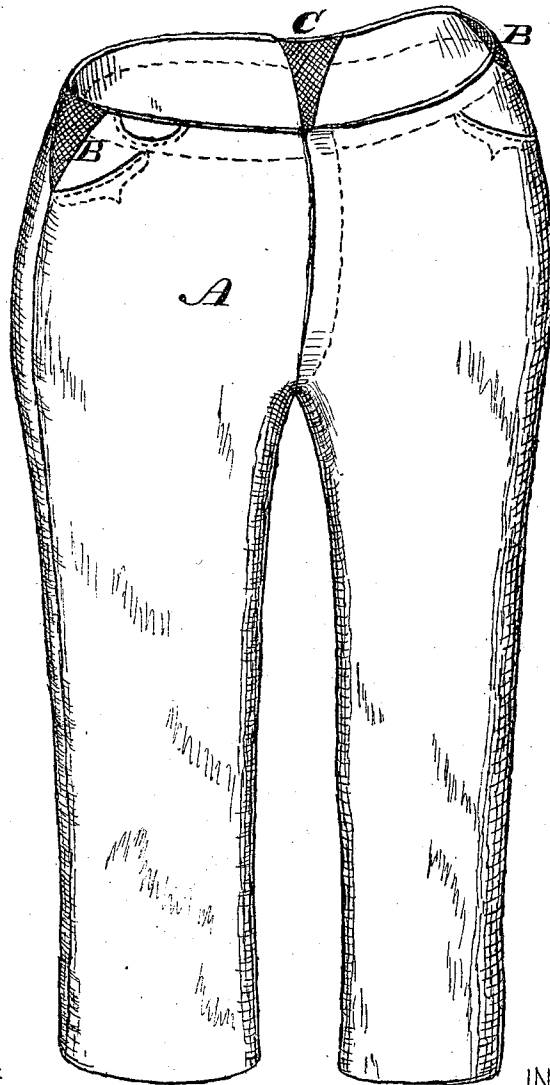


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IMPROVEMENT IN PANTALOONS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, PHILIP F. MYERS and GEORGE WHITE, residents of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pantaloon, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification.

Hitherto, in the wholesale manufacture of pantaloons, to provide for fitting persons of different sizes and shapes, it has been necessary to make the garment in a great many sizes, especially in the waist measurement.

The present invention relates to an improvement in the construction of the garment, by means whereof the desired end is attained, (so far as the waist measurement is concerned,) with one or two sizes only. By means of it, also, any special garment, either in ready-made or in custom work, can be not only fitted more readily, accurately, and neatly, but can be made to accommodate itself to the person, and be easier to wear.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, A represents a pair of pantaloons, which are of ordinary construction, saving that at the waist three gores, B B and C, of elastic material like rubber webbing, are inserted, and in the following manner: One, B B, at each side, and a third, C, in the center of the back. The gores, in shape, are triangular, as shown, and when in position point downward, extending from the top of the garment. In this manner, the waist, being composed partly of elastic material, is made expansible, and thus adaptable to a great variety of waist measurements. To this end, the garment at the top is made considerably smaller than the portion below it; and in use the waist expands and accommodates itself to the person, and owing to the arrangement of the gores at the sides, as well as at the back, the garment is expanded evenly, and without discomfort to the wearer.

It will be seen that this improvement is not only an advantage to the trade, in being able to dispense with many of the sizes of the garment which they have heretofore been required to keep on hand, but to the buyer it is also desirable, in furnishing him a neatly-fitting garment, and one that adapts itself to the person; for the strap hitherto used in tightening the waist-band is dispensed with, nor is there need for suspenders.

We are aware that pantaloons have been made with an opening at either side seam, from the top downward, and that at said opening one part (either the front or back of the garment) overlapped the other, and that near the upper end of the opening an elastic strap has been used to connect the two parts, one end of which strap being fastened to the outside of one part, and the other end to the inside of the other part. We are also aware that pieces of elastic material have been inserted in pantaloons, extending from the side seam at the waist in a curvilinear direction to the seat-seam. We therefore do not broadly claim the use of elastic material in the manufacture of pantaloons or the waist thereof; but

Having described our invention, what we claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In pantaloons, the combination of triangular cut-away sections, with their vertices downward, and extending downward from the top of the waist, and elastic pieces corresponding in shape to the cut-away sections, and secured to the sides of the same, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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