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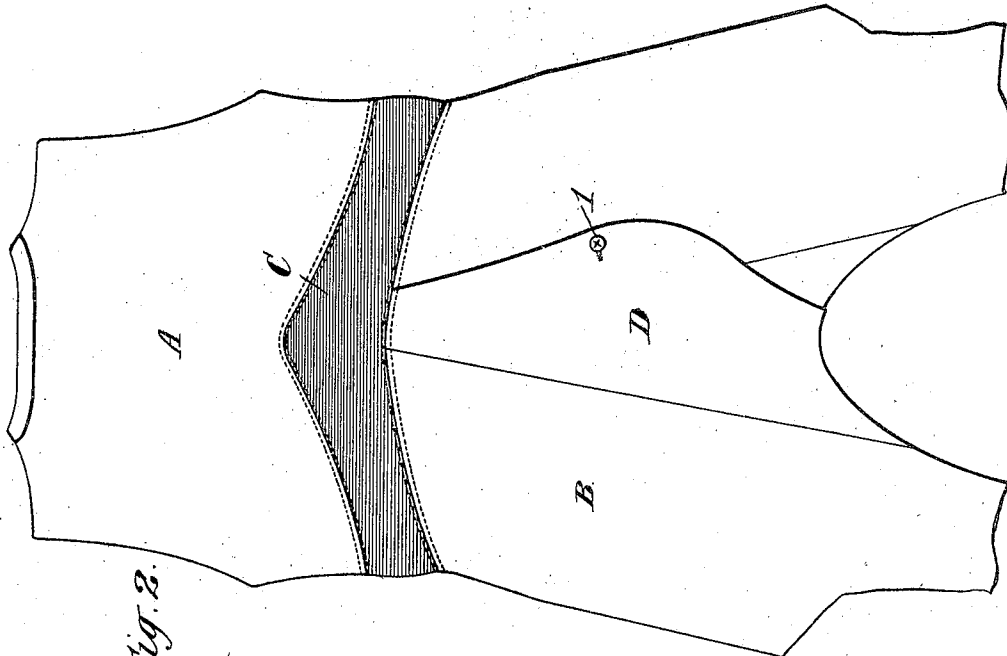


Fig. 2.

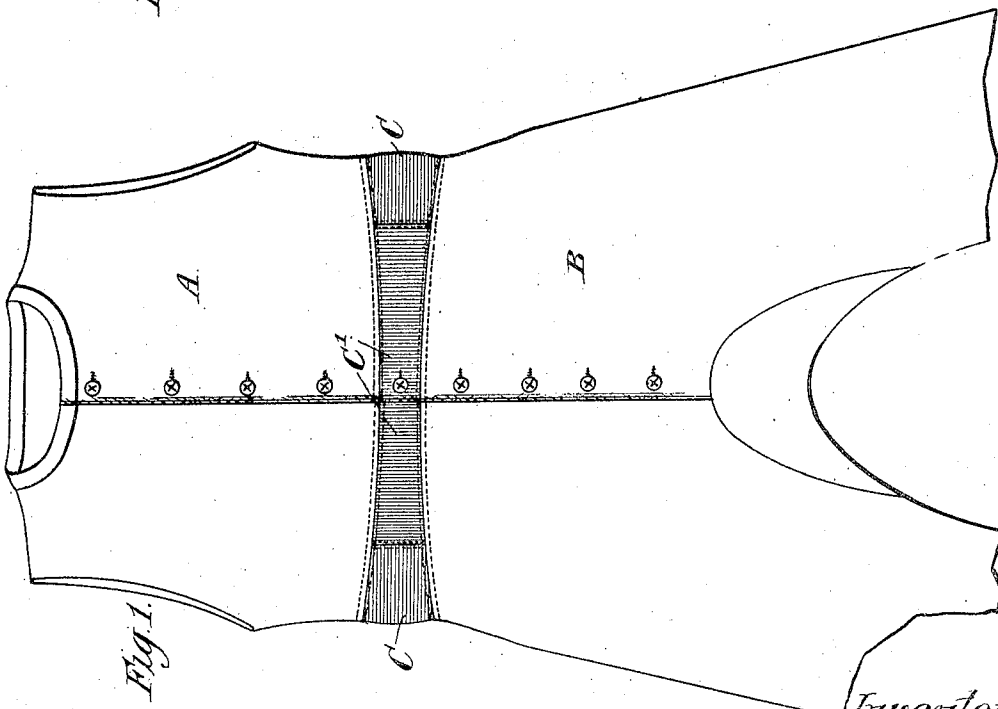


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KIRK H. WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oswego, county of Oswego, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Union Suits, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same.

My invention relates to union suits of that class having an elastic band extending wholly or partially about the body, and the invention is especially intended for knitted underwear of this class, although applicable also to union suits of other material.

The especial object of the invention is to provide an improved garment which will adapt itself better to the shapes of different wearers and to the different positions of the body than present union suits, so as to secure greater comfort and a better fit and enable standard suits to be worn by persons of widely different shape.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, a union suit embodying the invention in its preferred form is shown, and this construction will now be described and the features forming the invention then pointed out in the claims.

In the drawing—Figure 1 shows the union suit in front plan, and Fig. 2 is a rear plan.

Referring now to the drawing, A is the shirt portion, B the drawers portion, and C, C' the elastic band connecting the two. The seat flap D is secured by button 1. The garment is shown as of the same general form as that of my Letters Patent No. 1,045,921, dated December 3, 1912, except for the front portion C' of the elastic band, but the invention may be applied to garments of other forms.

Referring now to the elastic band, the portion C extending across the back of the garment is made elastic vertically, that is, when formed of knit material, with the wales running transversely to or around the garment, as shown. The band portion C' on the front of the garment, however, is made separate from the back portion, and is made elastic horizontally, that is, when formed of knit material, with the wales

running vertically, as shown, so as to yield horizontally to sidewise movements of the body, and to accommodate wearers with abdominal regions of widely different sizes and shapes.

The lower edge of the band C on the back of the garment is shown as inclined upward from the opposite sides of the garment and the posterior opening and seat-flap D extend upward to the middle or highest portion of the band, as described and claimed in my Letters Patent No. 1,045,921, referred to, and this is the preferred construction, especially in closed crotch suits, but the horizontal elastic band in the front of the garment may be used also in connection with elastic bands in which the back portion of the band is arranged in any other common or suitable manner, and the invention in its broadest aspect includes such constructions.

What I claim is:—

1. A union suit having a two-part elastic band extending around the garment, the part of the band extending across the front of the garment being elastic horizontally or transversely to the garment and the part extending across the back of the garment being elastic vertically or longitudinally of the garment.

2. A union suit having a two part elastic band extending around the garment, the part of the band extending across the front of the garment being elastic horizontally or transversely to the garment and the part extending across the back of the garment being elastic vertically or longitudinally of the garment and having its bottom edge inclined upward from the sides of the garment to the middle of the back, and the garment having a posterior opening and seat-flap extending upward to the middle portion of the band.

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

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