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UNDERWEAR.
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FIG. 1.

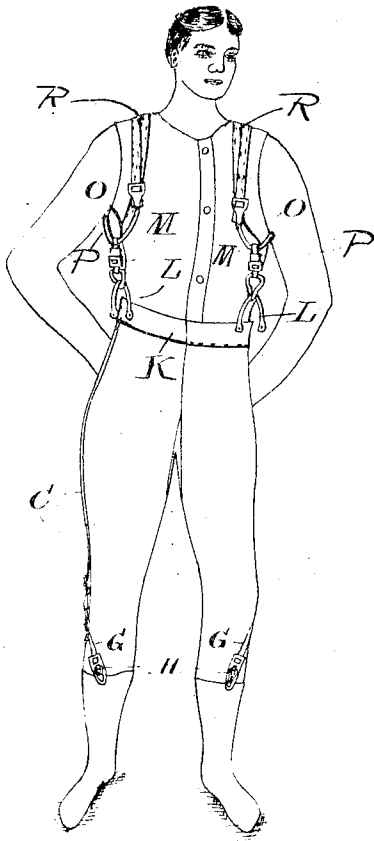
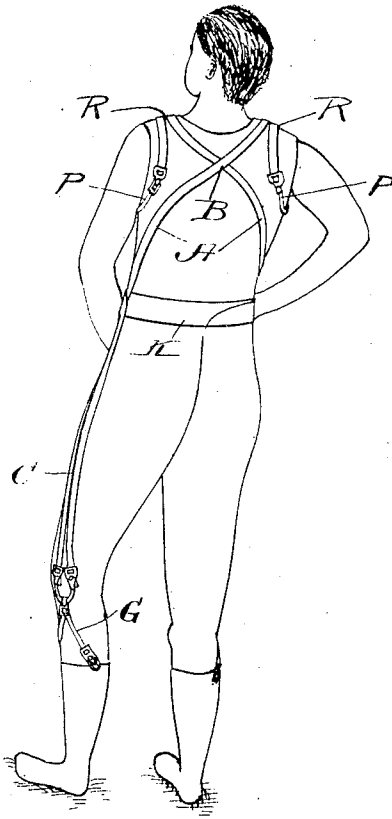


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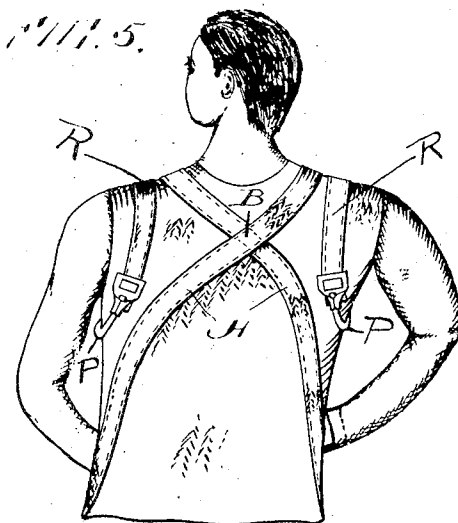
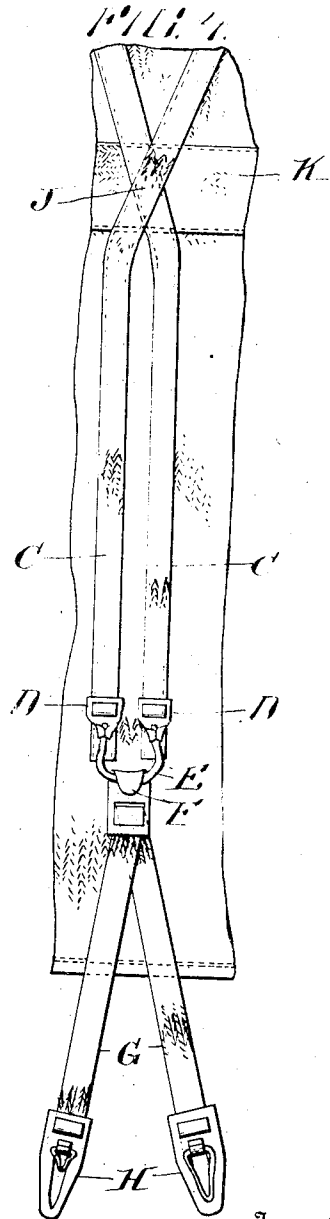
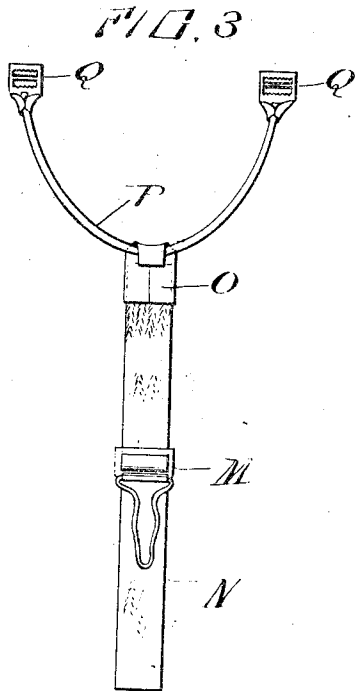
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. GILMORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at McComb, in the county of Pike and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Underwear, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in underwear, and has for its leading object the provision of underwear which will obviate the use of belts, garters, and other body encircling devices which tend to bind the person and stop the blood circulation.

