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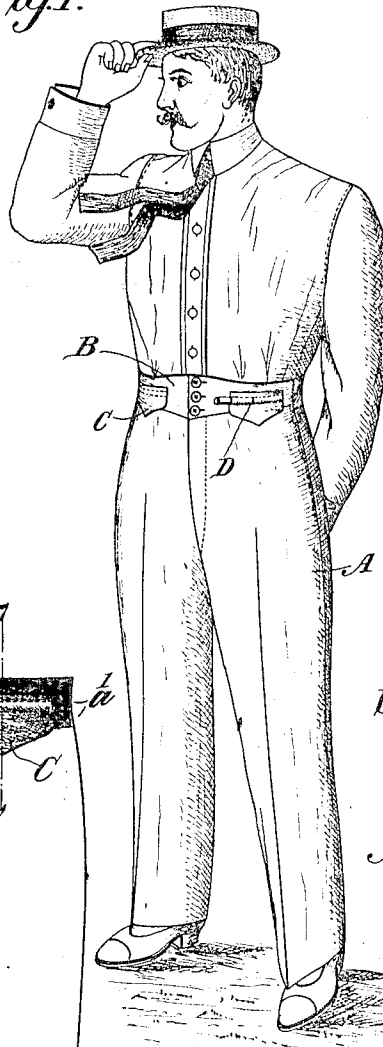


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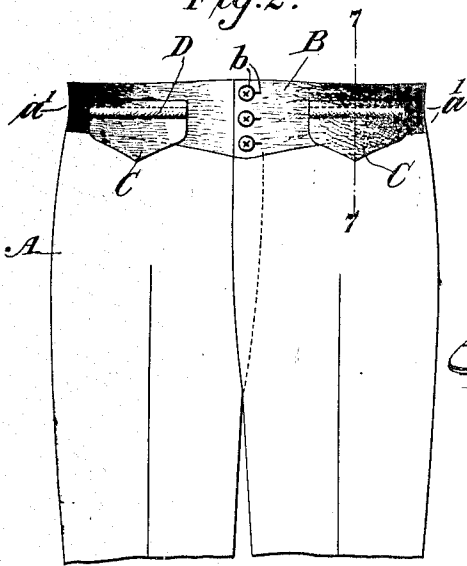


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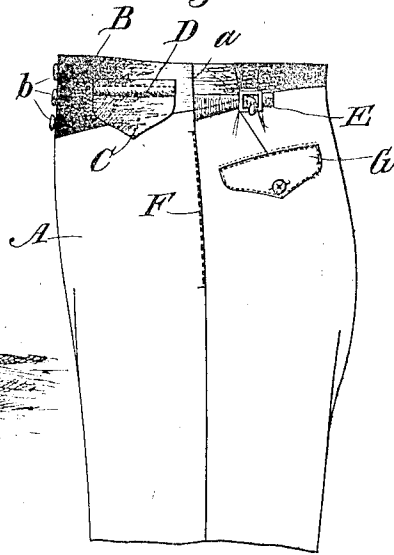
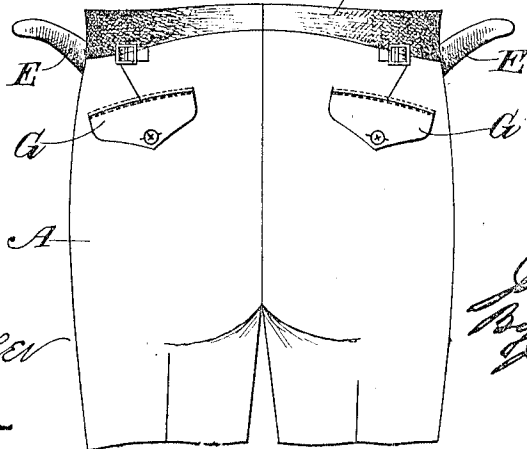


