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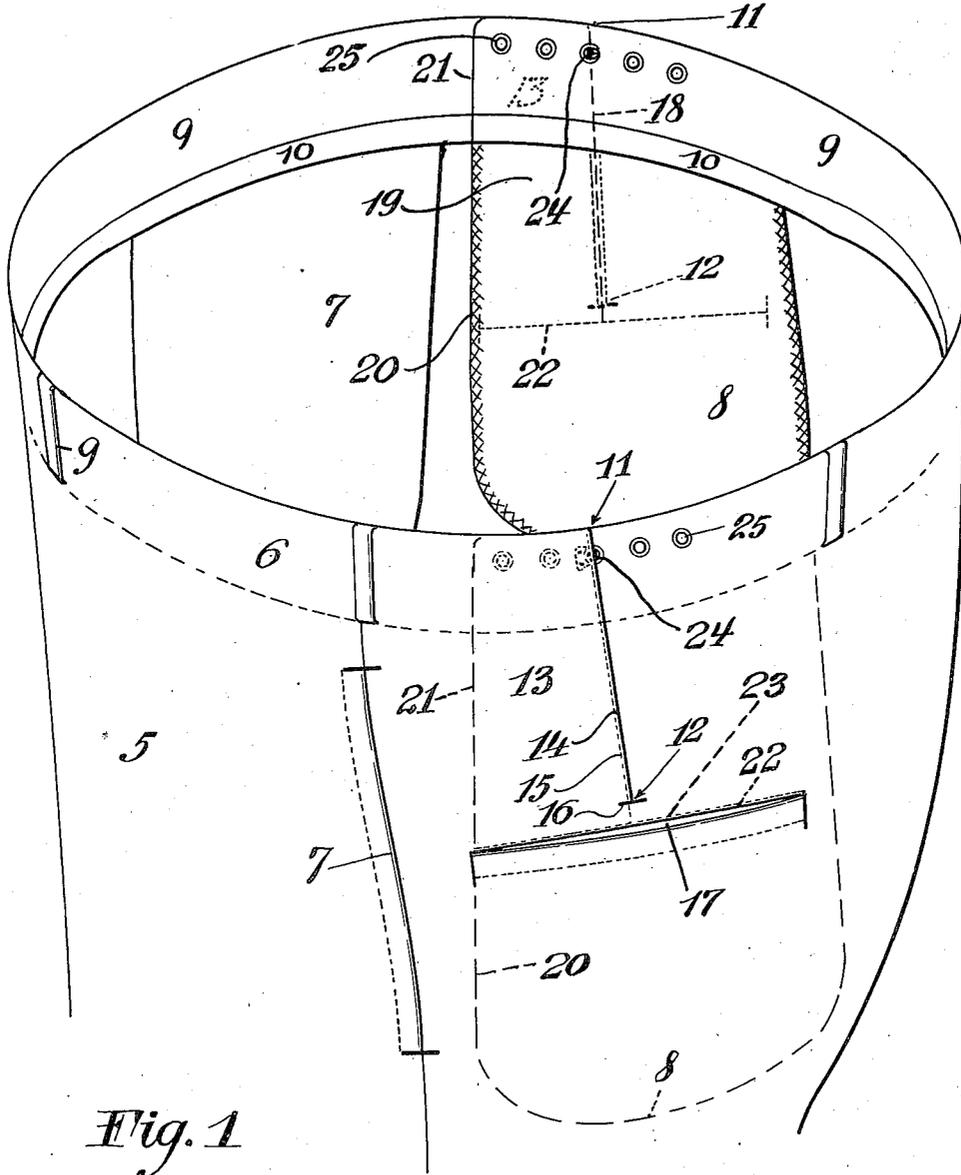


