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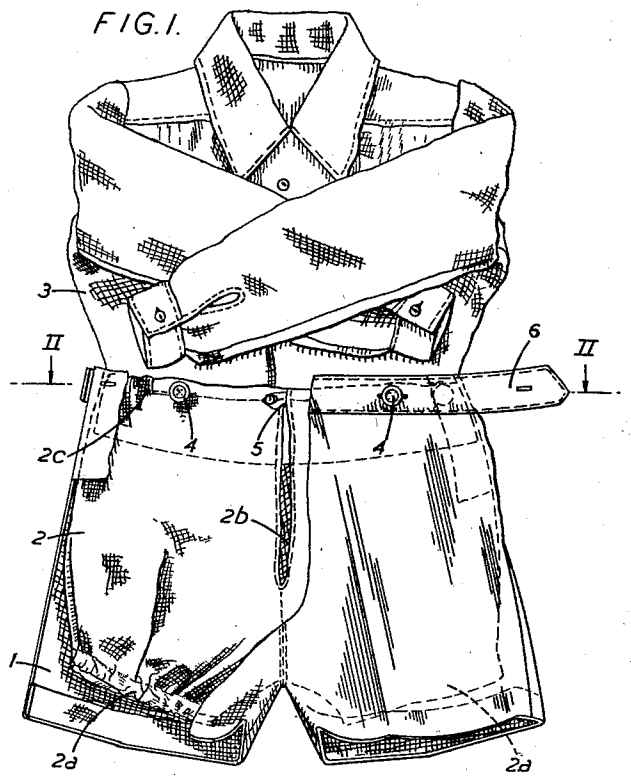

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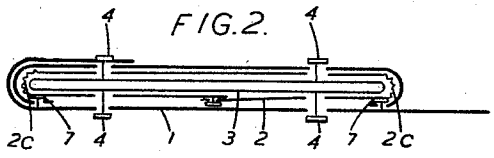

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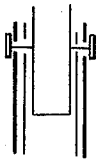

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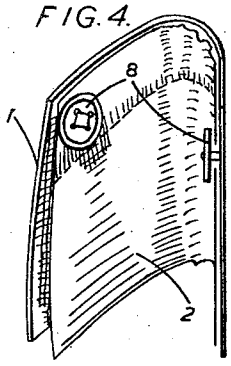

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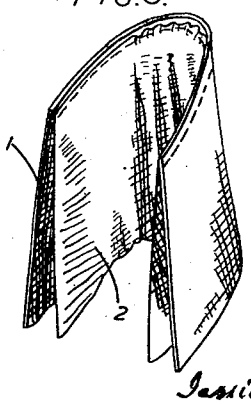

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This invention relates to trousers, shorts and the like.

The object of the invention is to provide an article of clothing of this kind in which the necessity for the provision of under-pants is obviated, but at the same time the warmth of such garments is substantially increased with the further advantage that the rather general tendency of the under garment, particularly in shorts, to appear beyond the outer garment is obviated and a resulting neat and warm garment obtained.

The garment according to the invention comprises an outer garment comprising a lower body portion consisting of an outer member, and an inner lining which is secured detachably at its upper portion to the upper portion of the outer member so that it may be withdrawn from the said outer member if desired, while the legs of the lining are gathered together at their lower extremities to form resilient openings for the legs of the wearer somewhat after the manner of the draught-excluding cuffs sometimes incorporated in the sleeves of mackintoshes and other coats.

The invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings.

In the said drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front view of the lower body portion with which is included a waist portion, with a portion of the outer member cut away.

Fig. 2 is a diagrammatic section taken on the line II—II of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a partial diagrammatic sectional elevation showing the attachment means of Figs. 1 and 2.

Fig. 4 is a similar view to Fig. 3 of the attachment means for a two-piece garment.

Fig. 5 is a similar view to Fig. 3 of a permanently connected two-piece garment.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 is the outer member of the lower body portion, 2 is the lining, and 3 an upper waist portion. The lining 2 has its leg extremities gathered together by elastic as at 2a. Attachment is by means of four buttons 4 sewn to the waist portion 3—two in front and two behind—the lining 2 and outer member 1 having corresponding button holes through which the buttons 4 are passed. The lining 2 is slit down the front as at 2b and a short button-holed tab 5 is sewn to the upper portion of one side of the slit for buttoning on to the opposite side. Elastics are inserted at opposite sides of the lining as at 2c for retaining the lining closely about the wearer; while the

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outer member is drawn close by means of button-holed side straps 6 which button over corresponding buttons 7 slightly to the rear.

The waist portion 3 is first put on, apart from the lower body portion. The lining 2 is then put on and buttoned to the waist portion by means of the buttons 4; and then the outer member 1 is put on and buttoned to the lining.

When the lower body portion is to be worn apart from a waist portion the buttons are sewn on to the outer member 1 the lining 2 buttoning over the buttons 8 as shown in Fig. 4.

The lining 2 may be permanently attached to the lower body portion by stitching as shown in Fig. 5. With this form, the lining may be washed separately from the lower body portion by pulling it out of the body portion, so that it is turned inside out, and washing it as far as possible up the joint with the body portion which itself is kept out of the water.

In the three-piece garment instead of a waist portion as shown, a corset or bodice, or open vest or singlet for summer wear may be used.

It will be seen that with such garment it is impossible for the lower edge of the lining to project beyond the legs of the outer member so that resulting neatness is automatically obtained, while the thighs of the wearer are protected from updraughts of the outside air. Then again the feature of being able to withdraw the lining from the outer member enables it to be washed separately from the outer member—a particular convenience where the invention is applied to children's shorts. Where the lining is detachably secured to the outer member, the washing operation is further simplified.

The invention thus combines the usual lining necessary in such garments with the advantage of a separate under garment which at the same time gives a warmer garment at about the same cost as the usual lined garment, and with the further advantage that the lining may be cleaned when desired, apart from the outer member.

Obviously the invention may be applied to trousers reaching down to the ankles and so obviates the necessity of wearing under garments.

I claim:

1. A garment comprising an upper waist portion and a lower body portion connected together adjacent the waist-line, said body portion including an outer member and a lining; said waist portion having buttons disposed around same underlying the upper portions of the outer member and lining; said upper portion of the outer member and lining having button holes registering with

the buttons through which the said buttons are secured; said lining having a slit extending upwardly through the upper edge thereof; means for detachably securing the upper ends of the slit together; and button-holed straps at the waist-line of the outer member also engaging said buttons.

2. In a garment as set forth in claim 1, elastic inserts in the upper portion of the lining at the sides thereof.

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