

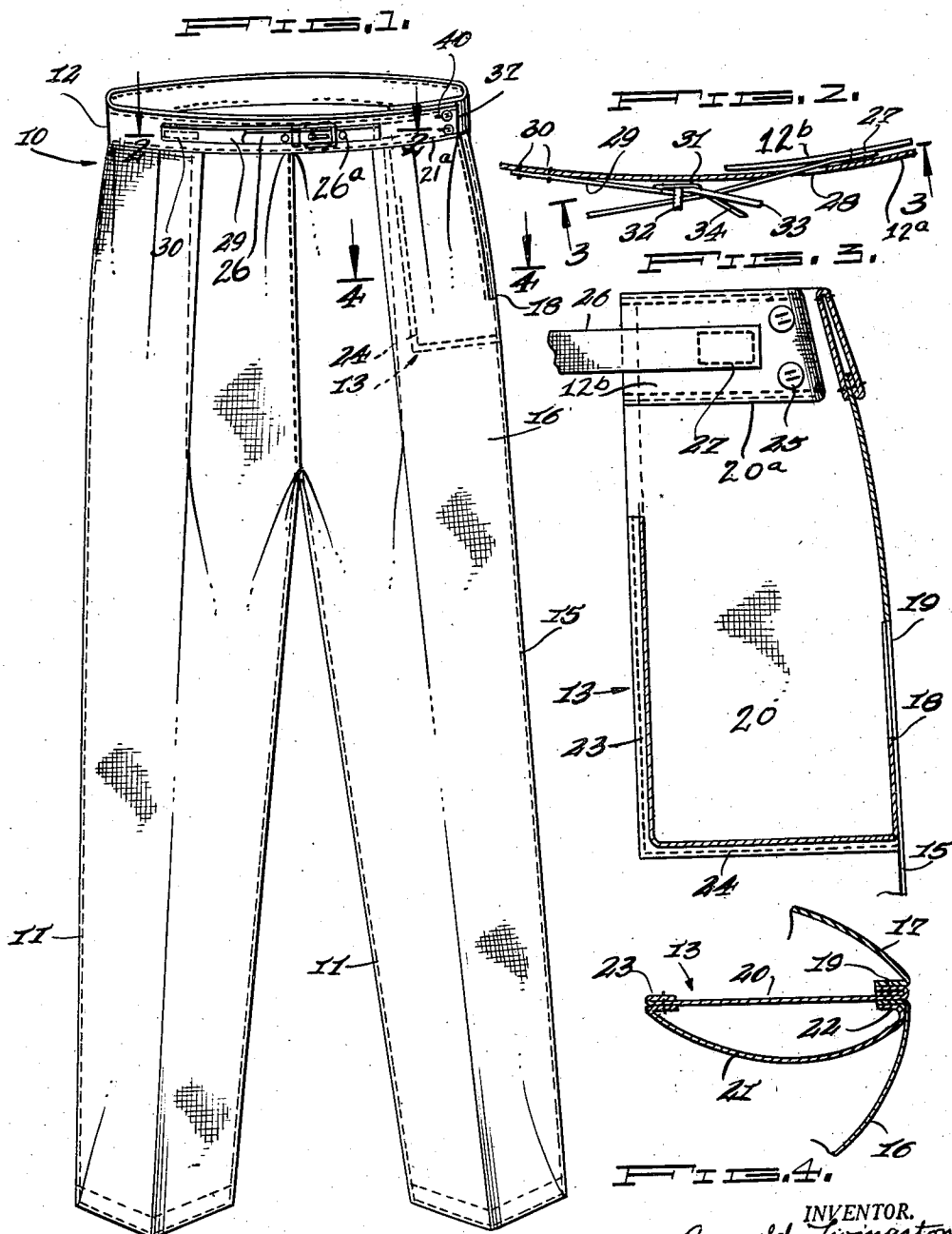
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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—237)

1 This invention relates to garments. It is particularly directed to slacks, trousers or the like garment provided with a waistline.

An object of this invention is to provide a garment of the character described having a split at one side to open up the waist portion of the garment, to permit donning or doffing of the garment, and having a pocket at the split, and means to adjust the waistline of the garment for various sizes.

Another object of this invention is to provide a garment of the character described having a side seam, a back portion on one side of the seam, and a front portion on the other side of the seam, a pocket having a back side extending from said back portion, and a front side extending from said front portion and stitched to said backside.

