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Fig. 1.

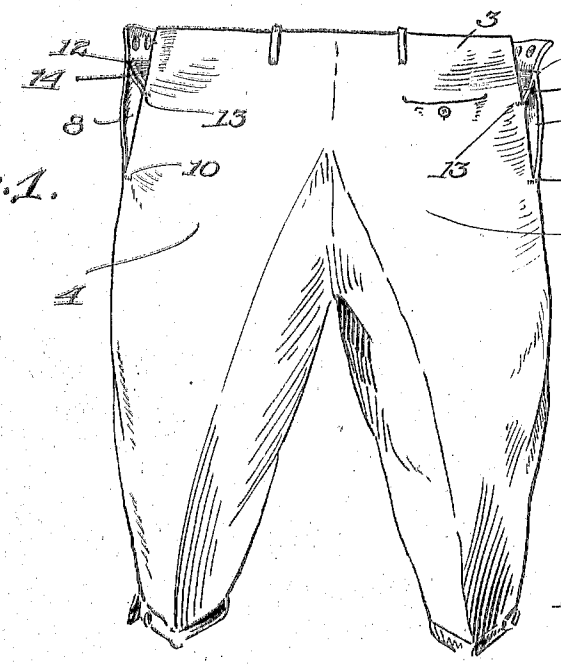


Fig. 3.

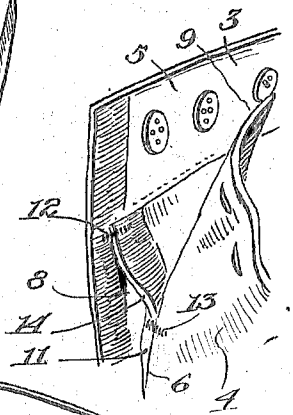
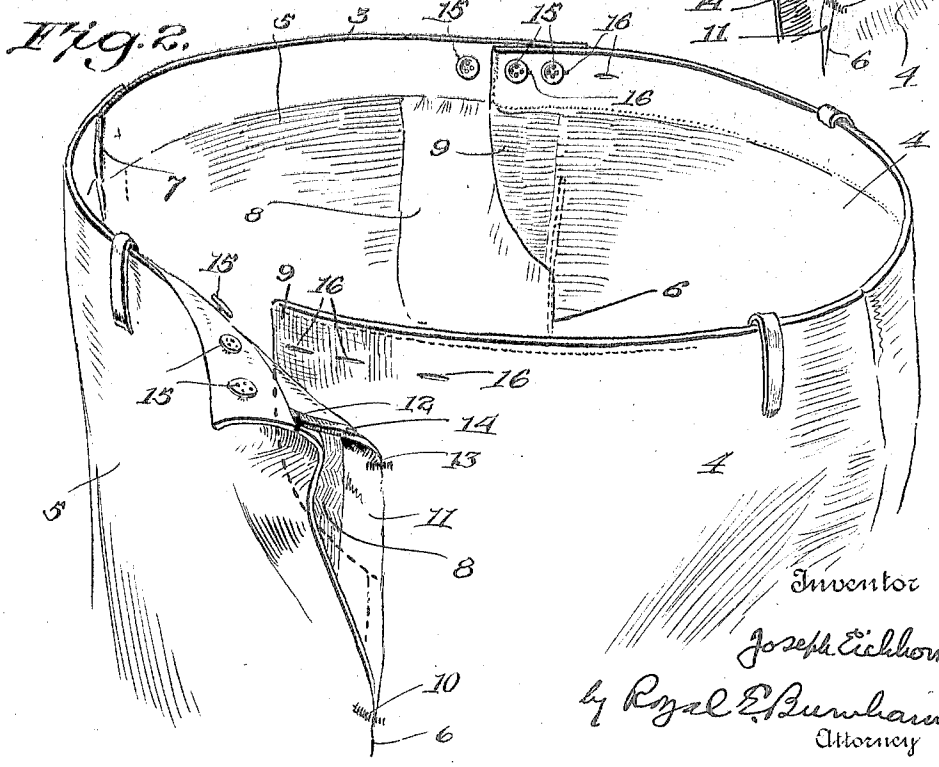


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH EICHHORN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Garments, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to means for adjusting the waist size of trousers, pants, and other bifurcated garments.

It is an object of the invention so to arrange such garments that they may be adjusted as to size readily in the waist portion by the wearer without the necessity of incurring the expense of alterations involving the ripping of seams and resewing of them by experienced garment workers.

