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Fig. 1

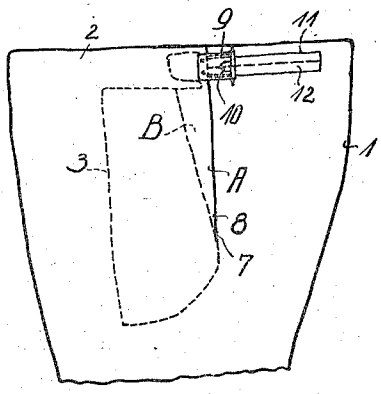


Fig. 2

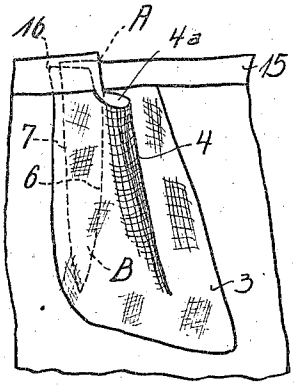


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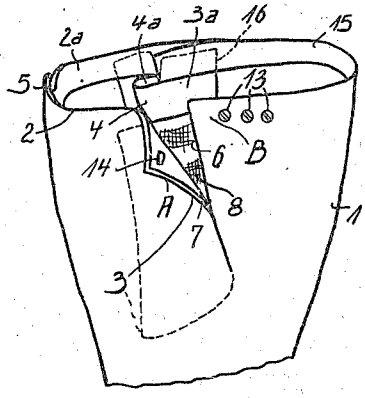


Fig. 4

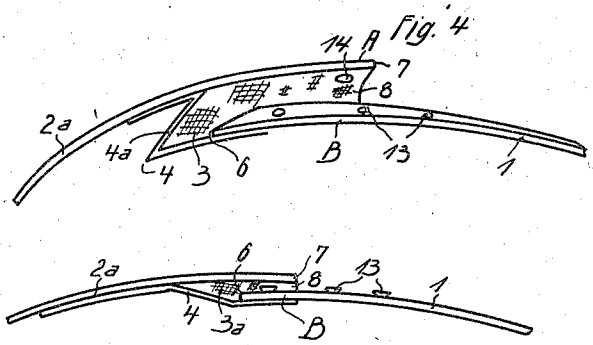


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to a garment, particularly trousers with waistband adjustable in size, in which the adjustment is effected by overlappings in the portion to be narrowed and the overlappings are disposed in the side pockets of the garment.

As compared with the known arrangements the invention consists in that a fold or plait allowing of drawing-in and letting-out of the waistband is laid in the side pocket lining. One wall of the pocket having the longitudinal fold is secured on the rear portion of the trousers and the other wall along the longitudinal edge of the resultant flap and the pocket is held at the top in the waistband by the stitching of the same. At the same time the facing of the pocket on the rear portion of the trousers is so shaped that it always covers the pocket lining during the adjustment in width. The only alteration on the garment is, that the outside part of the pocket, for example of the side pocket of a pair of trousers, remains open at the top at the points usually sewn-in for limiting the slot or pocket opening,—that is the front of the trousers is not sewn at the top into the side seam—so that the pocket with the cloth forms the above mentioned flap. The longitudinal fold arranged in the inner wall of the pocket permits an unobstructed adjustment of the waistband. The covering flap has besides fastening means which in conjunction with the counter members on the garment enable the adjustment in width.

The advantage of this arrangement consists in that the border of the pocket, necessary in any case, serves for covering irrespectively of whether the waistband of a garment, for example a pair of trousers, is let out or taken in. The adjusting arrangement requires no separate that is additional cloth nor any extra pocket lining because a piece of pocket lining of the same size as heretofore is used.

Several embodiments of the invention are illustrated, by way of example, in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Fig. 1 shows in side elevation the upper part of a garment in the form of a pair of trousers.

Fig. 2 shows the inner side of the garment shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the upper part of trousers.

Figs. 4 and 5 show a top plan view of the waistband with the means for adjusting the size.

The pair of trousers consisting of the closed rear part 1 and the front part having on the parts 2, 2a the usual front closure 5, has on its inner side the usual side pockets 3, 3a near the hips. The inner wall of each pocket has a longitudinal fold or plait 4 about 1½ to 2 centimeters deep. This fold 4 is cut away at the top at 4a (Fig. 2), that is up to the lower stitched edge of the waistband, whereas the remainder of the pocket lining extends as usual into the waistband 15. Thus, it is possible, to stitch in the waistband seam on the front trousers the outer wall of this pocket lining and also the portion of the inner wall of the pocket situated in front of the fold, whereas the fold remains free and unsupported (Fig. 2).

A flap B, arranged as usual on the rear portion of the trousers extends, on becoming larger in upward direction, up to the upper edge of the waistband. It is stitched on to the inner wall of the pocket along the line 6 as in all trousers.

Different from the ordinary trousers the pocket opening 8 is not closed by sewing on the upper end, i. e. on the waistband 15, so that the front part of the trousers forms with the outer wall of the pocket a flap A bordered by the edge 7 which flap in the case of normal waistband adjustment covers as a triangle the flap B of the rear part of the trousers on the pocket border on the rear part of the trousers. The portion of the inner wall of the pocket situated behind the fold and projecting beyond the point 4a is caught in the stitched portion of the waistband 15 at 16, so that the whole pocket is firmly held in the waistband without affecting the adjustability which is afforded by the free, unsupported fold 4 in the pocket lining. A buckle 9 sewn on the edge of the flap A near the waistband 15 serves for closing the flap A, this buckle, after the disengagement of a clamping member 10, being shiftable on a strap 12 fixed on the waistband by a central longitudinal seam 11. When shifting the buckle towards the rear the fold 4 of the pocket 3 folds over towards the rear and the waistband 15 of the trousers that is the slack is taken in. It may be pointed out that due to the particular arrangement of the buckle 9 shiftable on the strap 12 secured to the waistband by a central longitudinal seam 11 the overlapping flap A is directly connected to the inner flap B in all adjusted positions at the edge of the former, so that the opening of the pocket is sufficiently closed to prevent a loss of the contents of the pocket, even if the user of the trousers reclines on a couch or removes the trousers.

