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Fig. 1.

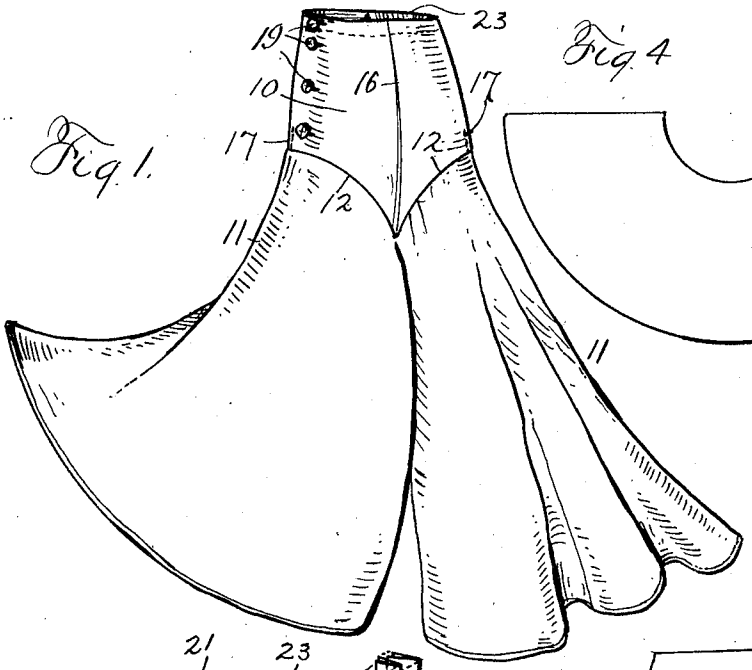


Fig. 4

Fig. 2

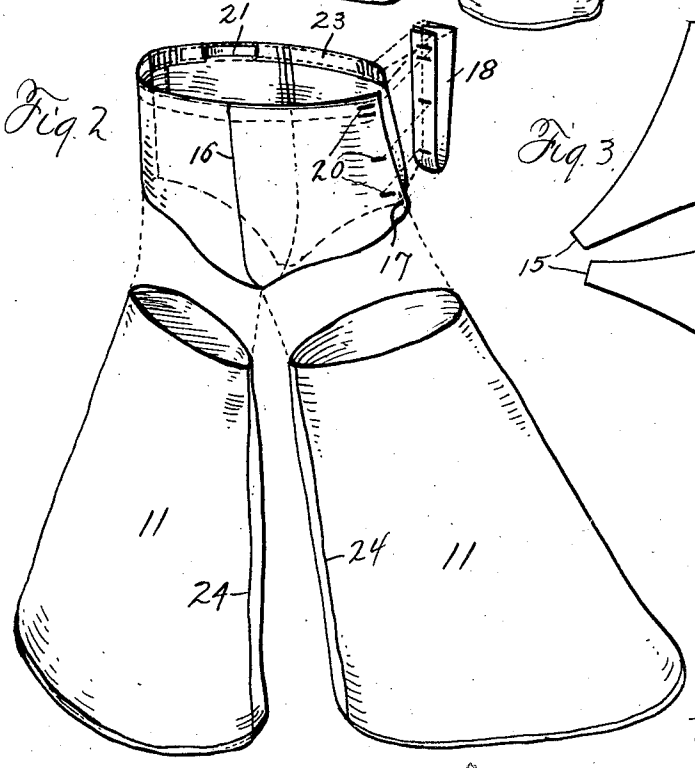


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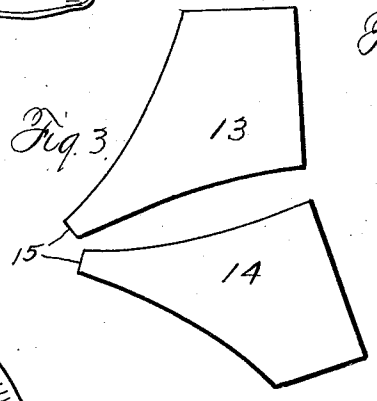
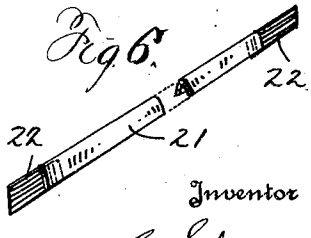


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PAJAMAS

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This invention relates to pajamas and particularly to the pants or trousers thereof. An object of the invention is to provide such a garment (that is a garment of a trousers type) with legs which will be so large at the bottom that the garment when worn will have the appearance of a full skirt and yet fit snugly about the waist or body so that the appearance will be neat or trim and comfortable and be free from looseness or fullness about the waist. Such a garment especially commends itself to women and girls.

