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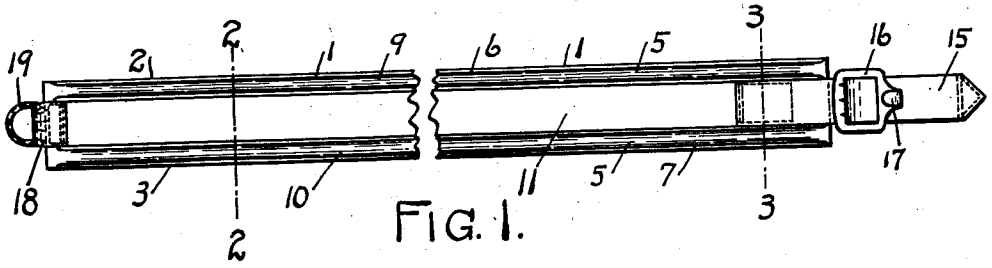

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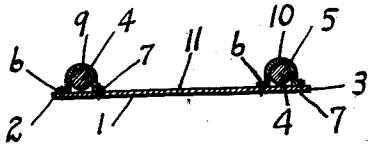

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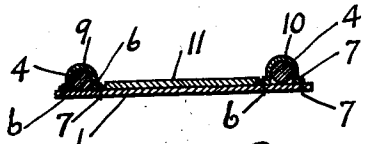

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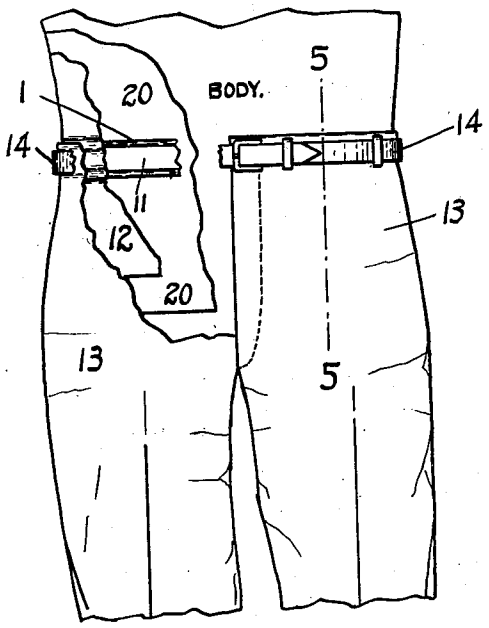

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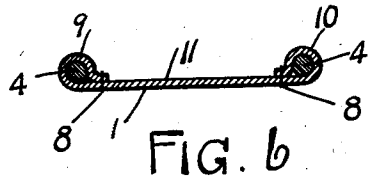

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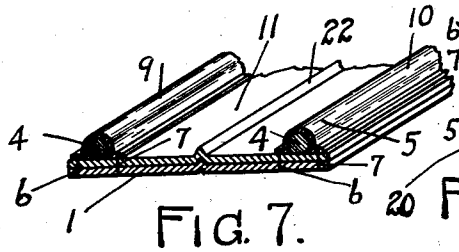

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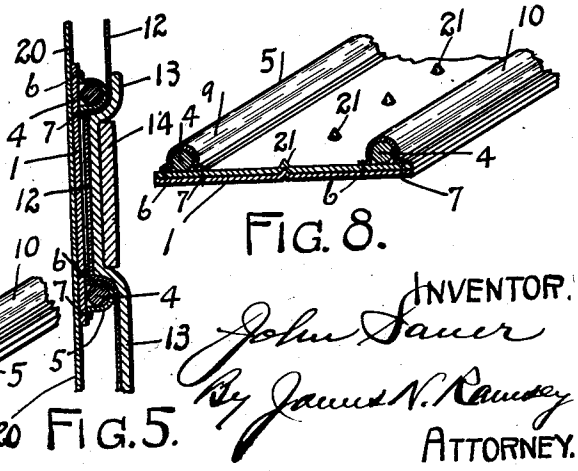

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INTERLOCKING UNDERBELT.

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The invention relates to belts and more particularly for personal wear.

The object of the invention is to provide simple, efficient, convenient, economical and comfortable means for holding the shirt and trousers in adjusted relation to each other upon the body of the wearer without the aid of suspenders or any other support whatsoever, whereby the shirt is securely held in the adjusted position from pulling or working up and whereby the trousers are held in the adjusted position from slipping or falling down.

The invention consists in providing a flexible underbelt of any suitable material, such as wool, cotton, silk, rubber, leather, or any other suitable material having a rib or ridge adjacent each edge, whereby a central depression is formed to receive the shirt and trousers between said interlocking underbelt and the ordinary or usual outer belt which is adapted to rest and fit within said depression over said trousers and shirt and to bind and hold said shirt and trousers in fixed relation to each other and to said belt upon the wearer.

The invention also consists in the peculiar construction, combination, location and arrangement of parts, as herein set forth and claimed.

In the drawings, which serve to illustrate the construction and use of the invention:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the novel underbelt;

Fig. 2 is a transverse section, enlarged, on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a transverse section, enlarged, on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a front elevation representing the underbelt upon the body of the wearer with the shirt and trousers in adjusted position and the outer belt secured thereon and partly broken away to show the relation of the underbelt, shirt and trousers;

Fig. 5 is a transverse section, enlarged, on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a transverse section of the underbelt showing a modified construction;

Fig. 7 is an isometric view showing the body of the belt formed of two ply material with a central longitudinal holding ridge or rib on the surface of the depression; and

Fig. 8 is a similar view but showing scabrous projections in lieu of the central longitudinal ridge or rib.

