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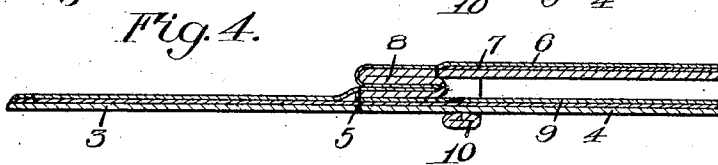
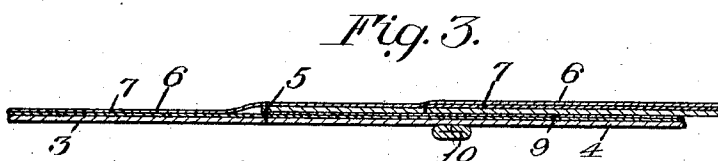
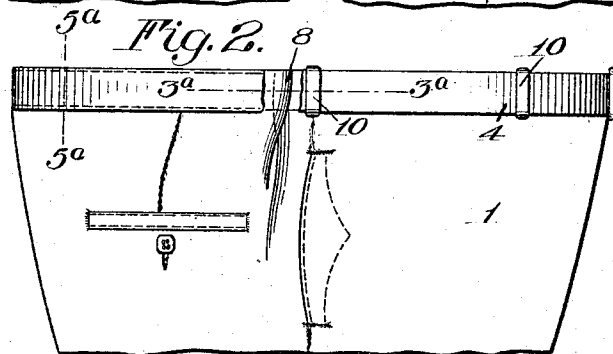
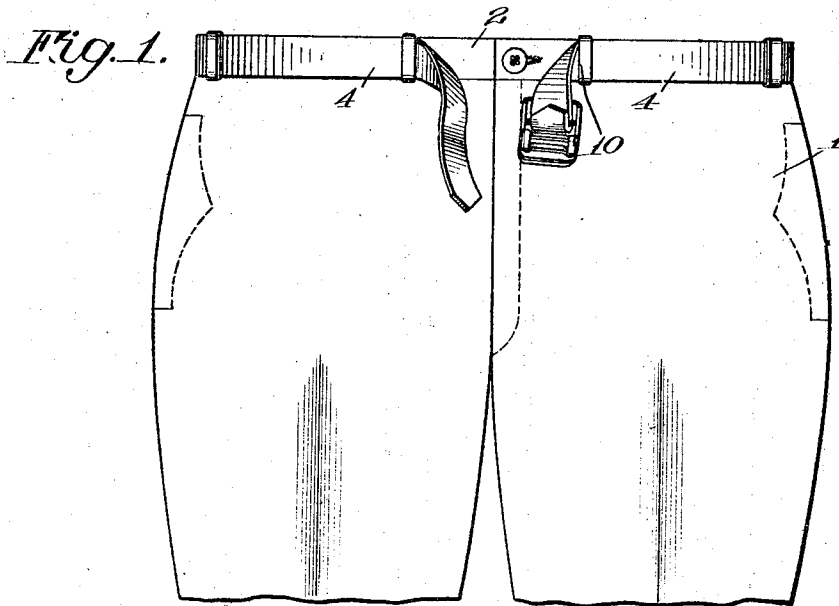
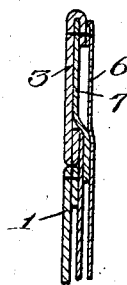


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN BAETZEL, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the reference-numerals marked thereon.

The present invention relates to garments, and it has for its object to provide a waist line garment that may be supported either by suspenders or by means of a belt, so as to give a perfect set and smoothness to the garment under all conditions.

A further purpose of the invention is to form a belt with the garment, the belt serving as a waist band for a portion of its length.

To these and other ends the invention consists in certain improvements and combinations of parts all as will be hereinafter more fully described, the novel features being pointed out in the claim at the end of the specification.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of a pair of trousers, partly broken away, and showing the belt ends unsecured; Fig. 2 is a view in side elevation, with a portion of the belt broken away, showing one of the plaits in the waist band when the belt is fastened; Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view on the line 3^a—3^a of Fig. 2, showing the belt unfastened and the waist band in folded position; Fig. 4 is a similar sectional view, showing the belt fastened, and the waist band folded, and Fig. 5 is a vertical sectional view on the line 5^a—5^a of Fig. 2.

Similar reference numerals throughout the several views indicate the same parts.

In the use of waist line body garments, as usually constructed, if it is desired to support the garment by means of a belt, upon tightening the latter, there is produced in the waist band of the garment a series of bulky and unsightly folds, causing both discomfort to the wearer, and the appearance of a misfit garment by reason of the thickness of the folds and the fact of their being formed at undetermined points. The present invention is designed to overcome these disadvantages by the provision of a waist band of such construction that when a belt

is tightened, the excess cloth will be taken up by plaits which are formed readily at determined points causing the garment to fit snugly to the body, and at once, to conceal the folds and present a smooth and perfect fitting garment.

The invention, as herein illustrated, is embodied in a garment comprising a body portion 1 and waist band 2. Suitably attached to the garment body is a belt, consisting of the part 3 which constitutes the rear portion of the waist band of the garment, and the free ends 4 adapted to be secured together at the front. It is to be noted that the garment body is provided with a front waist band portion 2, which, however, extends only to the points of attachment of the belt, the latter serving as a waist band for the back of the garment, as explained. The front waist band portion 2 is secured to the rear waist band portion or belt 3 at the points 5 at each side of the garment, and a lining 6 is secured inside the waist band as usual. Between the lining 6 and the waist band, is a stiffening portion 7, entirely surrounding the garment, except at each side where the stiffening is omitted, so as to provide a very flexible and yieldable portion to form the plaits 8, shown in Fig. 4. The unstiffened portion of the waist band preferably extends from the points of attachment 5 of the belt forwardly to the first belt loops, or for a distance of about one and one-half inches, although this may be varied for different garments. The stiffening in the rear waist band portion is continued at the front so as to form a stiffening for the belt ends, the latter being provided with a suitable lining 9. Belt loops 10 may be provided at the front and sides of the garment, for guiding the belt ends, as is usual in garments of this type. When the belt ends are secured together, and tightened, the excess cloth is taken up at each side by the formation of the plaits in the unstiffened portions of the waist band, and in such a manner that the garment easily adjusts itself to the body of the wearer without any attending discomfort, and also preserves a smoothly fitting exterior, the folds in the cloth being effectually concealed by reason of their position at the sides.

It will be readily apparent that by the present construction, there is provided a very simple and inexpensive garment which accomplishes all the purposes desired, and affords means for enabling a garment to be

worn either by means of a belt or by suspenders and so as to obtain a comfortable and pleasing fit at all times.

It is not entirely necessary that the belt be
5 constructed as a part of the garment, although this is my preferred form of construction, as a separate belt might be employed, and attached to the garment at such
10 points as to enable its proper coöperation with the unstiffened portions of the waist band.

I claim as my invention:

In a pair of trousers, the combination
5 with a waist band having a continuous or unbroken outer cloth surface, of belt ends

arranged to overlie the front part of the waist band, said belt ends being formed integral with the rear part of the waist band, belt loops at the sides of the waist band to receive the belt ends, and a stiffening medium secured to the outer cloth surface of the waist band, said stiffening medium being
20 omitted or cut away at points adjacent to said belt loops whereby to form folds or plaits in the outer cloth surface of the waist
25 band at said points.

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