Fig. 1

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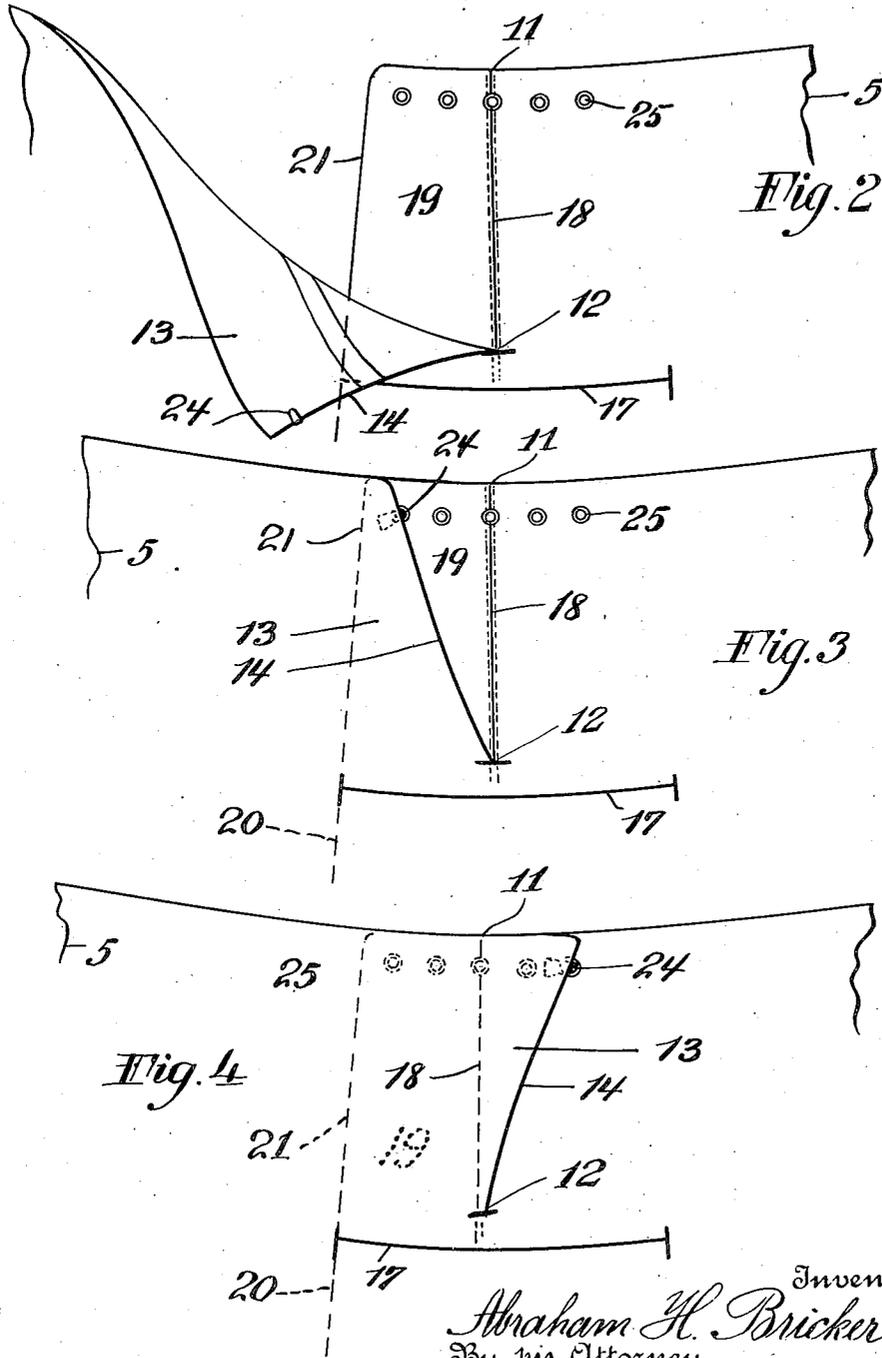
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM H. BRICKER, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trousers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvement in trousers, and the object of the invention is to provide means whereby a pair of trousers may be adjusted to several standard sizes of waistbands. Another object of the invention is to provide said adjusting means in such a manner that the trousers will fit neatly to the wearer without wrinkling or bulging, and whereby but very little expense will be added to the cost of making the garment. Still another object of the invention is to so construct or design the adjusting means that no changes need be made in the standard manner of cutting and designing trousers.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pair of trousers illustrating the invention.

Figure 2 is a detail view of the adjusting means showing the same open.

Figure 3 is a detail view showing the trousers adjusted to maximum size.

Figure 4 is a detail view showing the trousers adjusted to minimum size.

Referring to Figure 1 the reference numeral 5 denotes a pair of trousers having a waistband 6, and the usual side pockets 7, 7 and rear pockets 8, 8. The trousers may have belt loops 9 as shown or be provided with buttons, all in the usual manner.

