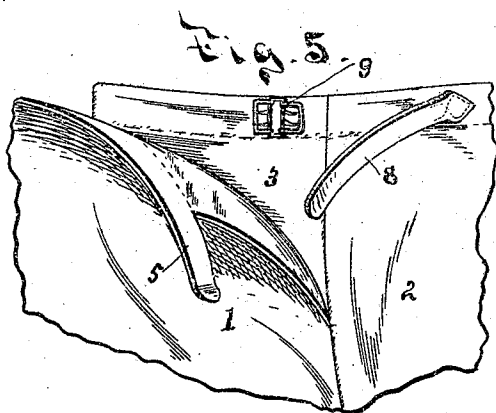
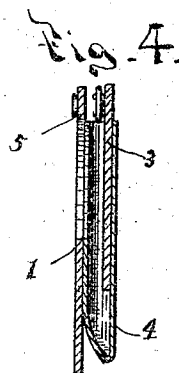
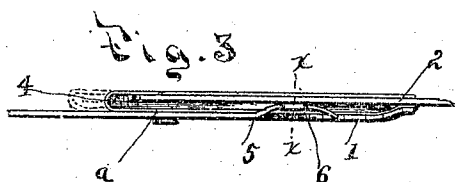
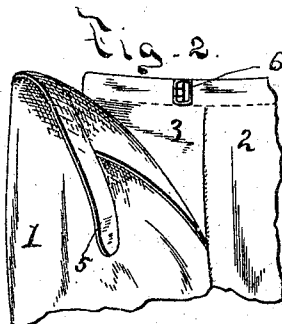
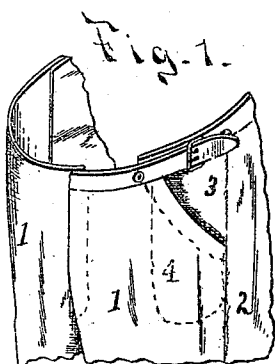


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. SCHUEY, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trousers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the reference numerals and letters marked thereon.

My invention has for its objects to improve the construction of trousers by providing an improved means of adjustment for the waistband, whereby the length may be changed several inches, if desired, without materially changing the appearance of the garment, and it consists in certain improvements in construction hereinafter described, the novel features being pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a pair of trousers provided with my improvements. Fig. 2 is a view showing the fastening strap or tongue turned down; Fig. 3, a plan view of a portion of the waistband; Fig. 4, a vertical-sectional view on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 3; Fig. 5, a view of a modification.

Similar reference numerals and letters in the several figures indicate similar parts.

In carrying out my invention instead of forming especial gores in rear of the side seams of a pair of trousers for the purpose of adjusting the waistband, I divide the waistband over the pocket, which forms the medium of connection between the two parts and being inside the trousers and flexible, considerable latitude of adjustment may be had without being noticeable.

Referring particularly to Figs. 1, 2 and 4, the front of one of the legs of the trousers is indicated by 1 and the rear portion by 2 being connected, as usual, by the side seam; the corner of the front part 1 is cut away, as usual, to form a top pocket, and to the rear part 2 is secured the usual inserted piece 3 to which one side of the pocket 4 is sewed. Instead of forming the waistband as usual in one piece, I attach one portion of it to the front 1 of the leg, extending the end over the aperture or mouth of the pocket in the form of a strap or tongue 5, and the waistband on

the other side is provided with a buckle 6 with which the strap 5 co-operates and by means of which the parts of the waistband are fastened together. The pocket 4 is sewed as usual to the under side of the portion 1, the stitches extending preferably only as far forward as the point indicated by a in Fig. 3, and the inside portion of the pocket is sewed to the inserted piece 3, so that by the adjustment of the strap or tongue in the buckle the waistband can be lengthened or shortened, the parts slipping by each other and at a place where there is usually an aperture, so that there will be no gathering noticeable and the top of the flexible pocket forming the means of connection, being thin can be folded or extended without disarranging the other parts or appearing unsightly. Also as it is intended to have the same means of adjustment on each side of the trousers the amount of adjustment permitted may be distributed between the two sides without being noticeable.

It will be understood that practically the same means of adjustment may be provided for trousers having side pockets the only difference being that the inserted piece 3, or the part of the rear of the trousers leg that corresponds to it, is smaller and the front of the leg is not cut away as much as shown, throwing the fastening buckle to the rear, and also that the relative positions of the strap and buckle could be changed, the buckle being placed on the outer piece or flap and the strap on the waistband, or the fastening could be reversed.

In Fig. 5 is shown a construction in which an additional strap 8 is provided over the hip for adjusting the rear portion of the waistband as desired, said strap engaging one of the tongues on the double buckle 9, this construction allowing an extra adjustment if it is found necessary or desirable.

While I have described the waistband as being separate from the front and rear pieces of the leg of the trousers, it will be understood that this term indicates the top of the garment whether formed of separate pieces or not.

This invention is particularly desirable for ready-made trousers, for the reason that there is a greater variation required in the waist-

bands of garments for men than in most other places and therefore goods cut from one pattern can be used for a number of customers without permanent alteration.

5 Of course, the usual strap adjustment at the rear of the trousers for contracting the waistband over the hips may be used, if desired, or the arrangement shown in Fig. 5 can be employed.

10 I claim as my invention—

1. The herein described trousers having the waistband divided as shown, and adjustable connections between the parts and the pocket connected to both parts of the waistband and
15 arranged to be folded inside when the latter is adjusted; substantially as described.

2. The herein described trousers having the waistband divided as shown and adjustable

connections between the parts, the inner pocket facing secured to the inner part and 20 the pocket of flexible material secured to the outer part of the waistband and to the facing and adapted to be folded inside when the parts are adjusted; substantially as described.

3. In a pair of trousers, the combination 25 with the connected front and rear leg-portions, and the pocket-facing secured to the latter, of the flexible pocket secured to the facing and to the front leg-portion, and adjustable connections between the two leg- 30 tions above the pocket, substantially as described.

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