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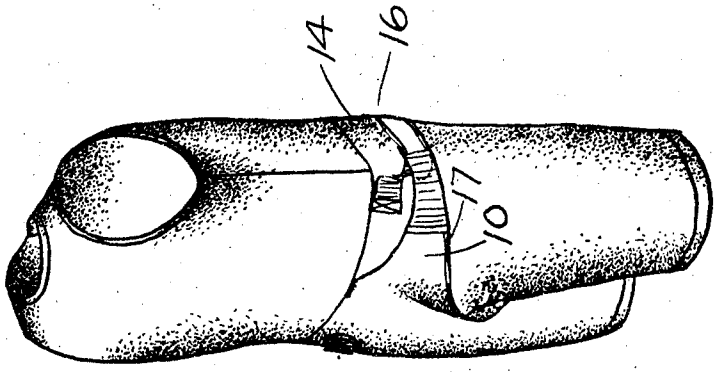


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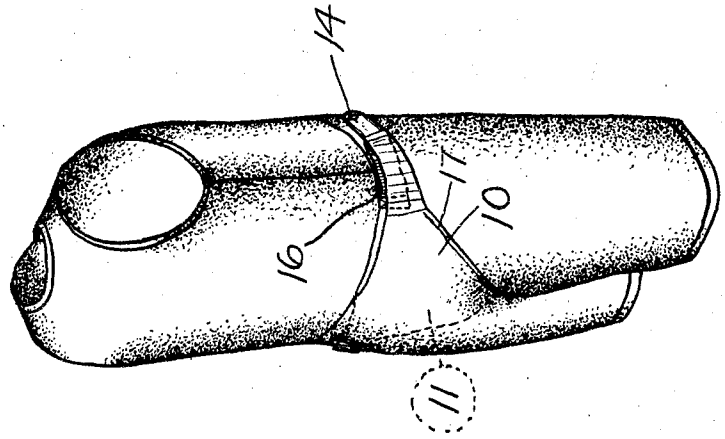


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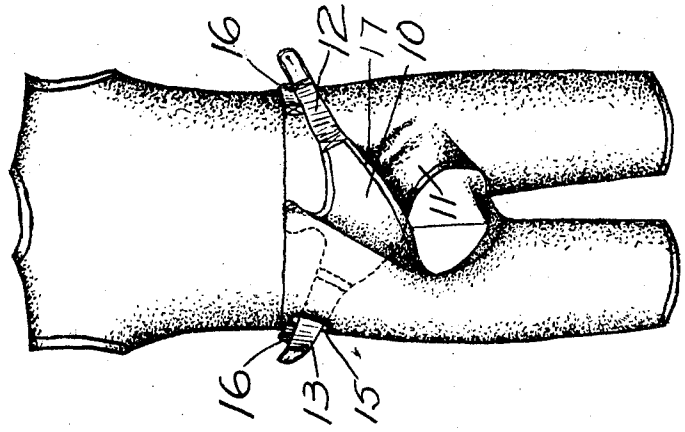


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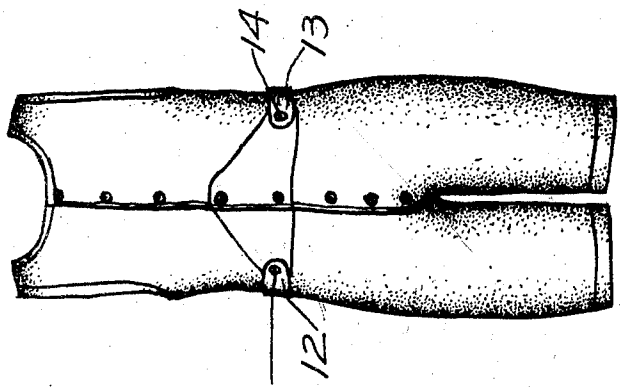


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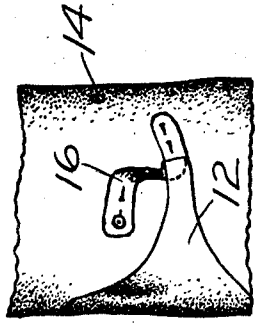


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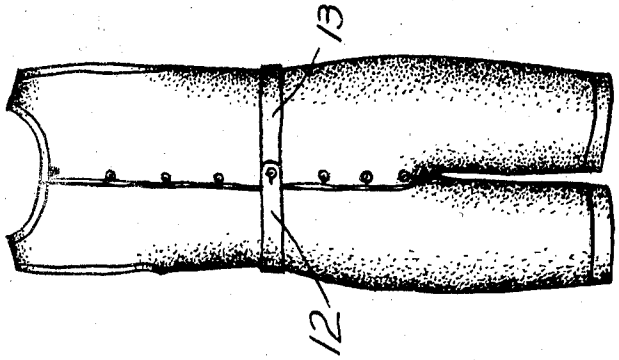


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK L. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Garment, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates more particularly to union suits, although it is applicable to drawers.

