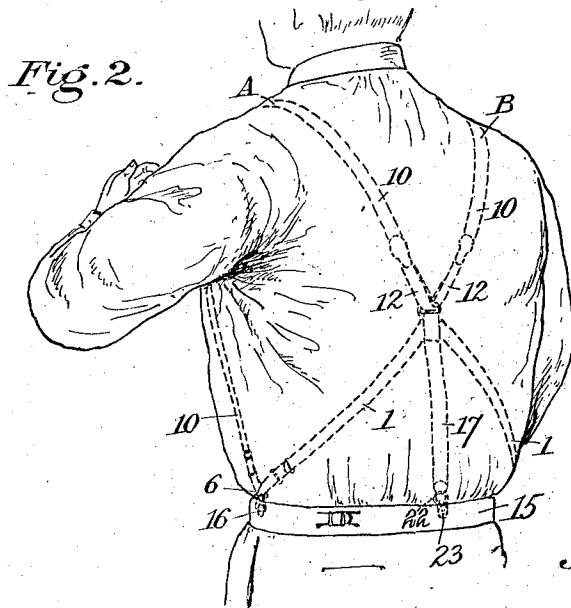
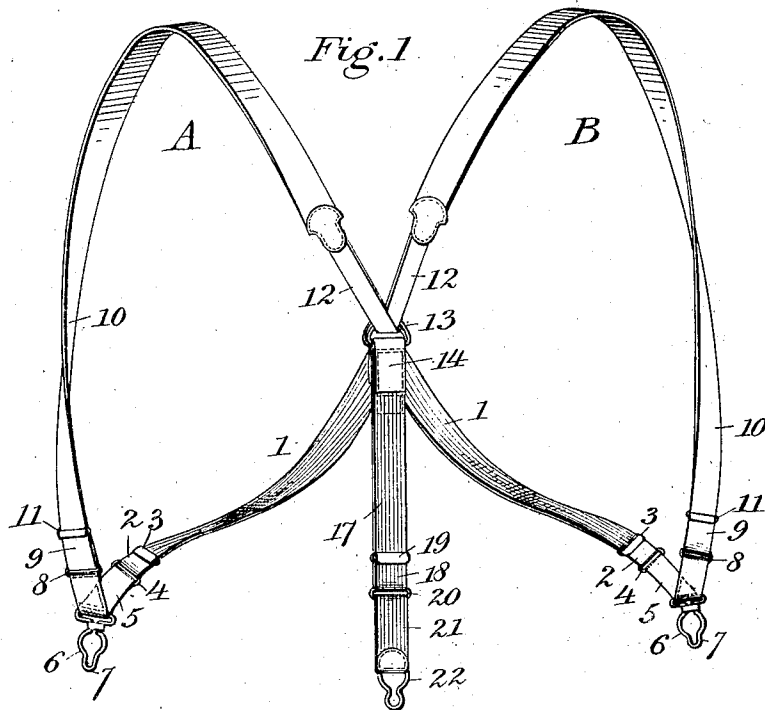


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES WEILLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Paducah, in the county of McCracken and State of Kentucky, have invented new and useful Suspenders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to suspenders, and its object is to provide suspenders for men's use whereby trousers may be upheld with the suspenders located under the shirt, so that in the case of the absence of a coat and vest the suspenders do not show.

In accordance with the invention, the suspenders comprise two adjustable bands for passing over the shoulders and each joined near the waistband of the trousers and there provided with a button-engaging loop. For ease of action the suspender members have roller or slidable connections at the back and from such point the invention includes an elastic or yieldable strap terminating in a button-engaging loop of a character permitting a rear button on the trousers to be engaged by the loop with a small portion of the shirt confined about the button by the loop. Similarly the suspender members are each provided with a button-engaging loop so situated as to engage a button and there confine a portion of the shirt at the side portions of the trousers. The structure gives a three-point support for the trousers leaving the front portion of the trousers free so that no strain appears and the suspenders themselves are entirely hidden from view and the presence of the suspenders is unnoticeable even in the absence of a coat and vest. The back strap has the desirable function of sustaining the rear portion of the trousers and preventing sagging thereof.

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

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the suspenders as seen from the rear.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the sus-

penders as applied to the human body underneath the shirt, the suspenders being indicated in dotted lines.

Referring to the drawing, there is shown a pair of suspenders comprising two like members A, B, each comprising a web 1, which may be and preferably is an elastic web, and each web terminates in a return portion 2 secured to the main body of the web by a buckle 3, whereby the effective length of the web 1 may be adjusted. Connected to the buckle end of each web 1 by a link 4 is a short length 5 of webbing, preferably of non-elastic type, and intermediately carrying a loop 6 of the type adapted to receive and encircle a button, the loop having a contracted prolongation 7 to engage the shank or other part of the button fastened to the trousers. The webbing 5 terminates in another link 8 traversed by a return portion 9 of a length 10 of webbing connected to the return portion 9 by an adjusting buckle 11. Sewed or otherwise secured to the opposite end of the webbing 10, which may be of non-elastic character, are two straps 12 both carried through a link 13 in turn carried by a connecting piece 14 to which the corresponding ends of the elastic webs 1 are made fast.

The suspender structure so far described is of known construction and is of a character designed to be worn out of sight under a shirt with the members A and B passed over the shoulders of the wearer and the loops 6 engaged over buttons on the band of the trousers, which band appears at 15 in Fig. 2, the buttons being indicated at 16 in the same figure. The arrangement is such that the trousers are supported on opposite sides of the body of the wearer with the shirt of the wearer confined about the buttons by the loops 6, the suspender structure being located underneath the shirt.

Fast to and suspended from the connecting piece 14 is a strip of elastic webbing 17 terminating like other parts of the suspenders in a return portion 18 and an adjusting buckle 19, whereby the effective length of the webbing 17 may be fixed. The return portion 18 is passed through a link 20 which in turn carries a short length 21 of elastic webbing terminating in a button-engaging loop 22 similar to the loops 6 and operating in like manner so as to engage a button 23 fast to the waistband 15 of the trousers at the rear thereof and about mid-way of the width of the trousers.

The strap 17 serves as a support for the rear portion of the trousers and, being of elastic webbing, will yield readily to movements of the body of the wearer without putting any parts under undue strain. When the suspenders are in use freedom of motion is permitted by the straps 12 running easily through the link 13, while like freedom of movement without sagging of the rear portion of the trousers is permitted by the band formed of the elastic webbing 17 which readily gives to movements of the body, and at the same time tends to at all times sustain the rear portions of the trousers.

What is claimed is:—

A three point suspension pair of suspenders adapted to be worn under a shirt comprising a pair of elastic webs joined together at one end, said webs fitting over the lower part of the back and extending from a mid point in the back to points opposite each other at the waist line, a short length of webbing joined to the free ends of each of said webs, button engaging means mounted on each short length of webbing and

adapted to engage with buttons on the trousers provided over the side pockets, a long section of inelastic webbing joined to an end of each short length of webbing and rising therefrom to pass over the shoulders of the wearer, a strap joining the ends of the inelastic sections together, a link receiving said strap whereby the strap may slide therethrough, said link being secured to the joined ends of the elastic webs, a single strip of elastic webbing fast to and suspended from the joined ends of the elastic webs, and button engaging means carried at the lower end of said single strip, said means being adapted to engage with a button on the trousers provided at the small of the back, said strip passing straight upwardly from its point of engagement with the trousers and following the line of the backbone to its juncture with the elastic webs.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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