It is to be noted, and it is a feature of this invention that all of the foregoing including the usual waist lining 29 and skirt 10 are in the usual standard and well known form in which present day trousers are manufactured, and the method of making the trousers is not changed according to this invention in so far as the foregoing parts are concerned.

In order to provide the adjusting means referred to a single straight cut is made on opposite sides of the garment downward from the waistline to a point immediately above the rear side pockets. As shown in Figure 1 the cut extends from the point 11 on the waistline to the point 12, and whereby there is formed an adjusting flap 13 forward of the said cut.

The rear edge 14 of the cut is finished as a finished edge in the usual manner by sewing indicated at 15, and a cross stitch 16 is provided against tearing.

It will be perceived that the cut from 11 to 12 is substantially central of the rear pocket 8 and terminates immediately above the rear pocket opening 17 where the said stitching 16 is located.

To the front edge 18 of the said cut 11—12 is sewed a piece of the same material as the trousers. Said piece, which is substantially in rectangular form, is marked 19 and extends circumferentially from the cut 11—12 to a point flush with the front inner edge 20 of the side pocket 8. And said piece is finished on the inside as shown in Figure 1 by extending the lining 29 and skirt 10 to the forward edge 21 of the piece 19, said edge 21 being, as stated and shown, flush with the pocket edge 20.

The piece 19 may be termed an inner adjusting flap merely by way of identification and as seen in Figure 1 is bounded by the two vertical edges or sides 18 and 21 and extends from the waistline down to the finished inner line 22 of the pocket opening 17, where the piece 19 is joined to the garment by stitching as 23.

The adjusting flap 19 is provided with a suitable hook 24 and the waistband and inner flat 19 are provided with five suitable eyelets 25, 25. When the hook 24 is hooked into the middle eyelet 25, the waistline of the garment will have the predetermined length for a certain standard size pair of trousers.

When the hook 24 engages the extreme forward eyelet 25 as in Figure 3, the waistline will have a length two sizes larger than the original size as in Figure 1.

When the hook 24 engages the extreme rearward eyelet 25 as in Figure 4, the waistline will have a length two sizes smaller than the original size.

When the hook 24 engages either of the intermediate eyelets forward or rearward of the middle one, the waistline length will be respectively one size larger or smaller than the original.

This result is accomplished by placing the eyelets one half inch apart whereby an adjustment of one inch in circumference is obtained by the adjustments on opposite sides of the waistband. Or in other words,

the eyelets are arranged for standard sizes adjustment larger and smaller with respect to a predetermined standard size.

The advantages of this construction are obvious and are obtained by the simple expediency of cutting the slit as aforesaid and then adding the inner adjusting flap 19. By reason of its position with respect to the rear pocket, it is an easy matter to finish the forward edge 21 of the flap by continuing the finished edge of the pocket. Thus all bulging or unevenness caused by heavy seams and the like is avoided.

Again, by reason of the position of the cut substantially directly over the hips, where the garment curves or bulges naturally, the edge 14 of the adjusting flap 13 lies flat in all positions, and where the inner flap 19 is exposed it is inconspicuous, being of the same material as the garment.

In constructing garments as aforesaid, all the annoyance and delay, as well as poor work, often incidental to alterations by a bushelman or tailor is avoided, and no particular change in the making of the lining is required, the same being made long enough to fit the largest size for which the garment inclusive the inner adjusting flap is made.

It is further understood that aside from the main features as hereinbefore set forth, details may be changed or altered within the scope of the appended claim without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:—

A pair of trousers having rear pockets provided with a slit extending through the upper part of the trousers down to a point adjacent the rear pocket opening, thereby forming a front adjustable flap, a piece of material secured to the rear edge of said slit and extending forwardly to a line flush with the forward edge of the said rear pocket, a waist lining and skirt extending flush with said rear edge of said slit and forward edge of said rear pocket, a rear pocket lining secured to the inside of said trousers, the forward edge of said lining being in alinement with and flush with the rear edge of said slit, thereby providing a heavily reinforced surface covered on the outside by said piece of material secured to the rear edge of said slit, and on the inside by three said layers of material, and means for adjusting the size of said trousers by moving the said flap in over the said piece of material and the part of the trousers adjacent the slit.

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