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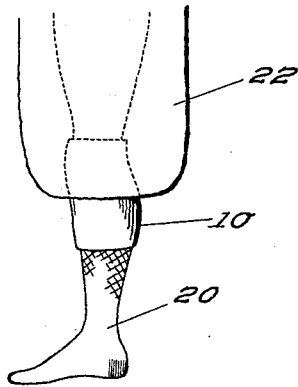


FIG. 1

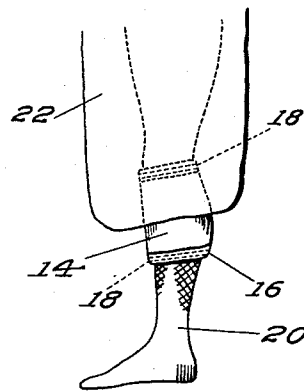


FIG. 2

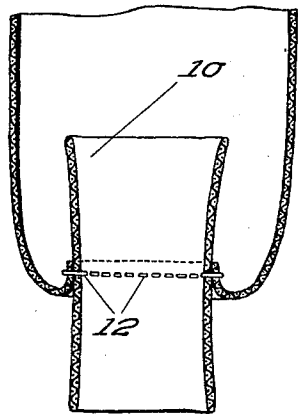


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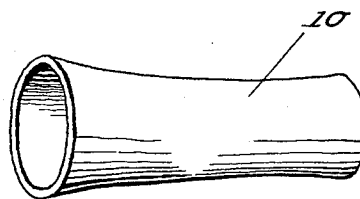


FIG. 4

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This invention relates to improvements in garment fastening means and has for one of its principal objects means for providing a double and safe grip around the calves of the legs of a user in order to maintain the legs of garments such as trousers, knickers or the like in desired position and drape, and to perform the same functions with respect to the arms of a wearer when the invention is employed in the construction of sleeves of jackets, shirts, sweater-coats and the like.

One of the important objects of this invention is to provide a garment cuff which embodies a combination trousers or knicker support and also a support for maintaining stockings or socks in their proper position, utilizing all or a portion of the garment cuff for this purpose, and eliminating such uncomfortable devices as garters, buttons, buckles, straps and the like.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a means for maintaining adjustment of a trousers leg or garment sleeve, comprising a cuff having a double edge consisting of an inner and an outer end, the inner end being of exactly opposite shape to that of the outer end while the garment is being worn in that its edge extends in an upward direction, thus serving to support the garment above the wider part of the wearer's limb without need for any tension or pressure thereupon.

Still another and further important object of the invention is the provision of a garment cuff which is formed of such material as to adapt itself readily to the shape of the wearer's limb, and which furthermore is of such flexibility that it may be worn in different positions on the leg as desired or convenient, in perfect form-fitting relation while at the same time distributing its elastic pressure upon the limb over a considerable area, thereby eliminating the binding and impeding of the wearer's blood circulation which ordinarily results from the use of straps, garters, and similar devices.

Other and further important objects of the invention will be apparent from the disclosures in the accompanying drawings and following specification.

The invention, in a preferred form, is illustrated in the drawings and hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved garment cuff of this invention, showing the same as applied to the leg of a pair of knickers and in position upon the wearer.

Figure 2 is a similar view, partly in section, illustrating a slight modification of the invention and also a different positioning thereof.

Figure 3 is a detail sectional view showing the application of the device to the hem of a knicker's leg.

Figure 4 is a perspective view illustrating the cuff before mounting on the garment.

As shown in the drawings:

The reference numeral 10 indicates generally the improved garment cuff of this invention, which comprises essentially an open tube having elastic properties, which is preferably of knitted material, and which is attached at approximately its middle to the lower edge or cuff of the leg of a pair of knickers or the like, as shown by the stitches 12 in Figure 3. The cuff is attached to the turned-up inner face of the lower edge or cuff of the garment, but obviously may be mounted thereon in some other manner, and also the cuff itself may be formed in two pieces joined at the line of stitching 12. It will further be obvious that the stitching may be effected at any point along the length of the tubing so as to provide, if desired, a cuff having two ends of unequal length.

In Figure 2, the tube 14 is shown as composed of cloth or some material which may not be quite as elastic as knitted material, this cloth or fabric, however, having hems 16 at the upper and lower edges into each of which hems is fitted a band of rubber 18 or some other similar elastic material whereby the cuff will be properly maintained in position upon the leg of the wearer.

In each of Figures 1 and 2, the cuff is shown as additionally supporting a stocking 20 over which it fits and which it will obviously maintain in desired position on account of the tendency of the cuff to cling to the leg

of the wearer. In Figure 1 the trousers or knickers 22 are shown as having the hems supported at approximately the knee line of the wearer, while in Figure 2 they are positioned lower, this being accomplished by merely sliding the cuff further down on the leg, the same supporting effect resulting in both instances. Obviously, the inner lower hem of the knickers may be supported at a point completely above the knee of the wearer, if desired.

In mounting this garment cuff with attached knickers in position upon the leg of a wearer, that portion of the cuff above the seam 12 will telescope itself into the lower portion, the lower end being preferably smaller in circumference, as best shown in Figure 4. The garment is then pulled upwardly on the leg into a position above that in which it is desired to be retained, after which the lower part or outer end of the cuff is pulled down into desired position. The upper part of the cuff then reverses itself, being turned right side out and assuming the shape of the limb to which it firmly adheres. A perfect draping of the garment may thereby be effected. Naturally, the golf or other stocking is either put on before the cuff and trousers after which the cuff is pulled down thereover, or otherwise the stocking or sock can be tucked up under the cuff.

It will be evident that herein is provided a combination knicker and stocking support which is particularly adaptable for golf and other sports, and which further provides a neat and attractive appearing garment, being form fitting, and also providing a double cuff for the pants or knickers. Further, the invention may also be applied to sleeves or other portions of garments for maintaining the same in desired or adjusted position.

The use of this cuff eliminates garters, buckles, buttons, and straps, and provides a freely adjustable support without any of the inconvenience or annoyance usually inherent in such devices. Furthermore, the cost of manufacture of the garment of this invention is much less than that of other garments of this kind heretofore placed on the market.

It will further be evident that the principle of this invention may be employed in many articles of wearing apparel other than those herein mentioned with equally good results, and need not necessarily be positioned at the cuffs or edges thereof.

I am aware that many changes may be made and numerous details of construction varied throughout a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention, and I therefore do not purpose limiting the patent granted hereon otherwise than as necessitated by the prior art.

I claim as my invention:

In a knickerbocker construction including trousers legs, means for retaining each of the

trousers legs in desired position on the leg of a wearer, said means comprising a tube of elastic material, said tube joined at approximately its middle to the lower edge of the trousers leg member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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