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Fig. 1.

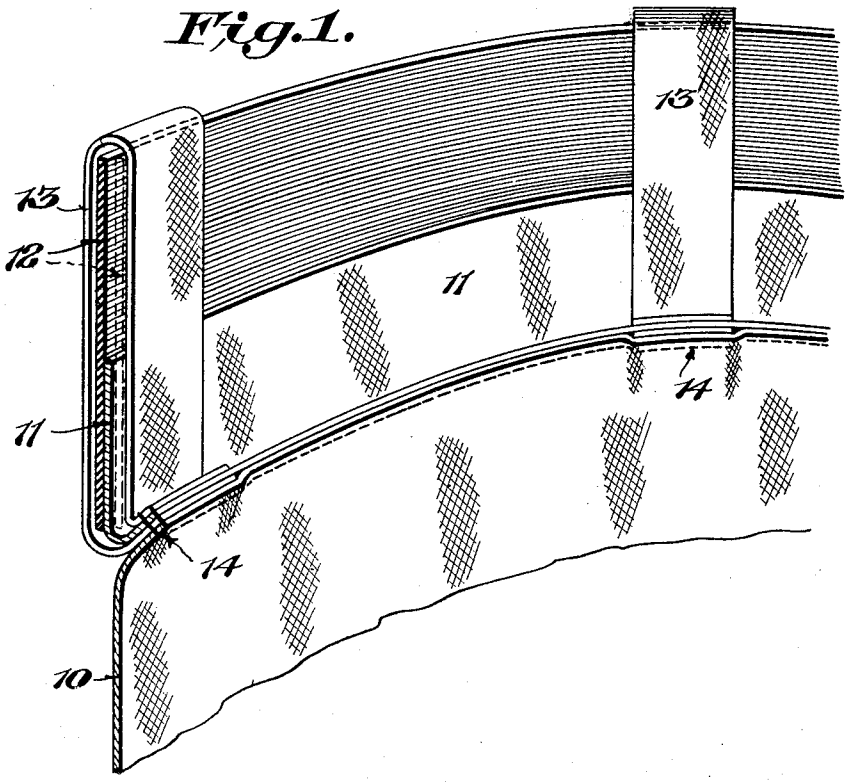


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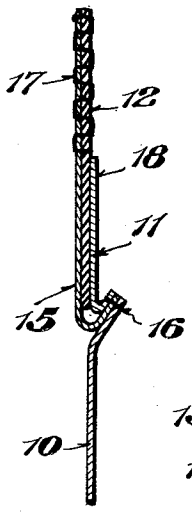


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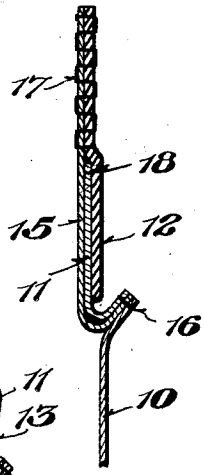
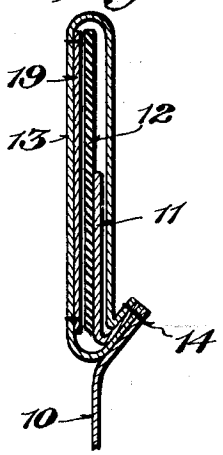


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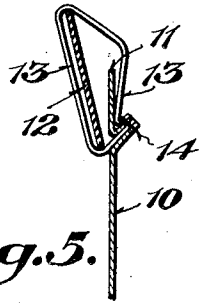


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The invention relates to belt attachments for garments such as bathing trunks, athletic trunks or the like, and has as an object the provision of an attachment of a belt to a garment in such manner that the belt may be allowed to swing clear of the waist line of the garment during adjustment of the garment after which the belt may be moved to proper position and adjusted about the waist of the wearer.

It is a further object of the invention to provide an attachment of a belt to a garment in such manner that the belt may be adjusted to position lapping the waistband of the garment either inside or outside of the latter.

Further objects of the invention will appear from the following description when read in connection with the accompanying drawing showing illustrative embodiments of the invention, and wherein:—

Fig. 1 is a detail perspective view partly in vertical section showing one form of the attachment of the invention with a different position of parts shown in dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the waistline of the garment showing a modified form of attachment of the belt;

Fig. 3 is a like view showing a different position of parts;

Fig. 4 is a detail section showing a modification of the structure of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 5 is a detail section upon a reduced scale showing the position assumed by the parts of the structure of Fig. 1 during adjustment of the waist belt of the wearer.

As shown the material of a garment is indicated at 10 and the waist belt of the garment is indicated at 11. The belt to be attached to the garment is indicated at 12. In Fig. 1 the attachment is shown in the form of loops 13 which are shown as attached at the lower edge of the waist belt 11, as at 14, and the belt 12 is shown as passing through the loops and lying outside of the waist belt 11.