In the embodiment of the invention, as illustrated, and which shows the preferred construction, the body of the underbelt 1 may be formed of any suitable flexible or pliable material, such as wool, cotton, silk or other textile material or of leather, rubber, fibre or other flexible material and is made of a width somewhat wider than the ordinary or usual outerbelt which is to be used in conjunction therewith. In order to form a longitudinal or extended depression upon the outer side of said underbelt, I attach thereto adjacent each edge 2 and 3 a strip of flexible material, such as rope, cord, felt or other suitable material 4 by any suitable means, such as stitching a strip of braid or tape 5 thereover by seams 6 and 7 or by folding each edge 2 and 3 over said cord or other material and stitching said edge to the body by means of stitches 8, as shown in the modified construction illustrated in Fig. 6, thereby producing longitudinal ribs 9 and 10 with intermediate depression 11 to receive the shirt 12, trousers 13 and outerbelt 14 therein. The underbelt 1 is provided with suitable fastening means and is preferably provided with a tongue 15 of firm, flexible or elastic material of substantially the width of said depression and is permanently stitched to one end portion of the body 1 of said underbelt in said depression, said tongue extending beyond said end of said underbelt. A suitable buckle 16 may be attached to said tongue and for convenience in attaching and detaching said buckle may have a hook 17. The other end of said belt may be provided with a flexible or pliable loop 18 of suitable material of a width corresponding to that of the tongue to receive and hold metal ring 19, said loop being permanently stitched over one end of said underbelt. Said ring may be of any suitable material, such as metal or fabric and when the parts are so assembled said ring is adapted to be readily attached to or detached from said hook and the belt may be adjusted to the proper girth of the person by means of shifting the buckle to its proper position upon said elongated tongue 15.

While I have found this a satisfactory means of securing the belt in adjusted position upon the wearer I do not limit myself thereto but any other suitable means, such as a tongue on each end of said underbelt with button holes in one tongue and corresponding buttons in the other (not shown) may be used, if desired, or the ends of the underbelt may be laced together.

The belt, when thus constructed is placed

upon the wearer preferably over his underclothing 20 and adjusted to the required pressure upon the body. The shirt 12 is then placed thereover beneath the trousers 13 and the trousers are drawn to the proper height with the upper edge of the trousers extending above said underbelt. The outerbelt 14 is then placed over the trousers and shirt within the longitudinal depression 11 of said underbelt and drawn to the required tightness, thereby securely binding and holding the shirt and trousers between said belts within said depression from slipping or sliding up or down so that when said belts are thus placed upon the body of the wearer, as described, and the shirt and trousers are once adjusted to proper wearing positions they will retain said positions without the aid of suspenders or any other support until said belts are removed. The ribs or ridges 9 and 10 along the edges 2 and 3, respectively, of the underbelt serve to hold the outerbelt from slipping up or down so that the several elements thus assembled are securely held in adjusted relation to each other. The underbelt having a wide smooth plain surface forms a comfortable bearing upon the body of the wearer and serves to provide a comfortable support for the abdomen.

If desired, said underbelt may be utilized as a support for a concealed pocket (not shown) for containing valubles upon the body of the wearer, or for attaching a suspensory (not shown).

In the construction of these underbelts I prefer to use a material having a surface of such texture as will tend to prevent shifting or slipping of the shirt and trousers relative thereto.

The underbelt when once placed in position over the under-clothing of the wearer does not require opening or removal by the wearer for any purpose except when removing the under-clothing.

While I have set forth a particular embodiment of my invention herein it will be understood that it is capable of considerable modification in its construction and means of attachment without departure from its scope or spirit, as defined in the claims, as for instance, the body of the underbelt may be made of one or more plies of material, as desired. In order to more firmly and securely hold silk, and other goods of a smooth surface I preferably provide the outer central surface of the groove with a series of scabrous projections 21, thereby forming a binder to hold the shirt or trousers from slipping relative to the belt. Such scabrous projections may be made of wood, metal or fabric, or the same result may be secured by securing a longitudinal rib 22 made of suitable material centrally of said depression and of a smaller cross-section than ribs 9 and 10 substantially the full length of the body of the belt.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An underbelt for personal wear having a longitudinal depression on its outer surface and a longitudinal rib extending centrally of said depression, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. An underbelt of flexible material having a cord on its outer surface near each edge thereof and a tape mounted over each cord and stitched to said underbelt whereby a depression is formed between said cords and means between the ribs for preventing circumferential movement of the belt relative to the shirt and trousers, substantially as set forth and for the purposes specified.

3. An underbelt of flexible material having longitudinal ribs and an intermediate depression with integral holding means in said depression, substantially as set forth and for the purposes specified.

4. An underbelt of flexible material having longitudinal ribs and an intermediate depression with raised holding means arranged longitudinally in said depression between the ends of said belt, substantially as set forth and for the purposes specified.

5. An underbelt of flexible material having spaced apart longitudinal ribs whereby an intermediate longitudinal depression is formed therebetween and having holding means in said depression, in combination with a shirt and trousers placed thereover and an outer belt mounted on said trousers directly over said depression whereby circumferential movement of said belt relative to the shirt and trousers is prevented.

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