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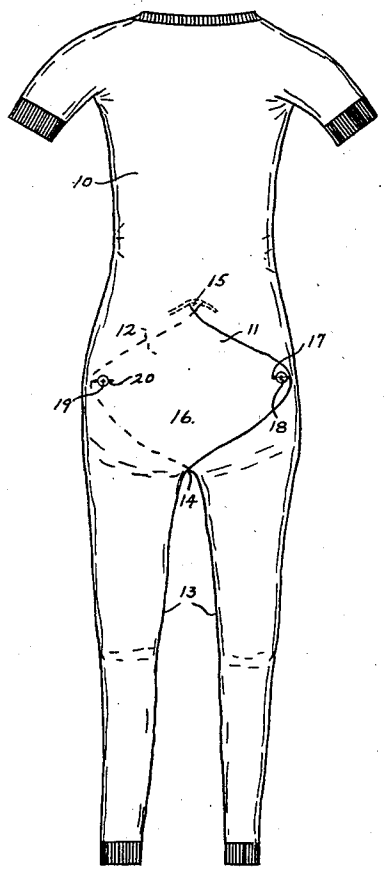


Fig. 1.

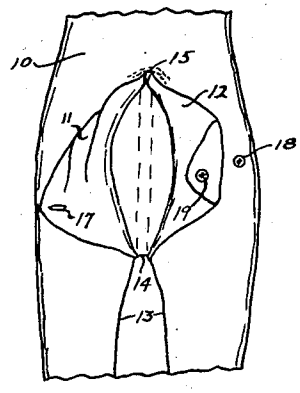


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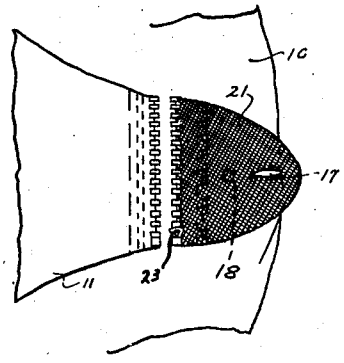


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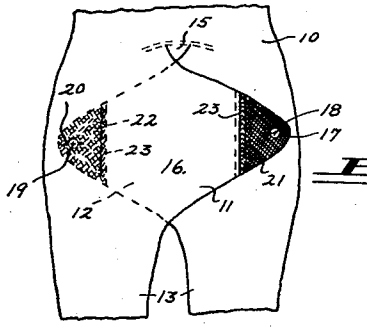


Fig. 3.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—78)

This invention relates to underclothing and in particular to improvements in the posterior opening of men's union suits.

The inconvenience of the present slotted opening is well known in the art. The side walls are prone to gape open and curl along the edges, thereby causing chafing and discomfort to the wearer. Also the seams of the side walls form a relatively hard, protruding surface between the buttocks. This is especially noticeable to truck drivers and others in comparatively sedentary occupations having need for heavy underclothing.

A departure from this type of opening is the slotted opening normally closed by a single button. The disadvantages which are similar to the former are obvious. A further change, the single flap positioned transversely across the buttocks and opening from the top to the bottom overcame the above noted objections, however it was found difficult to open and close as the buttons were, necessarily, positioned close to the waistline.

The present invention has for its primary object means to prevent wrinkling of the garment between the buttocks. Another object of the invention is the removal of seams and buttons along the center of the posterior portion. This is accomplished by enlarged, cross-over flaps which are buttoned on the upper part of the thigh portion as will hereinafter be explained in detail.

A further important object of the invention is to provide a two-ply seat to increase the wearer's comfort.

Still another object is the provision of a removable resilient strip on each cross-over flap so that the strain will be taken up gently on the said resilient strip rather than on the material of the union suit or on the buttons and buttonholes. The resilient strip is removably secured to the flaps so that they can be taken off for washing and other purposes.

With these and other objects in view which may appear as the description proceeds the invention resides in the novel construction and arrangement of cooperating parts as hereinafter more specifically set forth, claimed and shown in the accompanying drawing forming part of this application, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a rearward view of a union suit showing the posterior flaps closed.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary rearward view of a union suit showing the posterior flaps open.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary rearward view of a union suit showing the flaps closed; the flaps are slightly modified from those shown in the previous figures.

Fig. 4 is a detailed fragmentary view of one of the flaps shown in Fig. 3.

Referring more in detail to the drawing in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views it will be seen the invention consists of a union suit 10, which follows, generally, the pattern for this type of garment.

The novelty resides in the posterior flaps 11 and 12. The leg portions 13 are knitted in the usual manner and united at the crotch 14. The posterior portion of each leg immediately adjacent the crotch is greatly extended into curved flaps 11 and 12, which are reunited at the waistline 15, at which point the garment is completed in the usual manner.

It will be noted that the flaps overlap across the buttocks forming a two-ply seat portion 16 (Fig. 1). The outer flap 11 has a button hole 17 at the apex of the curve which receives a button 18 on the side of the garment, conversely the flap 12 has a button 19 at the apex of the curve which is received by a button hole 20 on the opposite side of the garment. This arrangement provides ease in opening and closing the aperture provided by the aforementioned flaps. It may be noted here that either the left flap or the right flap may be inside; it appears probable that the left flap would be preferable as the inner member for ease in manipulation for the great majority of right handed persons.

In the modifications, Figures 3 and 4, the flaps 11 and 12 are provided with an elastic extremity 21 and 22, respectively which are detachably secured to the flaps by means of zipper 23. The portions 21 and 22 partially absorb all the strains which the flaps and buttons may be subjected to and consequently prolong the life of the union suit and provide a more comfortable garment.

Further reference to Fig. 1 will show that the objections hereinbefore noted have been overcome by the arrangement and shape of the flaps and particularly the point at which they are secured in the closed position. In addition the enlarged aperture (Fig. 2) is held as a distinct improvement over the prior art; this is made possible by the greater flexibility of the fabric between the crotch 14 and the waist at 15.

It is believed that the construction and advantages of the design may be apparent from the foregoing paragraphs taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing without further detailed description.

While the preferred embodiment of the invention has been disclosed its is understood that minor changes in the details of the design, combination and arrangement of co-operating elements may be resorted to within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:

In a garment having a posterior opening, a pair of flaps integral with the opposed edges of the opening adapted to be folded in overlapping relation to close the opening, elastic tabs, slide fasteners detachably securing said tabs to the extremities of said flaps, and means carried by said tabs for fastening the flaps to the side portions of the garment.

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