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Fig. 1.

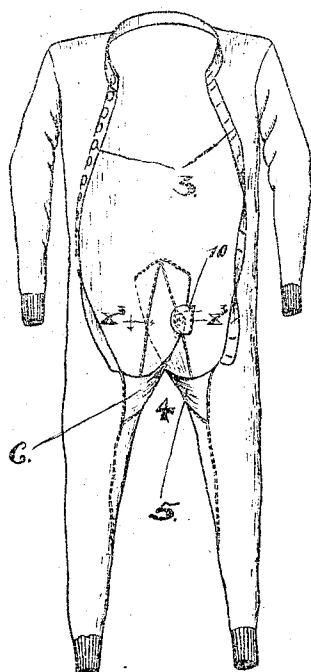


Fig. 2.

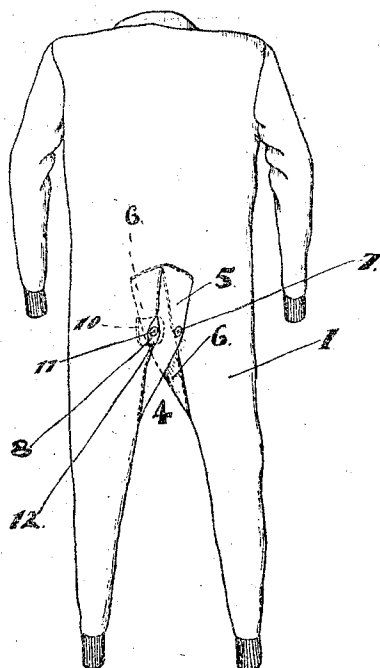
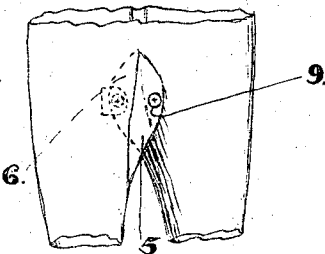


Fig. 4

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. STRUTHERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Undergarments; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My present invention has for its object to improve the construction of the overlapping gores of undergarments, of the type usually designated as union-suits, and to these ends, the invention consists of the novel construction and arrangement of parts, hereinafter described and defined in the claims.

The present invention is directed to an improvement or modification of the undergarment disclosed and broadly claimed in my prior Patent, 859,705, issued of date July 9th, 1907.

In the accompanying drawings which illustrate the invention, like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a view in front elevation, showing the improved undergarment; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same; Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail in horizontal section, taken on the line $w^3 w^3$ of Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view in rear elevation, illustrating a slightly modified form or arrangement of the gores.

The numeral 1 indicates the union undergarment of knitted or other fabric, the same having the customary button equipped front opening 3, and seat opening 4. The so-called gores or overlapping flap portions 5 and 6 are stitched or otherwise secured to the seat portion of the garment. The inner gore 6, approximately at the place where the intermediate portion of its inner edge joins the body of the garment, is provided with a button 7, and at the intermediate portion of its free edge, it has a button hole 8. At the intermediate portion of its free edge, the outer flap 5 is provided with a button hole 9, that coöperates with the button 7. A small inner flap 10 provided with a button 11 is stitched or otherwise attached to the back of the body portion of the garment, as shown, approximately at the place where the intermediate portion of the inner edge of the outer gore 5 it attached to the said garment.

The said flap 10 is, of course, located at the inner side of the gore 5, and the inner gore 6 is adapted to be placed between the said flap 10 and gore 5, and to be there secured by engagement of the button 11 with the button hole 8. In this way, the two gores 5 and 6 are connected without causing the two gores to be drawn, the one through an opening in the other. Neither is an opening in the outer gore necessary in order to permit of access to the flap 10, for the purpose of buttoning the button 11 into the button hole 8 of the gore 6. In the construction shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, however, a small slit or opening 12 is provided in the back of the garment or in the outer gore 5, opposite to the point where the button 11 is engaged with the button hole 8. This slit or opening 12 affords extremely easy access to the button 11 and does not require that the outer gore 5 be turned over in order to reach the said button. In the construction shown in Fig. 4, however, the slit or opening 12, is dispensed with, and the gores 5 and 6 are narrowed up both at their upper and lower extremities, whereas, in the construction shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the said gores 5 and 6 are widest at their extreme upper ends where they are stitched to the garment, and are tapered downward.

From what has been said, it will be understood, that the gores are capable of considerable modification, and may, of course, be made of any suitable dimensions both as to length and width. The principal feature of the invention is the provision of the button equipped inner flap or piece, between which, and an outer gore, the inner gore of the garment is adapted to be placed and secured to the said button equipped inner flap.

The above described arrangement of the gores permits of the use of narrow gores, which will naturally lie better, and furthermore, said construction may be very easily and cheaply made.

What I claim is:

1. An undergarment having a seat opening with overlapping gores at the sides of said seat opening, and a flap independent of said gores secured to the inner surface of the back of said garment, adjacent to the intermediate portion of the outer gore, and adapted to be secured in the intermediate portion of the inner gore, when the latter is placed between the same and the outer gore.

2. An undergarment having a seat open-

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 said seat opening, and a button equipped
 flap independent of said gores secured with-
 in the inner surface of the back of said gar-
 5 ment, and adapted to be buttoned to the in-
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 the latter is placed between the same and the
 outer gore.

3. An undergarment having a seat open-
 10 ing with overlapping gores at the sides of
 said seat opening, and a button equipped
 flap secured to the inner surface of the back
 of said garment, and adapted to be engaged

with the button hole in the intermediate edge
 portion of the inner gore, when the latter is 15
 placed between the same and the outer gore,
 the said outer gore or back portion of said
 garment having a slit through which access
 may be had to the said button equipped flap.
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 in presence of two witnesses.

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