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BODY BELT

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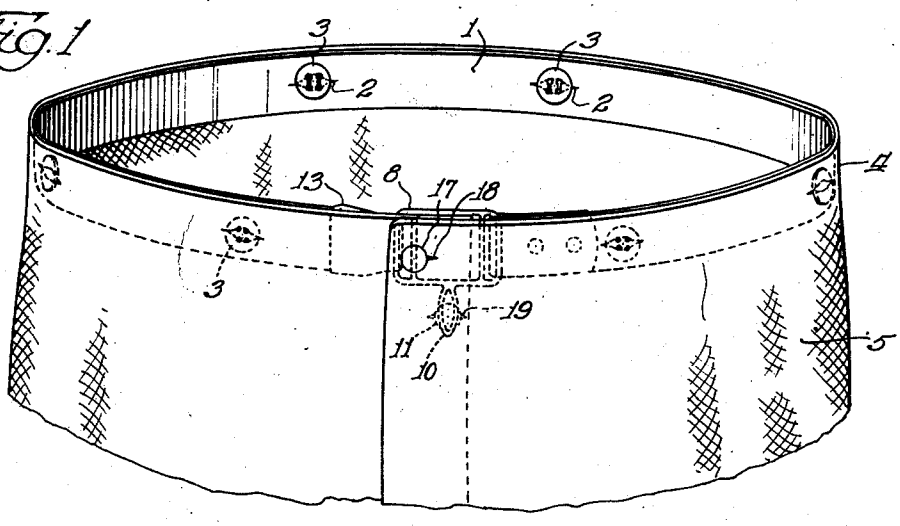

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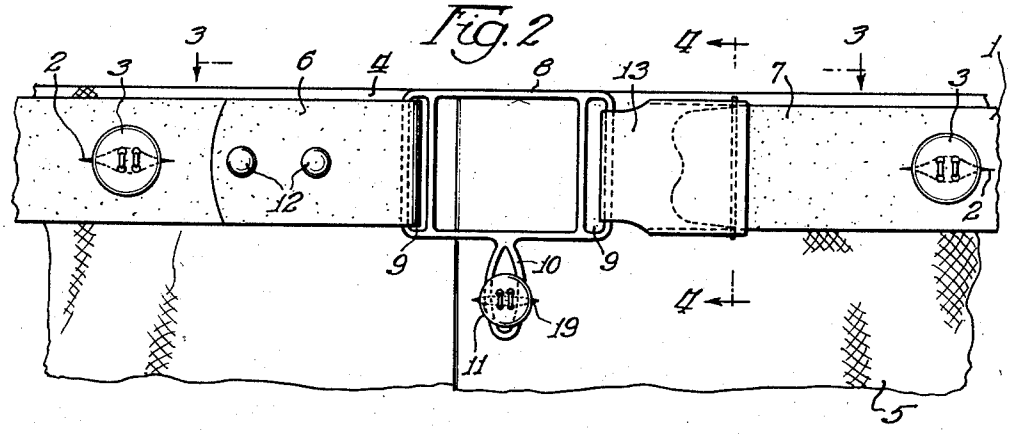

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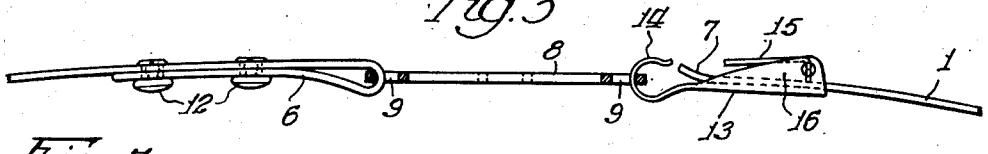

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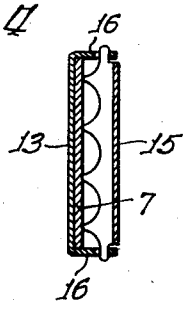

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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—321)

This invention relates to improvements in wearing apparel and more particularly to a body belt.

It is an object of this invention to provide a body belt to be worn within the trousers so that it will be invisible and yet hold the trousers up in the same manner as if the belt was passed through loops upon the outside of the trousers.

Most trousers for many years have been provided with three pairs of equally spaced apart buttons upon the inside of the waistband for the attachment of suspenders. The distance between the buttons of the respective pairs of buttons varies in accordance with the size of the waistband. The buttons of the rear pair are equally spaced apart from the rear center of the waistband and the buttons forming the pairs for attachment to the front straps of the suspenders are usually spaced between the transverse center of the waistband and the front opening or fly of the trousers.

