.

If desired the form of hook shown in Fig. 6 may be substituted, this hook comprising the hooked portion 6<sup>b</sup> and the loop 6<sup>a</sup> through which an elastic tape 7<sup>a</sup> extends the ends of which are inserted into the open end of the tubular band or tape and secured thereon by stitches 3<sup>a</sup> which also close the said open end of the tubular band. In this case the section 1 does not overlap the section 2 at the end where the tape 7<sup>a</sup> is secured. In addition to this instead of fastening the tubular tape to the knickerbockers as shown in Figs. 1 and 4 the upper edges of the sections 1 and 2 may be left free and the lower edges of the knickerbocker legs inserted between the same after which the whole may be sewn together by a suitable row of stitches. With this structure the rough lower edges of the knickerbocker legs are entirely concealed within the tubular tape thus securing a neat appearance and fine finish. When applied in this manner, the tubular tape being closed at its opposite ends, provides a definite space within the limits of which the knickerbocker material is placed, so that said tape thus acts as a means for securing regularity of dimensions or size in the leg bottoms. This is substantially impossible in knickerbockers in which no guide is provided and indiscriminate folding and the eye of the operator are relied upon.

Various modifications may be made in the structure shown and described within the

scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

1. An improvement in knickerbockers comprising a tubular tape depending from the lower ends of the leg portions thereof, a stiffening device secured at the one end of said tape and extending transversely thereof, an elastic band secured to said stiffening device, and a hook secured to one end of said elastic band, said tape being provided with a series of reinforced apertures located at spaced intervals from its other end into which said hook is adapted to be inserted to secure the tape about the legs of the wearer.

2. An improvement in knickerbockers comprising a tape formed of a front and rear section secured face to face to form a tubular structure depending from the ends of the legs of the knickerbockers and provided with apertures in the front section located at spaced intervals from the one end thereof, eyelets in said apertures, said rear section forming a backing for and covering the inner ends of said eyelets, an elastic band secured to the other end of said tape, and a hook secured to said elastic band and adapted for insertion into said eyelets to adjust the tape about the legs of the wearer.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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