Another object of the invention is to provide underwear of this nature, which while reliably supporting the outer garments, will at the same time have an elastic or giving movement to accommodate itself to the movements of the body.

A further object of the invention is to provide underwear which will support the weight of the outer garments and its own weight from the shoulders of the wearer; which underwear will be cool and comfortable to the body; which will have a hinge connection at the waist line to permit a free movement of the garments to permit the wearer to assume any desired position without binding the body; and which will, in general, prove highly desirable and satisfactory in use.

To attain the desired objects, the invention consists of a suit of underwear equipped with suitable suspension straps and attaching devices to support the weight of the garments and permit the movement of the suit of underwear to accommodate itself to the various positions of the body.

The invention further consists in certain details of construction and combinations of parts, substantially as disclosed herein.

Figure 1 is a front view of the underwear applied. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view of one of the suspension straps which, in use, is fastened to the material adjacent the arm openings therein. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the flexible tapes with attachments which support the socks and take the place of the customary garters, and Fig. 5 is a rear enlarged view of the underwear, illustrating particularly the application of the shoulder suspension straps.

The underwear may be of any desired material, size, and thickness, but is preferably

constructed of one piece of material to form what is known as a "union" suit.

As previously stated, the principle of the present invention is to support all weight from the shoulders of the wearer. For this purpose tapes A are provided, which pass over the shoulders of the wearer and are crossed at B and extend downwardly along the legs of the wearer to form parallel strips C, terminating in ends to which are attached adjustable buckles D, connected by a loop E, to the tab F of the suspension straps G of the hose supporting means, which straps G are equipped with suitable hose clasps H. The tapes A are crossed at the waist line J, as best shown in Fig. 4, and at the waist line a fabric belt K is provided, equipped with suitable loops L, for attachment with the adjustable buckles M on the suspension straps N, whose upper ends are provided with fastenings O to fit over the elastic loops P, the ends of which are fastened by adjustable buckles Q to the circular loops R, which are sewed to the material of the garment around the arm openings thereof. From this construction, it will be seen that the tapes A are sewed to the garment and pass over the shoulders of the wearer at the points where the greatest weight will be brought to bear, and that said tapes are continued down along the legs of the wearer to form hose supporting means. It will also be noted that the tapes A are crossed at the waist belt J to form flexible hinges at each side of the body to provide means for accommodating the garment to every movement of the wearer, while to suitably support the trousers, the tapes R are sewed to the garment adjacent the arm openings thereof and are adjustably connected to the waist band K by the flexible straps N, buckles Q, and elastic loops P.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and application of my improvements will be readily seen, and it will be apparent to all that the means herein illustrated for accomplishing the hereinbefore stated objects will prove inexpensive, simple, comfortable, and entirely desirable and satisfactory from every point of view.

It will be understood that I provide what is known as a union suit or garment, having a waist band and an open front carrying fastenings, and that connected to the waist

band are the pair of shoulder members, and the pair of leg members which carry the stocking supporting devices, the detached means not interfering with the garment and supporting direct from the shoulder.

I claim:—

1. Underwear, comprising a garment, tapes sewed thereto and crossing the shoulders of the wearer and terminating in hose supporting means, a waist band sewed to the garment, and tapes sewed to the garment adjacent the arm openings and adjustably connected with the waist band.

2. Underwear, comprising in combination, a garment, tapes passing over the shoulders of the wearer and crossed at the back and waist and terminating in hose supporting means, a fabric waist band attached to the garment, tapes secured to the garment and passing under the arm openings thereof, and flexible and adjustable connections between said tapes and waist band.

3. In combination with an undergarment, a pair of tapes sewed thereto and crossed at the back and waist band and extending downwardly along the legs in parallel strips, hose supporting devices connected to the extremities of said strips, a fabric waist band sewed to the garment, a pair of tapes sewed to the garment under the arm openings thereof, and suspension straps adjustably connecting said pair of tapes and the waist band.

4. In combination with an undergarment,

a pair of tapes secured thereto and providing hose supporting devices, a waist band connected to the garment, circular loops or tapes secured to the garment and passing around under each arm opening, and flexible and adjustable connections between said tapes or loops and the waist band.

5. The improvement in underwear herein shown and described, comprising the union undergarment formed with the waist strip, and the open waist portion, the pair of shoulder members, the waist connections carried by the shoulder members, the pair of members passing around the back and secured at the crossing, and at the lower ends to the waist band, the pair of leg members connected at their upper ends to the waist band and having a loop at their lower ends, and a pair of stocking supporting members connected to the loops of the leg members.

6. In combination with a union undergarment, having a waist band and an open front provided with fastenings, of a pair of shoulder members secured to the waist band and a pair of leg members carrying stocking supporters, and suspended from the waist band.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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