

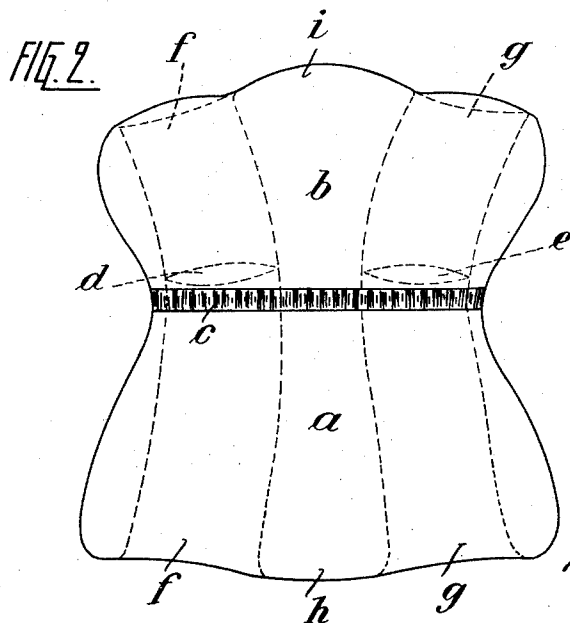
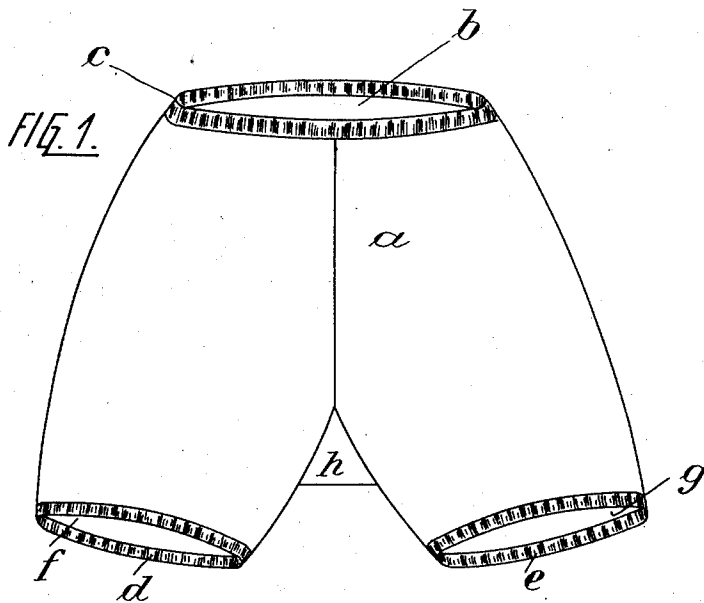
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This invention pertains to ladies' breeches, and more particularly to short-legged breeches of the so-called knicker type comprising outer breeches and inner breeches united by sewing to form a pair of lines or double breeches.

The object of this invention is to provide a pair of breeches of the kind stated, with the inner breeches adapted to be easily removed or partially drawn out so that the same or the crotch or major portion thereof will be ready for washing and cleansing without wetting the outer breeches.

A pair of breeches made according to the present invention may be manufactured from one and the same material, but preferably different material for the lining and the outer breeches are employed.

In some cases I employ outer breeches comprising a stylish textile fabric made of silk or artificial silk on the outer side and a tight or stout cloth or fabric made of cotton or woolen material on the inside. Preferably, however I use Egyptian cotton or cotton-cloth covered with an artificial silk fabric or interwoven therewith for manufacturing the outer breeches, so that the latter will not be translucent and the inner breeches will not shine through, no matter what colour they may have. A further advantage resides in the high grade of durability of a compound material of the sort.

In carrying out the invention the two pairs of breeches are sewn together, preferably at certain places only, and it has been found to be particularly useful to stitch together only the waist-bands of the two pairs of breeches and the edges or ends of the legs thereof so that the intermediate or major portion, inclusive of the crotch part of the inner or lining breeches, can be readily drawn out without requiring unstitching.

