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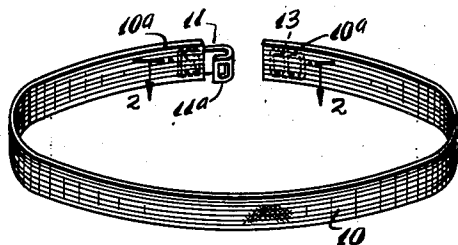


Fig. 1.

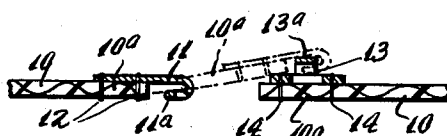


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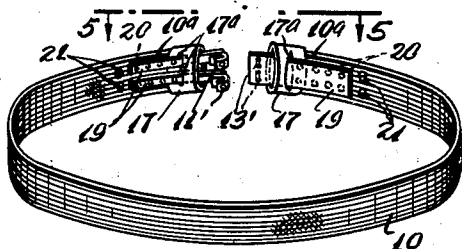


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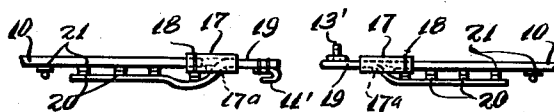


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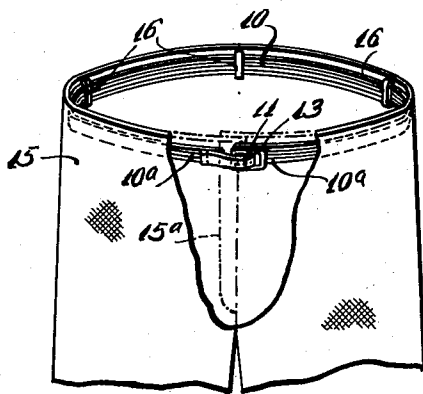


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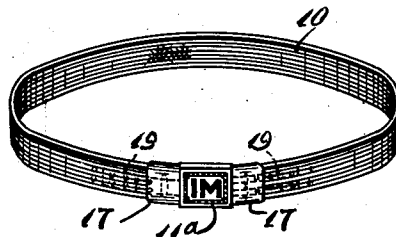


Fig. 6.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in an elastic band for the inside or outside of trousers, underwear, or similar garments.

5 More specifically, the invention proposes the construction of an elastic band characterized by a strip of elastic material provided at its ends with a means for releasably securing them together so that the strip may be engaged about
10 the waistline for supporting trousers or underwear.

Still further it is proposed to characterize the releasable holding means by a hook element upon one of the ends engageable with a complementary
15 loop element on the other of the ends.

Still further it is proposed to provide a means for adjustably supporting the hook element and the loop element upon the ends of the strip in such a manner that they may be adjustably extended from the ends of the strip.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended
20 claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an elastic belt
30 constructed according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a modification of the invention showing the manner in which the
35 same is applied to a pair of trousers.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but illustrating a still further modification of the invention.

Fig. 5 is a view looking in the direction of the line 5-5 of Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a front perspective view of another form of the belt.

The elastic belt for the inside or outside of trousers, underwear, or similar articles of clothing, according to this invention, includes a strip
45 of elastic material 10 having ends 10^a. The strip is adapted to be constructed from rubber or woven elastic material adapted to stretch in the length only.

A means is provided on the adjacent ends 10^a of the strip 10 for securing these ends together to hold the same in position upon one's body. This means consists of a hook element 11 securely attached to the ends 10^a of the strip by means of
50 rivets 12 or similar fastening elements. A complementary loop element 13 is securely attached

to the other end 10^a of the strip 10 by means of rivets or similar holding elements 14. The loop element 13 is formed with an outwardly extended portion 13^a beneath which the bent over end 11^a of the hook element 11 is adapted to be engaged. 5 The manner in which the bent over end 11^a is engaged with the loop 13^a is clearly shown by the dot and dash lines 11' in Fig. 2.

According to the modification shown in Fig. 3 the elastic belt is constructed in a manner similar
10 to the previous form of the invention. A provision is made for releasably connecting the elastic belt with the waistband of a pair of trousers 15. The method of connecting the strip 10 with the waistband comprises a plurality of loops 16 at-
15 tached to the inner face of the waistband of the trousers 15 and beneath which the elastic strip 10 is passed. The elastic strip 10 is passed through the loop 16 in a manner so that the hook element 11 and the loop element 13 will be
20 located adjacent the front opening 15^a of the trousers.

According to the modification shown in Figs. 4 and 5 a provision is made for releasably supporting the hook elements 11' and the loop elements 13' upon the adjacent ends 10^a of the
25 strip 10 and extended slightly therefrom. The ends 10^a of the strip 10 are adapted to be passed into the ends of the tubular elements 17. The adjacent ends of the tubular elements 17 and the
30 strip 10 are adapted to be secured together by means of stitches 18. A band of material 19 is provided for each of the tubular elements 17. The bands of material 19 are adapted to be passed into the open ends of the tubular members 18 and
35 pass out of the tubular members 17 into openings 17^a formed in the sides thereof.

A means is provided upon the adjacent faces of the bands 19 and strip 10 for holding the bands in various extended positions with relation to the
40 open ends of the tubular members 17. This means comprises a plurality of snap fastener elements 20 fixedly attached to one face of the bands of material 19 and selectively engageable with complementary snap fastener elements 21 fixedly
45 attached to the adjacent face of the strip 10.

The hooks 11' are fixedly attached to the free end of one of the bands of material 19 and the loop elements 13' are fixedly attached to the free end of the other of the bands of material 19. The
50 free ends of the bands 19 are adapted to extend from the open ends of the tubular members 17 in all of their adjusted positions for permitting the hooks 11' to be engaged with the loop elements 13' for connecting together the ends of the strip 10. 55

In Fig. 6 a buckle 11^a is shown secured to the device on element 11. In other respects this form of the invention is similar to the previous form and the similar parts are marked with corresponding reference numerals.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. In a device of the class described, a strip of elastic material, a flexible tubular member mounted on one end of said strip and extended therefrom, a band of material extended into the open end of said tubular member and out through an opening in the side thereof, and means on said band and the adjacent face of said strip for holding said band in various extended positions for controlling the combined overall length of said strip and band.

2. In a device of the class described, a strip of elastic material, a flexible tubular member

mounted on one end of said strip and extended therefrom, a band of material extended into the open end of said tubular member and out through an opening in the side thereof, and means on said band and the adjacent face of said strip for holding said band in various extended positions for controlling the combined overall length of said strip and band, said means comprising snap fastener elements on one of the faces of said band of material and engageable with complementary snap fastener elements mounted on the adjacent face of said strip.

3. In a device of the class described, a strip of elastic material, a flexible tubular member mounted on one end of said strip and extended therefrom, a band of material extended into the open end of said tubular member and out through an opening in the side thereof, and means on said band and the adjacent face of said strip for holding said band in various extended positions for controlling the combined overall length of said strip and band, the end of said strip being passed into the end of said flexible tubular member and the end of said strip and the end of said flexible tubular member being fixedly connected together by means of stitches passing therethrough.

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