The invention consists in whatever is described by or is included within the terms or scope of the appended claim.

In the drawings the invention is illustrated as embodied in the pants or trousers member of a suit of pajamas and in such drawings—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the garment;

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the waist and leg members complete but separated;

Fig. 3, 4 and 5 are respectively views of the patterns or parts from which the garment is made;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the elastic back strip.

Describing in detail what is shown in the drawings, there is a waist portion, 10, and a pair of legs, 11, the bottom of the waist and the top of the legs being sewed together on a seam, 12, which at the front follows substantially the groin of the body. The waist is formed to fit trimly or snugly to the corresponding part of the body and from the seam, 12, each trousers leg flares downwardly and outwardly, each leg in effect being the frustum of a cone with a base of considerable diameter so that when the garment is worn the full and indeed the flaring effect of a skirt is produced.

The waist is made of two pairs of complementary blanks 13 and 14, Fig. 3, the blanks of a pair being respectively back and front and of opposite or reverse contour, each having two straight edges that extend at substantially a right angle and which respectively form the top and outer side and two curved edges which converge and meet at a blunt end, 15, the two curved edges being respectively the point of union with the top of the appropriate leg and forming the seam, 16, which extends through the crotch and on a median line at the front and back of the garment. The blunt ends, 15, assure sufficient room or space at the crotch to avoid discomfort. The straight side edges of the blanks of a pair are joined by a seam, 17, that extends only a short distance from the groin seam, 12, they being unjoined from that point to the top so as to provide a side slit or placket opening for putting on and removing the garment and at the slit or placket thus provided, a strip or placket piece, 18, is sewed at each edge such strip being formed from a blank shown in Fig. 5 that is folded longitudinally and transversely, at midlength to constitute the placket slit bottom. At one side of the placket is a row of buttons, 19 and at the other side complementary button holes, 20, so that the garment is secured in place by being buttoned.

It is important that stock garments within a limited range of a certain size as to waist be capable of sufficient waist adjustment to suit persons of different waist measures within that size. This I accomplish by making the back parts, 13, at the upper edge stretchable from a normally contracted condition to suit the waist measurements of persons larger than the contracted waist measure of the garment. It is equally important that the means for providing such adjustment be such that the portion of the waist of the garment which is acted upon by the elastic shall at all times present a smooth, neat appearance and lie flatly against the person without any twisting or rolling which besides being unsightly would exert a localized and annoying pressure on the body. Again economy of manufacture must be taken into account. I achieve all these things by the construction shown in the drawings which comprises a band or strap, 21, of inelastic material of considerable length and a short section of elastic webbing, 22, stitched each at one end to one end of the band, 21, and at the other end being stitched to the waist portion of the garment adjacent the placket. The strip or band with the elastic ends is enclosed in a

hem or tunnel, 23, with lines of stitching adjacent the upper and lower edges of the strip or band. Whatever puckering exists by reason of the contraction of the elastic sections is of very limited extent at each side while for the most part, the waist at the back lies smooth and flat and without any tendency to curl or twist or roll.

The inelastic strip, 21, may be a folded-over piece of cotton, or other inexpensive material between the overlying portions of which at the ends, the ends of the elastic are in circuit.

Simply by way of illustration and without being limited to the dimensions in practice, the contracton by the normal contraction of the elastic sections is about an inch less than the normal waist size of the garment and it will stretch or expand to about two inches above that normal size and thus give approximately three inches of adjustment for each side.

The blank shown in Fig. 4 from which each leg is made is a sector which is substantially a semi-circle with the central portion removed so that when the straight edges which form the diameter are secured together in a seam, 24, the funnel or frustum-cone shape legs, 11, will result.

It will be evident that the garment shown in the drawings fulfills all the conditions which it is stated hereinbefore is the object of the invention to achieve. The garment thus produced is trim, neat and comfortable being free from objectionable fullness at the waist and due to the full skirt effect is comfortable about the legs and stylish.

What is claimed is:

A garment of the trousers type having a waist portion formed of two sets of complementary front and back blanks joined by a seam on a median line that extends through the crotch and two legs formed each of a sector shape blank with straight edges that are joined on a seam at the inside of the leg, the bottom of the waist blanks and the tops of the leg blanks being joined by a seam situated substantially at the groin of the human body, the waist blanks at the sides being openable and closable at a slit thereat and means for detachably securing together the parts adjacent each slit.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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