It is true, that double breeches are known in which the outer breeches consist of a fabric made of silk or artificial silk and lined with

a material of cloth or the like united therewith by knitting or weaving and subsequently subjected to a finishing operation of napping or dressing the inner surfaces thereof. In contradistinction thereto breeches made according to the present invention are more practical both from the standpoint of the manufacturer and from the standpoint of the user, since, it is believed, they may be manufactured at a comparatively low cost and in a more advantageous manner, and have important distinguishing characteristics of their own, such as a perfectly smooth and fitting seat and the ready detachability of the inner breeches for cleansing purposes.

Another advantage of the breeches made according to the present invention resides in the fact that they may be manufactured of two different materials, so that the outer breeches consist for instance of a comparatively less durable, but stylish fabric of pleasing appearance, such as artificial silk or mercerized cotton, whereas the inner or lining breeches may be made of a durable, washable and warm fabric such as lining tricot or the like.

In a preferred embodiment, wherein, as hereinbefore stated, certain parts of the breeches only are sewn together, the inner breeches are free and adapted to be drawn out and to be cleaned or washed without requiring to be detached from the outer breeches and without wetting the latter or otherwise injuring the same. Obviously by joining the outer breeches and the inner breeches together at a few places or by means of a few seams only, the outer breeches are not unduly affected or impaired and a well fitting article of clothing will still be obtained.

With the above recited object in view, reference is had to the following specification and drawings in which there is exhibited one example or embodiment of the invention which is in no way intended as a limitation upon the scope of the appended claim and it

is to be clearly understood that variations and modifications which fairly fall within the true scope of said claim may be resorted to when found necessary.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and showing, for purposes of exemplification, a preferred form and manner in which the invention may be embodied and practised, but without limiting the claimed invention to such illustration:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pair of breeches made according to my invention, and

Figure 2 is a similar view with the inner breeches drawn out as may be done for cleaning purposes.

In the drawings *a* designates the outer breeches *b* denotes the inner or lining breeches, *c* indicates the waist-bands sewed together to form a single circumferential edge or list, *d* and *e* are similar lists or seams formed by sewing together the edges of the legs of the outer breeches and the inner breeches, and *f* and *g* are the openings of the legs, *h* is the junction or crotch portion of the outer breeches and *i* is the like portion of the inner or lining breeches.

It will be apparent that while the waist-bands and the edges of the legs of the outer breeches and the inner breeches are sewn together, the intermediate parts thereof are perfectly loose and independent of one another, although they will lie in superposed contact with one another. A pair of breeches made in this way will always maintain their shape and fit the seat while being worn and even after washing, no matter whether the inner or lining breeches alone or both the inner and the outer breeches have been washed. If it is desired to clean or wash the median or crotch portion of the inner breeches alone the same may be turned or drawn out as mentioned above.

If the two pairs of breeches are united by sewing throughout, the stitches or seams must be unstitched for the purpose of detaching and removing the inner breeches from the outer breeches for cleaning or washing purposes. This may also be done if the two pairs of breeches are sewn together partially only, but in this case it is not necessary to do so since the inner breeches may be cleaned or washed without requiring to be detached from the outer breeches, simply by drawing them, or more properly speaking the crotch portion thereof, out and cleaning or washing the same in any suitable manner.

The drawing-out operation is effected by turning out the junction or crotch portion of the inner breeches, so that the lists or seams of the legs are drawn in so as to lie in close proximity to the waist-band, the projecting part of the inner or lining breeches being shaped like a pouch having two muff-like openings or channels; and this projecting or

main part of the inner breeches may be cleansed or washed without thereby wetting or affecting the outer breeches.

What I claim is:

A nether garment of the kind set forth, comprising two parts formed as outer and inner breeches each including a waist band, crotch and leg portions, and stitched to one another at the waistband and at the edges or ends of the leg portions, so that the crotch portions can be readily drawn out.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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