If it is desired to let out the waistband the flap A after the loosening of the buckle 9 is shifted forward in the upper part, so that the fold 4 is

laid towards the front. The flap B on the rear portion of the trousers always covers the pocket lining as in ordinary trousers.

In the form of construction shown in Fig. 3 buttons 13 on the rear part 1 of the trousers and one or more button holes 14 on the flap A serve as adjusting means. This embodiment also secures a direct connection of the flap A to the flap B in all adjusted positions at the edge of the former.

Figs. 4 and 5 clearly show, how the fold 4 of the pocket changes when taking in or letting out the slack.

Fig. 1 illustrates a pair of trousers adjusted for wear and clearly shows that, in spite of the possibility of adjustment, the side pocket appears unchanged as compared with that of ordinary trousers.

Instead of a button and button hole fastening snap fasteners, hooks and eyes or any other fastening means can be employed, and the adjusting means may be of any known construction.

I claim:—

1. In a garment: a front portion, a rear portion, said front and rear portions being separated from each other by at least one slit forming an opening for at least one pocket, said front and rear portions forming outer and inner flaps overlapping each other at said opening, means to adjust the position of said flaps relatively to each other, means for directly connecting the overlapping flap to the inner flap in all adjusted positions at the edge of the former, and a pocket, said pocket having an outer and an inner wall and being closed at one of its longitudinal sides and at the bottom, the bottom of said pocket being flat and free from any fold, the other longitudinal side of said pocket being open, the longitudinal edge of said outer wall of the pocket being attached to said flap of said front portion along said slit, the longitudinal edge of said inner wall of the pocket being attached to said flap of said rear portion, said pocket being provided with sufficient material to form a longitudinal plait in the inner wall terminating at a point above the bottom of the wall, the entire upper edge of the outer wall of said pocket being attached to said flap of said front portion, one end portion being attached to said flap of said front portion, the other end portion of the upper edge of the inner wall of the pocket being attached to said flap of said rear portion, and the portion of the upper edge of the inner wall of the pocket intermediate said end portions remaining free and adapted to form a fold when the front portion of the garment is moved relative to the rear portion.

2. In a garment: a front portion, a rear portion, said front and rear portions being separated from each other by at least one slit forming an opening for at least one pocket, said front and rear portions forming outer and inner flaps overlapping each other at said opening, a strap secured to said inner flap by a central longitudinal seam, a buckle, said buckle being attached to the edge of said outer flap and being slidably engaged with said strap to adjust the position of the flaps relatively to each other and to directly connect the overlapping flap to the inner flap in all adjusted positions at the edge of the former, clamping means connected to said buckle to secure its adjusted positions on said strap, and a pocket, said pocket having an outer and an inner wall and being closed at one of its longitudinal sides and at the bottom, the bottom of said pocket being flat and free from any fold, the other longitudinal side of said pocket being open, the longitudinal edge of said outer wall of the pocket being attached to said flap of said front portion along said slit, the longitudinal edge of said inner wall of the pocket being attached to said flap of said rear portion, said pocket being provided with sufficient material to form a longitudinal plait in the inner wall terminating at a point above the bottom of the wall, the entire upper edge of the outer wall of said pocket being attached to said flap of said front portion, one end portion of the upper edge of the inner wall of said pocket being attached to said flap of said front portion, the other end portion of the upper edge of the inner wall of the pocket being attached to said flap of said rear portion, and the portion of the upper edge of the inner wall of the pocket intermediate said end portions remaining free and adapted to form a fold when the front portion of the garment is moved relative to the rear portion.

3. In a garment: a front portion, a rear portion, said front and rear portions being separated from each other by at least one slit forming an opening for at least one pocket, said front and rear portions forming outer and inner flaps overlapping each other at said opening, one of said flaps being provided with a hole, a plurality of buttons being secured to the other flap for a selective engagement with said hole to adjust the position of the flaps relatively to each other and to directly connect the overlapping flap to the inner flap in all adjusted positions at the edge of the former, and a pocket, said pocket having an outer and an inner wall and being closed at one of its longitudinal sides and at the bottom, the bottom of said pocket being flat and free from any fold, the other longitudinal side of said pocket being open, the longitudinal edge of said outer wall of the pocket being attached to said flap of said front portion along said slit, the longitudinal edge of said inner wall of the pocket being attached to said flap of said rear portion, said pocket being provided with sufficient material to form a longitudinal plait in the inner wall terminating at a point above the bottom of the wall, the entire upper edge of the outer wall of said pocket being attached to said flap of said front portion, one end portion of the upper edge of the inner wall of said pocket being attached to said flap of said front portion, the other end portion of the upper edge of the inner wall of the pocket being attached to said flap of said rear portion, and the portion of the upper edge of the inner wall of the pocket intermediate said end portions remaining free and adapted to form a fold when the front portion of the garment is moved relative to the rear portion.

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