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Fig. 1.

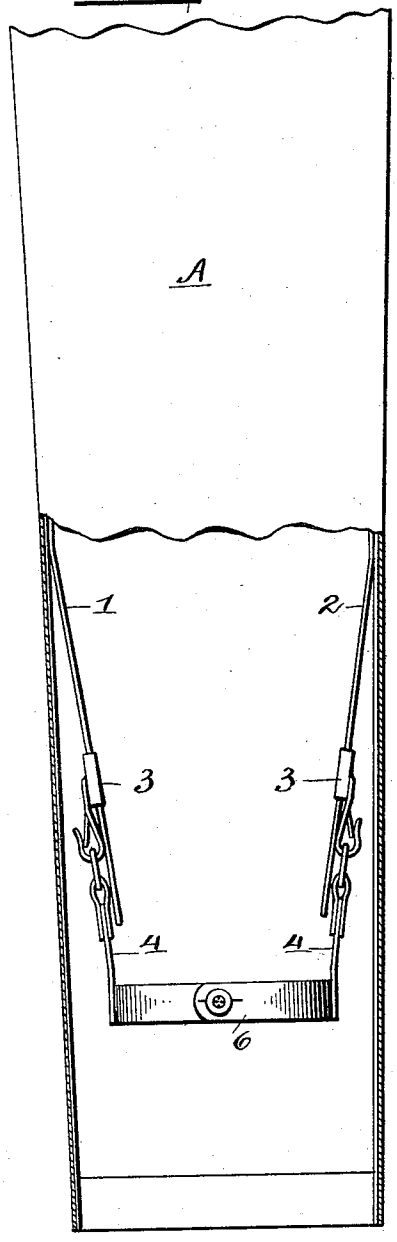
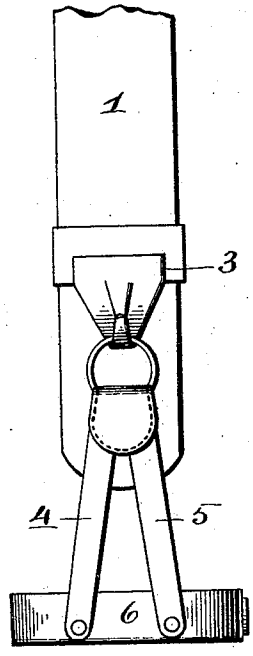


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES J. DEVINE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Clifton Heights, in the county of Delaware and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Trousers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to improved means for preventing the "bagging" of trousers at the knees, and the object is to provide a simple and efficient means for accomplishing the stated purpose.

I have fully and clearly illustrated my invention in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view showing my invention applied to a pair of trousers, the front of the leg being broken away to show the construction and the application of the device. Fig. 2 is a view of the device removed from the trousers-leg.

A designates the legs of the trousers, to the side seams of which below the knee are secured the upper ends of two pieces of elastic strips 1 2. These are fastened to the inner faces of legs of the pants at the side seams. On these elastics at the lower or free ends are arranged buckles 3, adjustable on the strips, and to the buckles are fastened bifurcated strips 4 5 of the form or construction of suspender-ends, the lower ends of which are secured to an elastic leg-band 6, provided with a buckle or button fastening, by which it may be adjusted and secured around the leg at the top of the hose, thus serving the double purpose of a garter to hold the hose up on the leg and of keeping the trousers down through the action on the elastics.

The application of my device in use is made as follows: The elastics are secured in the trousers-legs at the seams below the knee, and then when the trousers are drawn on the leg-strap or garter is tightened and secured around the leg and the necessary adjustment given to the side straps through the buckles to keep the trousers lightly stretched and prevented from working up to form a "bag" at the knee.

The use of the device has proved its utility in practice, and from experience it is proved that it requires but little force to accomplish the purpose, and that the device is applied conveniently and worn with comfort.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The improvement hereinbefore described, consisting of an elastic leg-band, bifurcated strips secured at their lower ends to the leg-band, elastic strips 1 and 2, and buckles arranged adjustably upon said strips 1 and 2 and connected with the upper ends of the bifurcated strips, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the legs of trousers, of elastic strips having their upper ends fastened to the side seams of the legs below the knee, adjustable buckles on the elastic strips having bifurcated strips secured thereto, and a leg-band secured to the lower ends of the bifurcated strips, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand in the presence of two attesting witnesses.

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