This invention contemplates the provision of a body belt which will be provided with button holes or other means of attachment for engagement with the suspender buttons, and of course, will be of different dimensions for different waist lines. This body belt also contemplates the provision of a particular form of buckle or means for joining the opposite ends of the belt at the rear of the fly or front opening of the trousers. It is also customary to provide a button on the outer flap of the fly passing through a button hole upon the inner flap of the fly below the usual button for buttoning the upper portions of the fly together. This invention contemplates the provision of a loop on the buckle or securing means which will pass over and engage the lower button which passes through the inner flap of the fly to the interior of the trousers whereby the front of the trousers will be maintained even with the sides and back.

The advantage of this construction is readily seen and will appeal to those who wear trousers or slacks who take pride in their appearance as the trousers or slacks will be properly supported by invisible means and provide an even line of demarcation between the trousers and other garments about the waist.

With these and other objects in view, reference is made to the accompanying sheet of drawings which illustrates a preferred form of this invention with the understanding that detail changes may be made therein without departing from the scope thereof.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the portion of a pair of trousers illustrating the application of this improved body belt about the interior of the waistband looking from the front of the body.

Figure 2 is an enlarged detailed view looking from the interior of the trousers illustrating the means of connecting the buckle to the ends of the body belt and to the fly button.

Figure 3 is a detailed top plane view of the body belt and buckle as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a view in vertical transverse section taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2 illustrating the frictional adjusting means of the clamp attachment to one end of the body belt.

The embodiment of the invention illustrated includes a body belt 1 of fabric, leather or any desired material which is provided with slits or button holes or any other desired means 2 for attachment and so spaced apart about the belt 1 as to be engaged by or attached to the suspender buttons 3 secured upon the inside of the waistband 4 of the trousers 5.

The free ends 6 and 7 of the body belt 1 at the front are secured to each other by a buckle preferably in the form shown in Figure 2 which includes a rectangular frame 8 of metal, plastic or any desired material which is provided with loops 9 for attachment to the free ends of the body belt 1. This frame 8 is also provided with a depending loop 10 which is for the purpose of being passed over and engaged with the fly button 11 projecting through the trousers to the interior thereof.

It is preferable to attach the free end 6 of the body belt 1 to the loop 9 upon the side of the buckle 8 by passing the free end through the loop 9 and bending it back upon itself with the free end attached to the main portion by snap-fasteners 12. It is preferable to pass the free end from the outer side of the belt through the loop 9 so that the snap-fasteners will be upon the body side of the belt. It is to be understood that any type of adjustable fastening means may be employed so that the buckle may be properly adjusted for the loop 10 to engage the button 11. It is preferable to provide the other free end 7 of the body belt 1 with a clasp 13 having at one end a tongue 14 bent in the form of a hook for engagement with the loop 9 on that side of the buckle 8. It is preferable to provide this clasp 13 with an adjustable frictional engaging clamp 15 maintained between the bent-up edges 16 of the clasp 13 at the end opposite the tongue 14 which is a conventional or commercial form of

adjusting means and shown in enlarged detail in Figure 4. It is preferable to secure the clasp 13 on the end of the belt on the right hand side of the fly as in male trousers the left hand side of the fly laps over on the outside so that the button 11 would be buttoned through the inner portion of the fly and the loop of the buckle 8 will be engaged therewith before the right hand end clasp is engaged with the buckle.

It is the custom at the present time in making men's trousers and slacks with either fly buttons or a zipper fly front with one button 17 near the top sewed upon the exterior of the waistband to pass through a button hole 18 upon the outside of the waistband as shown in Figure 1 and with another button 11 sewed upon the interior of the opposite portion of the fly to be buttoned through a button hole 19 upon the overlapped or inner portion of the fly so that this button 11 projects through the trousers to the body side and will be readily attached to the loop 10 of the buckle 8. In the event that the trousers are not provided with such a button, it is then desirable to sew this additional button upon the trousers in the position shown in Figure 2 so that the top of the buckle will remain in line with or just below the top of the waistband and the entire body belt or supporting means for the trousers will be invisible from the exterior.

This invention is particularly advantageous for summer slacks for both men and women when no coat is worn and is also particularly advantageous for the use by men in connection with their regular weight trousers who have the habit of removing their coat and vest during working hours or hours of relaxation at home and who hesitate to do so because they are wearing suspenders or braces with the supporting straps passing over the shoulders.

What I claim is:

An invisible body belt for supporting trousers provided with means for engaging the suspender buttons secured upon the inner side of the waistband of the trousers, a rectangular buckle having vertical slots on each side, one end of the belt adapted to be passed through one slot and detachably secured to the inner side of the belt, the other end of the belt provided with an adjustable clasp having a tongue adapted to be passed through the other slot and engage the buckle, said buckle having a depending integral loop adapted to be engaged over a button sewed upon the inner side of the trousers fly.

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