When considered in connection with the description herein, the characteristics of the invention will be apparent from the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, wherein an embodiment of the invention as applied to a pair of trousers is disclosed, for purposes of illustration.

Like reference-characters refer to corresponding parts in the views of the drawing, of which—

Fig. 1 is a rear view;

Fig. 2 is a side view; and

Fig. 3 is a detail view.

As shown in the drawing, the trousers are formed of pieces of cloth cut and assembled as is of common practice, with exceptions as hereinafter explained, and they include a waist portion 3, and a rear piece of cloth 4 and a front piece of cloth 5 on each side stitched or otherwise permanently secured together at side seams or lines 6. The rear pieces 4 extend under and are overlapped by the front pieces 5. The garment has the usual front fly 7 and the side pockets 8.

Instead of the usual formation of the rear pieces 4, however, the material of those pieces extends forwardly from the lines of the side seams as flaps or extensions 9, and the side seams of the leg portions of the garment extend upwardly and stop at the bottoms of the slit-like openings of the side pockets, where the material is secured together against ripping by bar stitching 10.

The inner side of each side pocket is provided with a reinforcing strip 11 of the same material as the rear pieces 4, which extends from a place slightly below the bar stitching 10 to the top of the pocket, where it is secured to the material of the front piece 5 by bar stitching 12 at the bottom of the waistband portion of the garment, as is the usual practice. The strip 11 of each pocket, however, is stitched to the rear piece 4 only from the bottom to a place below the top of the pocket opening, where it is secured against ripping by bar stitching 13. Above the place of the bar stitching 13, the strip 11 extends therefrom free from the rear piece 4 to the top of the pocket, as shown at 14, and the front piece 5 above that bar stitching is not stitched or otherwise permanently secured to the rear piece 4. Where the strip 11 is secured to the front piece 5 at the top of the pocket at bar stitching 12 it is set forwardly away from the rear edge of that material and thereunder, for the purpose of facilitating the adjustment of the size of the garment in the waist portion and to avoid puckering of the material. The insetting of the material of the strip 11 at that place is shown clearly by Fig. 3.

By the arrangement of material as described, an opening is provided that extends through the waistband portion of the garment downwardly to a place below the top of the pocket, without in any way interfering with the pocket, this opening being to permit adjustment of the waistband portion of the garment to different sizes. The material of the front pieces 5, at the waistband portion, which overlap the front portions of the rear pieces 4, are provided with a plurality of buttons or other suitable fasteners 15, which are spaced at different distances from the rear edges of the pieces 5 and are arranged to be fastened detachably in cooperation with buttonholes 16 or other suitable attaching means similarly spaced at the waist-line on the flaps or extensions 9.

It will be seen that the wearer of a garment formed as hereinbefore described can adjust the size in the waist portion without difficulty by shifting one or more of the fastening means on the front portions 5 of the garment from the fastening means on the flaps or extensions 9 with which they have been in cooperation to other fastening means on those flaps or extensions.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A bifurcated garment having a waist portion and comprising a rear cloth piece

on each side having a forwardly-extending flap at the waist portion, a front cloth piece on each side overlapping one of said rear pieces, there being side pocket openings under the overlapping edges of said front pieces, said rear and front pieces being sewed together at the sides of the garment below the pocket openings upwardly to the bottoms of those openings, a reinforcing strip sewed to each rear piece from the bottom of each pocket opening to a place below the top of said opening and extending from said place free of said rear piece and secured to said front piece at the top of the pocket opening, there being an opening between the front and rear pieces extending through the waist portion of the garment downwardly to the place below the top of the pocket from which said reinforcing strip extends free, and a plurality of fastening means on said front pieces at the waist portion and on said flaps cooperable one with another.

2. A bifurcated garment having a waist portion and comprising a rear cloth piece on each side having a forwardly-extending flap at the waist portion, a front cloth piece on each side overlapping one of said rear pieces, there being side pocket openings under the overlapping edges of said front pieces, said rear and front pieces being sewed together at the sides of the garment below the pocket openings upwardly to the bottoms of those openings, a reinforcing strip sewed to each rear piece from the bottom of each pocket opening to a place below the top of said opening and extending from said place free of said rear piece and secured to said front piece with its rear edge positioned forwardly of the rear edge of said front piece and at the top of the pocket opening, there being an opening between the front and rear pieces extending through the waist portion of the garment downwardly to the place below the top of the pocket opening from which said reinforcing strip extends free, and a plurality of fastening means on said front pieces at the waist portion and on said flaps cooperable one with another.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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