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(54) **Process for making patterns on clothing articles**

(57) The invention relates to a method for making localized or non localized folds, curls, patterns, etc. having a casual shape on ready-to-wear clothing articles. For this purpose, according to the invention curling means (3) are applied along the garment seams (2) and the so curled garment (1) is subjected to treatments such as fading, dyeing, sand blasting, scratching, brushing, "stone-washing", etc., acting only or mainly on the exposed fabric areas and to a less extent or to no extent at all on the inward curl areas, to determine the desired final effect.

The curl, obtained by means of any suitable material, e.g. strings, threads, elastic bands, clips or the like being applied on the seams (2), can be made on the whole garment (1) or just a part thereof (for instance in the case of trousers a "wear" or light-and-shade effect can be achieved by making folds or the like, for example only in the knee area).

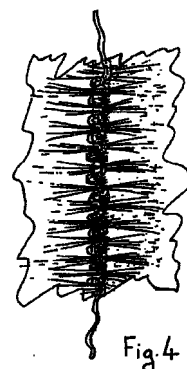


Fig. 4

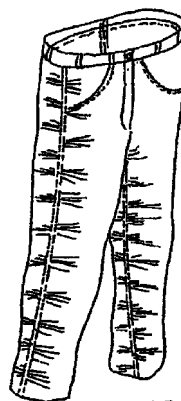


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