Still a further object of this invention is to provide a garment of the character described in which the back and front sides of the pocket are separated from the waistline down to provide an opening at the waist portion of the garment to permit donning and doffing of the garment.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide in a garment of the character described, a strap attached to the back portion of the garment at the waistline, a slit in the front portion of the garment through which one end of the strap passes, and a strap on the front portion of the garment to adjustably engage said end of said first strap whereby to adjust the waistline of the garment to various sizes.

Other objects of this invention will be seen from the following detailed description in the embodiment and construction of this novel item as shown in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a front perspective view, of a garment embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary cross-sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary upright sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, 10 designates a garment embodying the invention. The garment 10 is shown herein for the purpose of illustration only in the form of a pair of slacks or trousers, it being understood that the invention may be embodied in any garment having a waist portion.

Garment 10, as shown in the drawing has trouser legs 11. It has a waist band 12 and is provided at one side with a pocket 13 adjacent said waistband. Said garment 10 is provided at

2 one side with a seam 15 and has a portion or panel 16 at the front of said seam and a portion or panel 17 at the rear of said seam.

Seam 15 terminates below the waistband 12 as at 18. The waistband 12 is not continuous but is split at one side and has overlapping portions 12a, 12b. Portion 12b of the waistband extends forwardly beyond the back portion 17 whereas portion 12a of the waistband 12 extends to the edge of front portion 16 of the garment and terminates in the edge 37, as shown in Fig. 1.

Stitched to back portion 17 of the garment by seam 19 is rear wall of pocket portion 20. Seam 19 is an extension of seam 15 which terminates at 18. Stitched to front portion 16 by seam 22 front wall of pocket portion 21, which with the rear wall of pocket portion constitutes pocket 13. Seam 22 is also in alignment with seam 15. Pocket portions 20, 21 are stitched together by a vertical inner seam 23 which terminates at its upper end below the waistband, and a horizontal lower seam 24 extending from seam 23 to seam 15. Pocket portions 20, 21 are superimposed. The pocket is bordered by seams 23, 24 and partly by outer seam 15 which extends to point 18, above seam 24. The pocket opening is defined by seams 19, 22. It will be noted that the upper end of pocket portion 20 is stitched as at 20a to the lower edge of waistband portion 12b. Also the upper edge of pocket portion 21 is stitched as by seam 21a to the lower edge of waistband and portion 12a. Thus the upper ends of the pocket portions are separable the same as are waistband portions 12a, 12b.

It will now be understood that the pocket is on the side of the garment which opens up to permit donning and doffing the garment. Means are provided to adjust the waistline of the garment to various waistline sizes. To this end, there is stitched to waistband, portion 12b as by stitching 27, a strap 26 formed with holes 26a. Waistband portion 12a is formed with a slit 28 through which strap 26 passes to the front of the garment.

Stitched to waistband 12 as by stitching 30 is a strap 29 formed at the end thereof with a looped back and stitched portion 31 carrying a buckle 33 provided with a tongue 34. Strap 29 also carries a loop 32. Strap 26 engages buckle 33, tongue 34 enters a hole 26a, and the end of the strap slips into loop 32. Since several holes 26a are provided, adjustment of waistsize may be obtained.

Waistband portion 12b is provided with a pair of buttons 25 adapted to be received in button-holes 40 in waistband portion 12a. When the

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straps 26, 29 are tightened, the overlapping waistband portions are drawn together which is thus constricted. It can now be readily understood that I have produced a garment having a continuous and uninterrupted waistband except at the split portion at one side of the garment. The split portion extends downwardly through the waistband, the body portion to and through the mouth or opening of the pocket.

I claim:

A garment comprising a waist portion, a pocket, a side seam, and front and back portions at opposite sides of said seam, said side seam terminating below the waist portion to provide a split so that the waist portion can be opened up to facilitate the donning and doffing of the garment, said waist portion including a waistband continuous and uninterrupted except at said split, a back pocket portion extending from the back portion, a front pocket portion positioned beneath and stitched to the front portion adjacent said split which forms the pocket opening, said pocket portions being stitched together by a vertical seam terminating below the waistband, and a horizontal seam extending from the lower end of the vertical seam to the side seam below the upper end of said side seam, the front pocket portion

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being stitched to the waistband portion adjacent the front portion of the split, the rear pocket portion extension being stitched to the waistband portion adjacent the rear portion of the split, said waistband having overlapping portions, button and button hole means to attach said overlapping waistband portions together, a strap in the waistband portion adjacent the rear portion of the split and a slit in the waistband portion adjacent the front portion of the split, through which said strap passes and a second strap stitched to the waistband adjacent the side of the garment opposite the split and having a buckle thereon to adjustably fasten it to said first strap.

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