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Fig. 1.

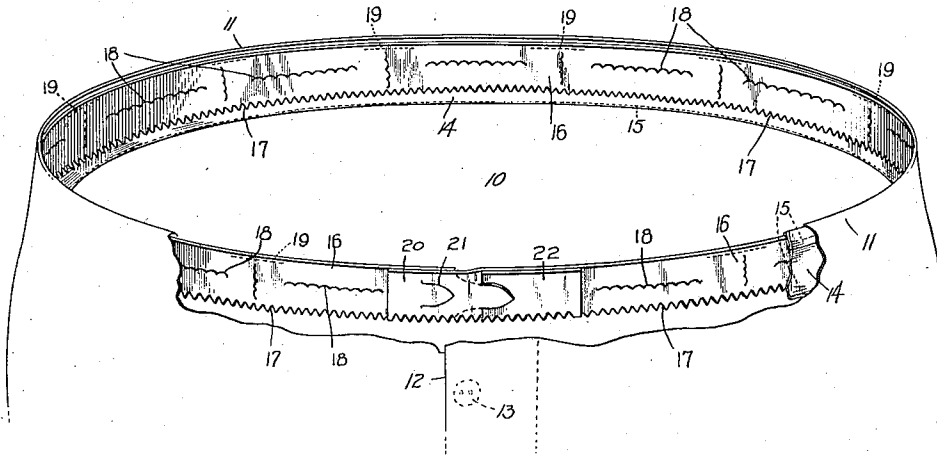


Fig. 2.

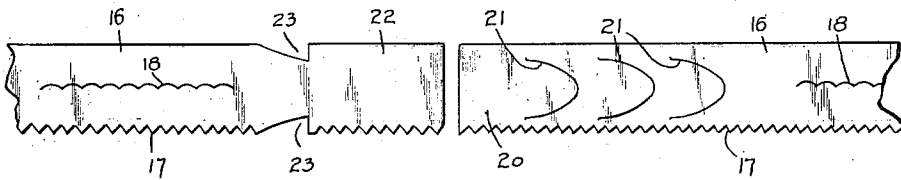
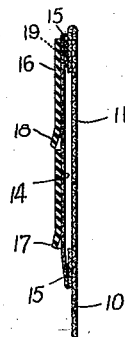


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that ABRAHAM J. GOLDSMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, New York, has invented a new and useful Improvement in Garment Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates generally to garment supporters and has reference particularly to a belt member adapted to be permanently attached to the waist band of a pair of trousers, ladies' skirts, and similar garments for the purpose of supporting the garment and for holding the shirt or shirtwaist in position about the waistline of the wearer.

The principal object of the invention is to provide an article of this character, which is applicable to any garment adapted to be supported at the waistline of the wearer, and which affords a suitable gripping surface or edge to engage the undergarment in the supporting operation.

A further object of this invention is to construct the supporting belt of material having a roughened or tacky surface provided with the inherent quality of adhering to any material with which it is brought into contact.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a supporting belt constructed of a strip of material impregnated with raw rubber and having a plurality of scalloped intermediate slits and a scalloped under edge for the purpose of engaging the under garment and supporting the outer member about the waistline.

One embodiment of the invention is illustratively exemplified in the accompanying drawing, in which Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pair of trousers having my improved supporting device incorporated therein; Figure 2 is an elevational view of the belt; and Figure 3 is a sectional view through the garment showing the relative positions of the belt and garment.

Referring to the drawing, 10 designates the upper portion of a garment having the usual waistline 11 and front opening 12 secured by a button or other fastening means 13. Secured to the inside of the waistline is the usual waistband 14 comprising a piece of material having its edges turned over upon itself and stitched to the garment by rows of machine stitching 15.

The features noted in the foregoing paragraph are those which constitute the ordi-

nary garment of this character, and in practice my improved belt member may be secured to the inside of the waistband after the latter has been stitched in the garment, or if the belt is attached at the time of manufacture of the garment, the waistband may be made and sold with the belt attached thereto. This, however, is purely optional and for illustrative purposes, I have shown the belt separate in Figure 2 and attached to the waistband 14 in Figure 3.

The belt, designated 16, comprises a strip of material impregnated with raw rubber, giving a tacky surface which is adapted to contact with the surface of the lower portion of the shirt or shirtwaist and to hold the latter, as far as possible, from being drawn up and out of proper position. In order to further insure perfect holding qualities in the belt, the latter is provided with a scalloped lower edge 17 and a plurality of evenly spaced scalloped cuts 18 disposed longitudinally of the belt and midway of its width. The points or engaging edges of the scallops are purposely directed in a downward direction, as shown particularly in Figure 3, so that any slight change in the position of the belt will cause the points to project inwardly, i. e. towards the body of the wearer and against the shirt or shirtwaist. The belt 16 is designed to be permanently attached to the garment by a series of rows of stitching or tacking 19 which is preferably arranged along or adjacent the upper edge of the belt and between the scalloped cuts 18, as illustrated in Figure 1. This arrangement enables the garment to have a neat appearance along the belt line and at the same time allows the belt proper to have full play with respect to the garment in order to properly grip the inside garment.

At the front of the garment or at any convenient point about the waist line thereof, the ends of the belt 16 are adapted to be separably attached together. In order to avoid the use of buckles or other metal fastening means, I provide one end 20 of the belt with a plurality of semi-circular cuts 21 which are directed away from the end 20. The opposite end 22 of the belt is provided with upper and lower V-shaped cut-out portions 23 which form the very end of the belt into a tongue adapted to be bent and inserted in the cuts 21, as shown in Figure 1. Adjustment of the size of the belt may

be effected by inserting the tongue in different cuts 21 depending upon the size required by the wearer of the garment.

The operation of adjusting my improved belt is as follows. Having provided a garment with the belt 16, it will not be necessary to use any other type of supporter, the shirt or shirtwaist (not shown) is tucked inside the waistline 11 of the outer garment 10 and the tongue end 22 is then inserted in one of the cuts 21. The surface of the belt 16 should then be sufficiently close to the shirt to enable the points of the scalloped edges 17 and 18 to virtually dig themselves into the under fabric when any particular strain is brought about by bending or twisting of the figure. Ordinarily, the tacky surface of the belt will hold the shirt in correct position and at the same time help to hold the garment from slipping below the waistline of the wearer.

What I claim is:

1. A flexible adjustable belt for a gar-

ment, comprising a strip of rubber coated material, the surface of which is of a tacky quality, said strip being provided with an uneven edge and a plurality of rows of uneven longitudinal slits disposed opposite to the first uneven edge and midway of the width of the belt.

2. In combination, a waistband for a garment and a flexible adjustable belt therefor, said belt comprising a strip of raw rubber impregnated material, a plurality of projecting points cut along the lower edge of the strip and a series of groups of scalloped cuts disposed opposite to the said points and longitudinally and midway of the width of the strip, said strip being stitched to the waistband at spaced points along the upper edge.

In testimony whereof, he has signed his name to this specification this 18th day of March 1924.

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