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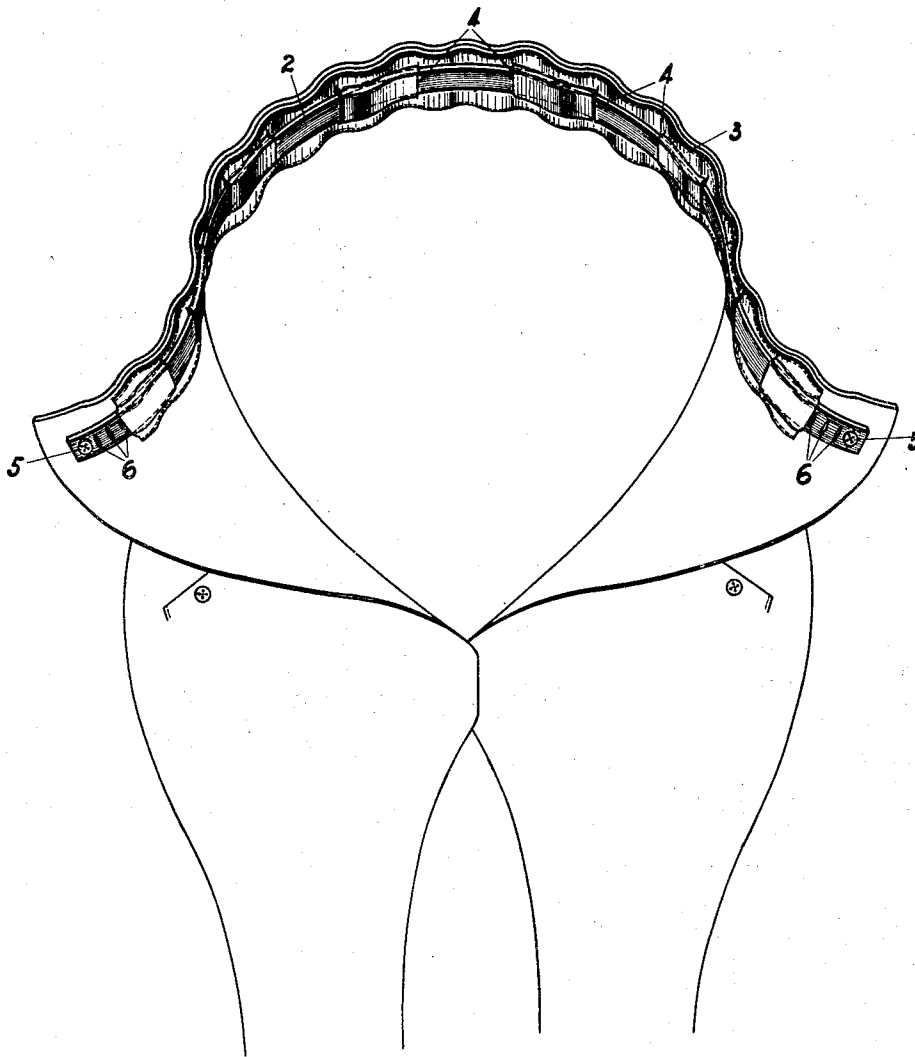
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The present invention relates to a device for retaining garments and undergarments of all kinds for ladies' and men's wear, such for example as sports breeches, trousers, skirts, petticoats, breast supports or the like.

Retaining means are already known, such as elastic or non-elastic belts, garters or the like, which grip the body or the limb of the body more or less to effect support of the garments. However, unless these means are tightened to the point of interfering with the liberty of movement and producing an unpleasant sensation for the wearer, they are unable to prevent movement of the garment on the body.

It has also been proposed to provide, at suitable points on the garments, adhesion members, wires or pads for the purpose of preventing this movement. However, these adhesion means only act in conjunction with other means, such as braces, belts or the like provided, more particularly, for ensuring the support of the garment.

The arrangement forming the subject of the invention includes, at the same time, the advantages of both of them and it thus constitutes a considerable improvement in the clothing art.

According to the invention, a lining with a plurality of spaced vertical slits is provided on the waist band of the garment and a belt of sponge rubber or other such elastic material having a rough surface is threaded through said slits so as to present a plurality of roughened surfaces on the inside of the garment waist band, said surfaces are adapted to frictionally adhere to a garment worn under the first or to the bare skin of the wearer. Moreover complementary adjustable fastening means are provided on the ends of the belt and the adjacent surfaces of the waist band.

Figure 1 of the drawing shows, by way of example, one embodiment of the invention as applied to sports breeches.

The belt tension is obtained after the sewing of the lining, by attaching the free ends of the band

on buttons 5, or the like. By providing several button holes 6 on each end of the band the gripping effect may be easily changed.

Then, if the belt 1 is closed, the band 2 is necessarily tensioned and by gripping the waist of the wearer, it prevents the garment from falling. By reason of the rough surface, the band adheres very strongly to the undergarment below the trousers, for example the shirt, which is thus prevented from rising, while at the same time the trousers are prevented from falling. In the same way it would adhere to the bare skin of the wearer.

It will be understood that the device arranged in this way could have various forms and could be applied in many and various ways, in particular it could only extend for a portion of the body to be engaged instead of surrounding it completely, which would be particularly useful for breeches, trousers, skirts, petticoats, or the like, or the clamping and adhesion bands could preferably extend solely over the rear part or in the region of the hips.

Any suitable material can be employed for the band which is, at the same time, extensible and has a rough surface. However sponge rubber or such like material is preferred.

I claim:

In a garment having a waist band, a lining for said waist band and a plurality of spaced vertical slits formed in said lining, a belt of sponge rubber or other such elastic material having a rough surface threaded through said slits so as to present a plurality of roughened surfaces on the inside of the garment at the waist band adapted to frictionally adhere to a garment worn under the trousers or to the bare skin of the wearer and complementary adjustable fastening means on the ends of the belt and adjacent surfaces of the waist band.

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