Fig. 3. B



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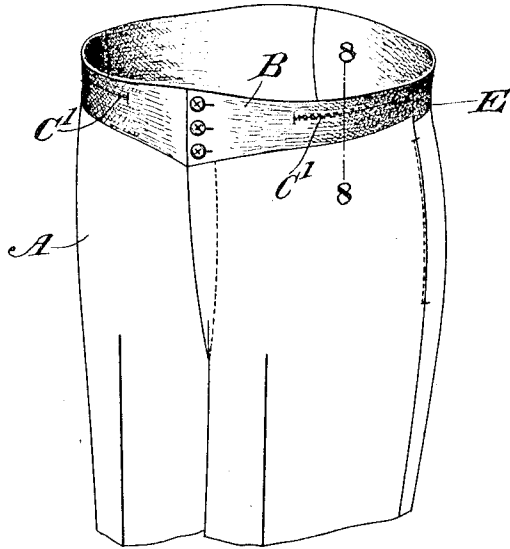


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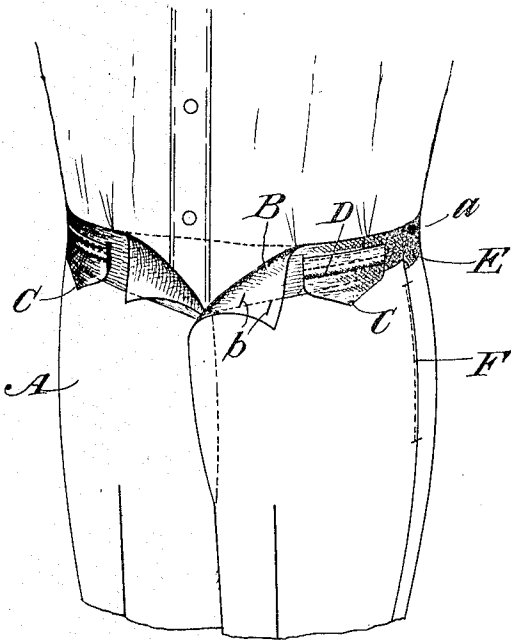


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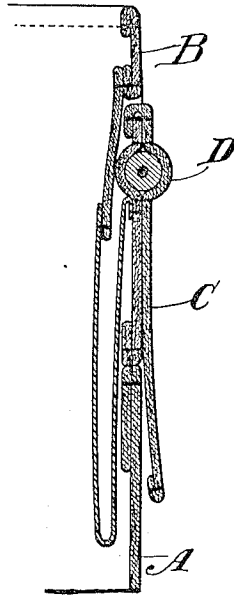
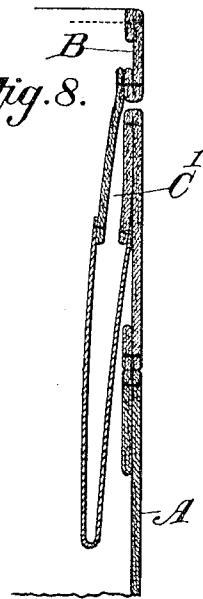


Fig. 8.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB BLOCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Semivests and Trousers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to wearing apparel, and more particularly to pantaloons or trousers designed to be worn with a shirt-waist without the aid of suspenders for supporting them upon the person of the wearer.

To avoid the necessity for using suspenders for supporting the trousers or pantaloons, especially in summer-time, it has been a common practice to form or provide loops upon the waist-band to receive a belt which may be tightened about the waist, and various other contrivances have been employed for tightening the waist-band, in order to support the trousers without the aid of suspenders. It has also been a common practice to place buttons or other fastening means on the inside of the waist-band for attaching suspenders with concealed fastenings. But the unsightly appearance produced by using suspenders or other visible means of support renders such contrivances objectionable, and much discomfort is experienced in using a belt, which often affords insufficient means of support, and necessitates the readjustment of the trousers and other wearing apparel at various times in order to enable the wearer to present a neat appearance.

The objects of my invention are to dispense with the use of either belt or suspenders for supporting the trousers and to so construct the waist portion of the trousers as to produce a semi-vest appearance in place of or over the usual waist-band, the waist and semi-vest portion being of corset-form construction adapted to fit about the waist and over the hips in such manner that the trousers will be self-supporting and at the same time will present a neat and attractive appearance and avoid the objections incident to using a belt or suspenders.