Garments embodying the improvement have seats formed by overlapping flaps adapted to be separated to form an opening in the seat, and one of the objects of my invention is to provide effective fastenings with which to hold the flaps in their overlapping position.

Another object is to provide the flaps with inelastic margins, and locate the fastenings in such position with reference to these margins, that they contribute toward the support of the crotch portions of the garment.

The principal object, however, is to provide means whereby the wearer can, without having to reach for the flaps, and without the fumbling usually incident to finding the flaps of such garments, retrieve and draw the flaps into their overlapping position and at the same time, with the same movements, bring to hand the part of each flap which is to be fastened. The means by which this principal object is accomplished accomplishes another object; namely, the free edges of the flaps are thereby supported to a considerable extent when they are separated; to a sufficient extent at least to protect them from becoming soiled.

Another object is to enable the wearer to manipulate the underneath flap from the outside; *i. e.*, without having to reach into the garment.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of a garment embodying my invention, with the flaps closed and fastened. Fig. 2 shows the garment with the flaps partly separated. Fig. 3 shows the flaps substantially in normal position, but not yet fastened; Fig. 4 is a front view of the garment; Fig. 5, shows a modified arrangement for fastening the flaps, and Fig. 6 is a modification of the retrieving strap.

The garment illustrated is in most respects like an ordinary union suit, the seat of which is formed of flaps 10 and 11. The free edges of the flaps are provided with extensions 12 and 13, respectively, which are adapted to be fastened to the waist of the garment by buttons 14. The extension 13 passes through a slit 15, enabling it to be fastened on the outside of the garment. A strip 16, which will hereinafter be referred to as a "retrieving strap" or "retriever," is fastened to each of the extensions, and to the waist of the garment; the latter fastenings being in such positions that the retrievers are under the extensions when they are buttoned to the garment, as in Fig. 1. Reference to Fig. 2 makes quite clear that the wearer may, without reaching farther around than the hips, take hold of the retrieving straps and draw the flaps into position, at the same time drawing the ends of the extensions into hand so they can be buttoned. In case the flaps are made of flimsy or elastic material the edges 17 may be bound, or in some other manner made inelastic, and when so finished the crotch portions of the garment will be supported by the flaps.

In Fig. 5 the extensions are provided respectively with a button and onhole, with which they are fastened tog ther at the front without their being fastened to the garment. In this, as in the form already described, the extensions are attache to the garment by retrievers. In Fig. 6, the retriever is fastened to the garment by a button, and, having two or more buttonholes,—the extension also having two or more buttonholes,—the garment is thereby made adjustable to fit the wearer.

There are other ways besides those shown for embodying the subject matter of the appended claims, and I do not mean to limit the adaptation of my invention to the particular form of garment shown.

What I claim is as follows:

1. A garment having a pair of overlapping flaps covering an opening in the garment, detachable means for securing the free ends of the flaps to the garment to hold them in overlapping position, and retrieving straps attached to said free ends and to the garment, the latter attachments being so located that the retrieving straps are covered by the flaps when they are secured in their overlapping position.

2. A garment having a pair of overlap-

ping flaps covering an opening in the garment, detachable means for securing the free ends of the flaps to the garment to hold them in overlapping position, retrieving straps attached to said free ends and to the garment, and means whereby the detachable means for securing the underneath flap to the garment is located on the outside of the garment.

3. A garment having a pair of overlapping flaps covering an opening in the garment, extensions attached to the free ends of the flaps, a slit in the garment through which the extension of the underneath flap passes, detachable means for securing the extensions to the garment to hold the flaps in overlapping position, and retrieving straps attached to the extensions and to the garment.

4. A garment having a pair of overlapping flaps covering an opening in the garment, detachable means for securing the free ends of the flaps to the garment to hold the flaps in overlapping position, and means operable from the outside of the garment for retrieving the inner flap and placing it in its proper position under the outer flap.

5. A garment having a pair of overlapping flaps covering an opening in the garment, detachable means for securing the free ends of the flaps to the garment to hold them in overlapping position, and retrieving straps secured to said free ends and to the garment.

6. A garment having a pair of overlapping flaps covering an opening in the garment, extensions attached to the free ends of the flaps, means for securing the extensions to the garment to hold the flaps in overlapping position, and retrieving straps attached to said extensions and to the garment.

7. A garment having a pair of overlapping flaps covering an opening in the garment, extensions attached to the free ends of the flaps, means for securing the ends of the extensions to each other to hold the flaps in overlapping position, and retrieving straps attached to the extensions and to the garment.

8. A garment having a seat composed of two overlapping flaps which may be separated to form an opening in the garment, detachable means for fastening the free ends of the flaps to the garment to hold them in overlapping position, said means being so located and the flaps so fabricated that the crotch of the garment is thereby also supported, and retrieving straps attached to said free ends and to the body of the garment.

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