PANTS HAVING A SIDE OPENING

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

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This invention relates to pants having a side opening, and more particularly to pants having a side opening at which a side pocket is positioned. Heretofore, in pants having side pockets the waistband of the pants has normally been opened in the front thereof or at some position other than the side pocket when the pants have been put on or off. In ladies' slacks and shorts particularly, it is highly desirable to have the waistband releasably connected adjacent a side so that a smooth front appearance is presented by the wearer without hooks, buttons, or zippers being visible thereat.

The present invention comprises pants having a releasable side opening for allowing a wearer to change the pants embodying a side pocket within the side opening connected to front and rear portions of the pants, and a zipper releasably securing a portion of the upper edge of the pocket to the pants whereby the spread of the side opening and the waistband may be substantially increased through the opening of the zipper.

An object of the present invention is to provide pants having a releasable side opening with a pocket therein having one pocket side secured to the front portion and the other pocket side secured to the rear portion, and a zipper releasably connecting the upper edge of one of the pocket sides to the pants whereby upon opening of the zipper the spread of the side opening is substantially increased to permit a wearer to easily remove or put on the pants.

A further object of the invention is to provide pants having a waistband releasably connected adjacent a side thereof and a side opening extending from the waistband to an outseam with a pocket in the side opening secured to the front and rear portions of the pants, the upper edge of the pocket connecting the front and rear portions of the pants adjacent the waistband when the waistband is opened, and a zipper releasably connecting a portion of the upper edge of the pocket to the waistband so that upon opening of the zipper the spread of the side opening is substantially increased to permit a wearer to easily remove or put on the pants.

A pair of pants embodying the present invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this application, in which:

FIG. 1 is a fragmentary side elevational view of the upper portion of the pants embodying the present invention with the waistband releasably connected and with portions broken away to show a zipper for the opening to the pocket and an additional zipper releasably connecting a portion of the upper edge of the pocket to the waistband;

FIG. 2 is a fragmentary side elevational view of the pants of FIG. 1 with the waistband opened at the side opening but showing the zipper securing a portion of the upper edge of the pocket in closed position;

FIG. 3 is a side elevational view of the pants shown in FIG. 2 with the zipper securing the upper edge of the pocket being open to increase the spread between portions of the waistband; and,

FIG. 4 is an elevational view taken from a side of the pants opposite the side from which FIGS. 1-3 are taken and showing the reverse side of the pocket with the zipper securing the upper edge of the pocket being closed.

Referring now to the drawings for a better understanding of my invention, I show pants indicated generally by the numeral 10 having a pair of legs 12 and 13. Each leg is formed of a front portion 14 and a rear portion 16 sewn to each other through an outseam 17. A waistband 18 is provided adjacent the upper edges of front and rear portions 14 and 16 and a side opening 21 for the pants is substantially in alignment with outseam 17. A button 22 on waistband 18 adjacent the side opening is adapted to engage a loop 23 of the waistband in releasable relation thereby to releasably secure waistband 18 about the body of a wearer. It should be noted that there is only one opening for waistband 18 and it is understood that opening 18 may be releasably secured in any suitable manner such as by hooks, fasteners, and the like. The term "pants" as used in the specification and claims herein is defined as including men's, children's, and ladies' slacks, pants and shorts.

A side pocket is indicated generally by the numeral 20 and comprises pocket sides 24 and 26 foldably connected to each other. Upper edge 27 of pocket side 24 and as shown in FIG. 2 extends between portions of waistband 18 when side opening 21 is opened. Upper edge 28 of pocket side 26 is releasably secured to waistband 18 by zipper 29. Zipper 29 is sewn to waistband 18 and extends in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal dimension of waistband 18. Slide 31 opens and closes zipper 29 and when zipper 29 is opened as shown in FIG. 3, the spread between end portions of waistband 18 is increased from that shown in FIG. 2 in which zipper 29 is closed. Thus, a wearer of pants 10 may easily put on and take off the pants when zipper 29 is opened. Merely unloosening or releasing waistband 18 by pulling loop 23 from button 22 without unzipping zipper 29 does not increase the inner diameter of pants 10 or the size of side opening 21 since upper edge 27 of pocket side 24 holds the inner diameter constant. However, when zipper 29 is opened, as in FIG. 3, the inner diameter of pants 10 is increased by several inches.

A zipper 32 releasably closes the opening to pocket 23. One facing 33 of zipper 32 is secured to rear portion 16 and the other facing 34 of zipper 32 is secured to front portion 14. Slide 36 opens and closes zipper 32. A welt 37 is formed by front portion 14 and in the closed position of zipper 32, welt 37 extends over and covers zipper 32 thereby presenting a smooth outer appearance to the pants. It is to be noted that the outer edge of welt 37 is in substantial alignment with outseam 17 connecting front and rear portions 14 and 16.

From the foregoing, it will be understood that I have provided pants having a side opening at which a side pocket is positioned with a portion of the upper edge of the side pocket being releasably secured to the pants so that the spread between end portions of waistband 18 may be increased upon opening of such zipper thereby increasing the diameter of the pants. Thus, by providing such a zipper, no separate opening or means need be provided on the pants in order to put on or take off the pants. Also, a smooth front appearance is presented by the shorts as there are no openings, hooks, buttons, or zippers showing thereat.

While I have shown my invention in but one form, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that it is not so limited, but is susceptible of various changes and modifications without departing from the spirit thereof, and I desire, therefore, that only such limitations shall be placed thereupon as are specifically set forth in the appended claims.

What I claim is:
1. In pants having a waistband and a closable side opening extending downwardly therefrom,
(a) a front portion and a rear portion for said pants,
3. (b) an outseam connecting said front portion to said rear portion in spaced relation to said waistband to define a releasable side opening between said waistband and said outseam in general alignment with the outseam,
(c) a first pocket side foldably connected to a second pocket side,
(d) means securing said first pocket side to said front portion,
(e) means securing said second pocket side to said rear portion with the upper edges of said first pocket side and said second pocket side connecting said front and rear portions when the side opening is opened to thereby limit the spread of said opening, and
(f) a zipper releasably connecting the upper edge of one of the pocket sides to said waistband to substantially increase the spread of said side opening upon opening the zipper and permit a wearer to put on and remove the pants easily.
2. Pants as defined in claim 1 in which a second zipper in general alignment with the outseam releasably connects said front and rear portions across said side opening.

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