The invention will first be hereinafter more fully described with reference to the accompanying drawings, which are to be taken

as a part of this specification, and then pointed out in the claims at the end of the description.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a representation of a man wearing a pair of trousers constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the upper portion of a pair of trousers embodying my invention. Fig. 3 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 4 is a side elevation thereof. Fig. 5 is a front elevation showing the semi-vest portion unbuttoned and the corners turned down, or to one side. Fig. 6 is a front elevation illustrating a modification of the construction shown in Fig. 1 to Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a detail sectional view, the section being taken on the line 7—7 of Fig. 2. Fig. 8 is a detail sectional view of the modification shown in Fig. 6, the section being taken on the line 8—8 of Fig. 6.

Referring to said drawings, in which the same letters of reference are used to denote corresponding parts in different views, the letter A denotes the body of the trousers made in the usual manner but without the usual waist-band, the latter being merged in an upward extension forming a semi-vest portion B. As shown, the semi-vest portion B takes the place of the usual waist-band, producing the appearance of the lower part of a vest over-lying the waist-band, and is preferably provided in front with pockets having flaps C, C, depending from the entrance to said pockets, the flap being secured along the upper edge thereof to the upper edge of the lower portion of the fabric forming the outer wall of the pocket, as shown in Fig. 7, and having a line of stitches a short distance below said edge, whereby a socket D, is formed extending horizontally or transversely of the pocket and adapted to receive and hold a pencil.

The semi-vest portion B may be formed integrally with and of the same material as the body of the trousers, making the fly of the trousers continuous with the semi-vest, but it is preferably formed in separate pieces and secured thereto as shown. In the form illustrated it is made in sections secured together along the lines of the seams which unite those portions of the fabric which form the body of the trousers, there being two front and two rear sections, the former considerably wider than the latter and each gradually diminishing in width from the

front to the rear extremity of the section, being narrowest at the rear. The front sections are provided, one with buttons, and the other with button-holes, as at *b*, simulating the button fastenings upon the lower portion of the vest of a full dress-suit. The semi-vest and waist portions of the garment are of corset-form construction, a dart as at *a*, being taken at each side in the waist-band portion, about the hips, and the united parts curving inwardly and then outwardly in such manner as to form an annular depression or concave surface, as at *a'*, and an interior convex surface adapting the semi-vest and waist portions to fit over and about the hips of the wearer so that the trousers will be supported without the aid of a belt or suspenders or any auxiliary supporting means.

To provide for adjustment to loosen or tighten the waist and semi-vest portions of the garment about the body of the wearer as desired, suitable straps *E* may be provided, one at each side of the waist portion, together with buckles for taking up any slack. Side pockets *F* and hip pockets *G* may also be provided as shown.

In Figs. 6 and 8 of the drawings I have shown a modification of the semi-vest portion of the garment, in which the flaps *C, C'*, of the front pockets are omitted; otherwise the construction is substantially the same as that already described.

The utility and advantages of my improvement will readily appear from the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings. It will be seen from

the application of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 and 5 of the drawings that the trousers are supported upon the person of the wearer without the aid of a belt or suspenders or any supporting means other than the trousers themselves, and present a very neat and attractive appearance, and by such means rumpling of the shirt-waist or bosom is avoided, which is a very desirable feature, rumpling being one of the objections incident to the use of a belt. To illustrate, the corners of the semi-vest portion are turned down or to one side in Fig. 5 of the drawings, showing how the shirt-waist or bosom is supported without applying pressure to produce rumpling, as in the case of a belt.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A pair of trousers having a pocket provided with a flap and an intervening socket extending transversely of said pocket flap for holding a pencil or the like.

2. In combination, a pair of trousers having in place of the usual waist-band a semi-vest portion combined therewith in corset-like form, and pockets in said semi-vest portion having sockets extending transversely thereof adapted to hold a pencil.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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