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Fig. 2.

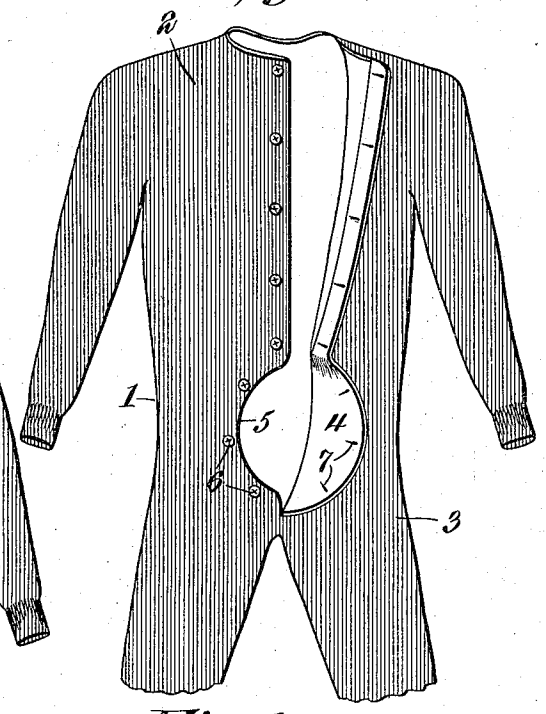


Fig. 1.

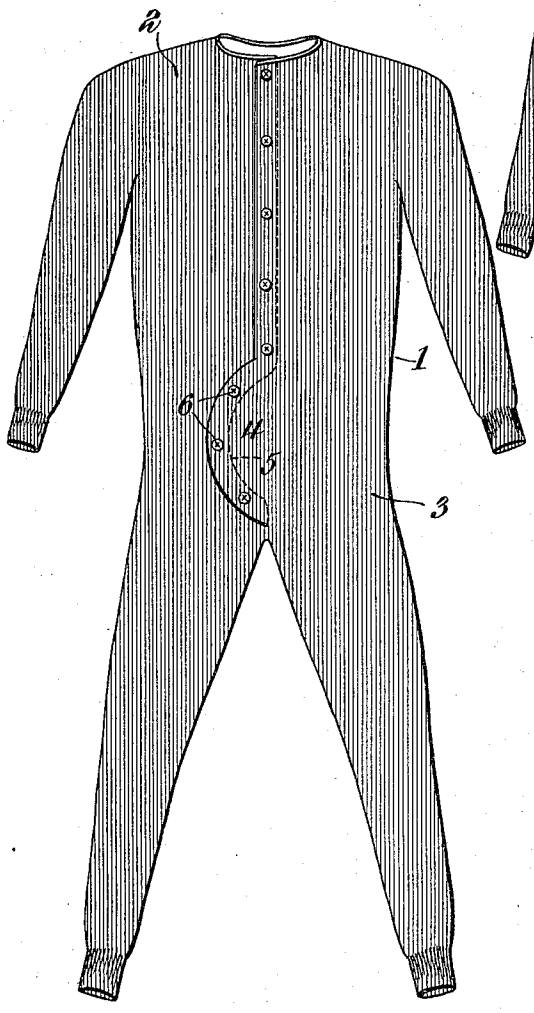
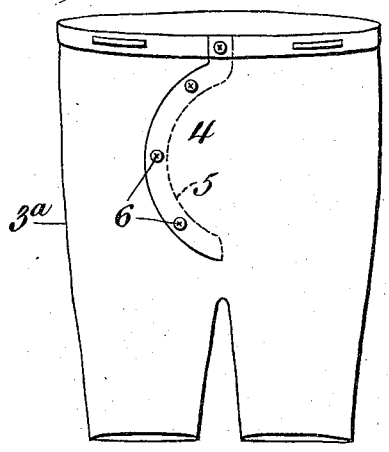


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAROLD L. TITTERENCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chester, in the county of Delaware and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Undergarment, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to undergarments either of the union type or the nether portion ordinarily termed drawers.

The object of the present invention is to provide a fly portion of a more effective form than is customary.

In accordance with the present invention the fly portion of the garment is made to extend throughout the greater portion of its length to one side of the median line so far that any liability of accidental opening or spreading is obviated. To accomplish this the fly is convexly curved, while the matching portion is concavely curved, but the fly is of sufficient lateral extent to overlap appropriately the matching portion of the garment. Buttons or other fastening devices are provided for holding the fly closed.

The invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, with the further understanding that while the drawings show a practical form of the invention, the latter is not confined to any strict conformity with the showing of the drawings, but may be changed and modified so long as such changes and modifications mark no material departure from the salient features of the invention.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is an elevation of an undergarment of the union type constructed in accordance with the present invention and showing the fly closed. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the fly and other joining portions of the garment open. Fig. 3 is an elevation of a nether garment or drawers with the invention applied.

Referring to the drawings there is shown in Figs. 1 and 2 a union garment 1 comprising an upper portion 2 and a lower portion 3, while the general structure of the garment may follow customary lines. In Fig. 3 there is shown a nether undergarment 3^a and the showing of the drawing may be taken as indicative of any form of nether undergarment to which the present invention may be adapted.

Extending from the waist band downwardly toward the crotch portion of the garment in either the union form or in the form shown in Fig. 3, is a flap 4 constituting the fly and extending to one side of the median upright line in convexly curved outline. By describing the flap as convex it is not intended that a strict conformity to curvature commonly known as convex shall be meant for a flap generally of greater side extension about midway of its length than at the ends as adaptable for the purposes of the present invention.

The matching portion of the garment is concavely curved, as indicated at 5, but the curvature is less extensive than the flap 4, so that the latter overlaps the marginal portion of the concavity 5, which latter is bordered by a series of buttons 6, while the flap is provided with corresponding buttonholes 7, whereby the flap may be fastened close upon the matching portion of the garment to close the opening otherwise exposed by the flap. The buttons and buttonholes are to be taken as indicative of any suitable fastening devices, whereby the flap or fly may be held in the closed position.

The arrangement is such that the usual opening, whereby the garment is readily put on or taken off, is most effectively closed when the garment is being worn, and this closure is much more effective than is the case in garments of like character as ordinarily constructed, so that the wearer is far better protected than is the case with ordinary garments of like character.

With the ordinary garments it is not uncommon to provide a waist band button and other lower buttons, but these buttons do not prevent gaping of the garment, while with the arrangement of the present invention the same number of buttons effectively prevents any gaping of the fly portion of the garment, since strains liable to cause gaping are directed along different lines instead of being effective along a single straight median line. Moreover, any tendency to gaping is so far to one side of the median line, and the line of fastening is so

much diverted lengthwise of the opening that the gaping tendency is practically obliterated.

What is claimed is:—

1. An undergarment provided with an opening extending from the waist line toward the crotch with the extremities of the opening in the median line of the front of the garment and provided with a flap or fly extended laterally from said median line to a greater distance midway of its length than at the ends, and the matching portion of the garment being correspondingly recessed or cut away, and said garment at the fly portion being provided with suitable fastening devices.

2. An undergarment provided with a fly extending from the waist portion toward the crotch portion and convexly curved laterally of the length of the garment with the extremities of the fly in the median line of the front of the garment, that portion of the garment matching the fly being concavely curved and related to the fly to be overlapped by said fly, both the fly and the matching portion being provided with coacting fastening means.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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