In dotted lines in Fig. 1 the belt 12 is shown as adjusted to stand at its lower edge within the waist belt 11 lapping within the same at the said lower edge portion.

In the modification of Fig. 2 the attaching means takes the form of a strap 15 secured at 16, the upper portion of the strap being shown attached by means of stitching 17 to the belt 12 above the level of the upper edge 18 of the waist belt 11. The lower edge of the belt 12 is shown as free from the straps 15 whereby the said lower edge may be adjusted inside of the waist belt 11 as indicated in Fig. 3.

The lower portion of the belt 12 in Figs. 2 and 3 is left free of attachment to the strap 15 to produce a capability of adjustment of either position of Fig. 2 or Fig. 3.

The waist belt 11 is usually of a knitted stretchable material and is ordinarily continuous, being brought to position about the waist of the wearer by being stretched over the hips. The garment may however be formed with a waist belt 11 of non-stretchable material and irrespective of the nature of the material may be adjusted to the waist by some closure means as lacing, buckles, or zipper fastenings. The belt 12 may be formed of a wide range of materials. This belt may be of elastic webbing of correct size to go with the garment 10, in which event the belt may be endless and it may be brought to position by stretching in the same manner as the usual waist belt 11 of the garment, or the belt 12 may be of non-stretchable material and provided with fastening means as lacing, buttons, or the like.

Desirably the belt 12 is covered with a material, not shown, similar to the material of the waist belt 11 so as to present the same appearance as the latter when in place upon the body of the wearer.

The attaching means may be provided with stays or "boning" for the purpose of preventing creasing by collapse of the attaching means, or to provide support for some portion of the body of the wearer. To this end an element 19 may be attached to the loops 13 as shown in Fig. 4. The element 19 may be formed of a wide range of materials as whalebone, metal, metal covered with fabric or of a firm fabric according to the service wanted. It is desirably combined

with the belt attaching means as shown so as to be concealed in use.

By the provision of the attaching means of the invention the belt 12 may be swung clear of the garment while the latter is being adjusted by the wearer, after which the belt 12 may be brought to its wearing position and adjusted either to overlap or underlap the waist belt 11 of the garment.

Minor changes may be made in the physical embodiment of the invention within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit thereof.

I claim:

1. A nether garment comprising, in combination: a waist belt; a supplemental belt; means to attach the last named belt to the garment comprising straps extending substantially above the upper edge of the waist belt and attached at one end below the free edge of the waist belt; said supplemental belt so carried by the straps that the belt and straps are capable of swinging free from the upper edge of the waist belt for initial adjustment of the waist belt by the wearer.

2. A nether garment comprising, in combination: a waist belt; a supplemental belt; strap means to attach the supplemental belt to the garment; said means attached at one end to the garment at the lower edge of the waist belt and being free of attachment to the supplemental belt at all points below the free edge of the waist belt; said supplemental belt being so attached as to extend above and below the upper edge of the waist belt; whereby the supplemental belt may be adjusted to overlap or underlap the waist belt when worn.

3. A nether garment comprising, in combination: a waist belt; a supplemental belt; strap means for attachment of the supplemental belt to the garment comprising loops freely enclosing the last named belt and secured at their ends only to the garment at the lower edge of the waist belt; the width of the supplemental belt and length of the loops being such as to permit the supplemental belt to extend above and below the upper edge of the waist belt when worn.

4. A nether garment comprising, in combination: a waist belt; a supplemental belt; strap means for attachment of the supplemental belt to the garment comprising loops freely enclosing the last named belt and secured at their ends to the garment at the lower edge of the waist belt; the supplemental belt being of greater width than the waist belt and the length of the loops being such as to permit the supplemental belt to extend above and below the upper edge of the waist belt when worn.

5. In a device of the class described: a nether garment having a waist portion; a belt attached to said garment to lap with said portion; strap means for attachment of the belt to the garment, secured to the garment only at points a substantial distance below the upper edge of said portion; said belt and means swingable free of the garment while adjusting the waist thereof upon the wearer.

6. In a device of the class described: a nether garment having a waist edge; a belt attached to said garment to lap with said edge in position to extend above and below the same; strap means for attachment of the belt, secured to the garment below said edge; said means being free of attachment to the belt at all points below said edge; whereby said belt may be worn in over or underlapping relation with the garment, and may swing free of the garment while adjusting the waist thereof upon the wearer.

7. In a device of the class described: a nether garment having a free waist edge; a belt associated with said garment in position to extend above and below said edge; strap means for connection of the belt to the garment; said means being secured to the belt and secured to the garment; the latter attachment being wholly below the free waist edge thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22d day of August, 1932.

ALICE VIZZARD.