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KNEE DRAWERS.
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Fig. 1.

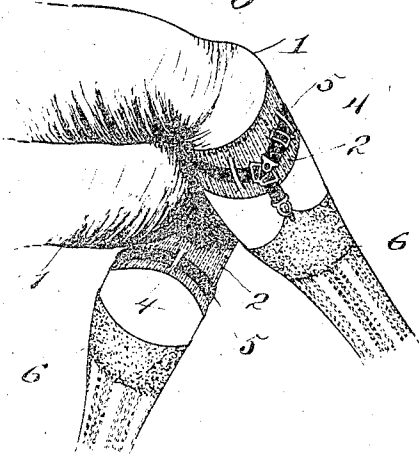


Fig. 2.

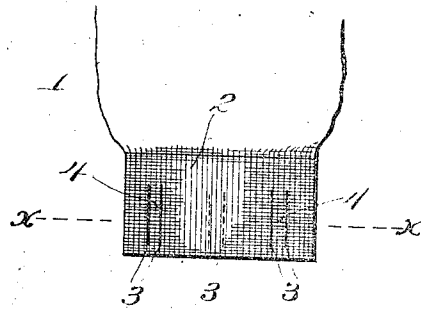


Fig. 3.

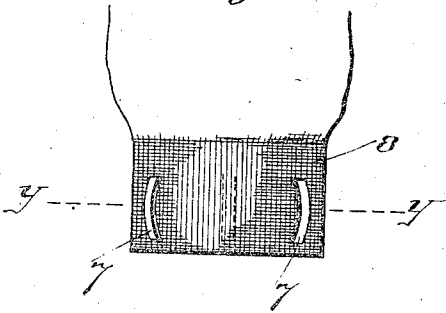


Fig. 4.

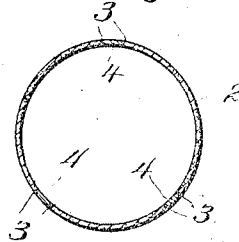
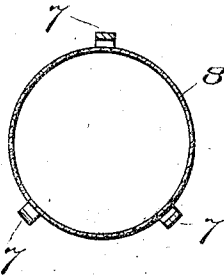


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM D. RICHEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ocala, in the county of Marion and State of Florida, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Knee-Drawers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wearing apparel, and pertains especially to the class of nether garments such as knee drawers and means for holding the same down over the knee.

The object of the invention is to provide knee drawers with means for applying an ordinary garter whereby the garter may encircle the leg on the outside of the drawer-leg and be attached to the stocking.

The purpose of the invention is to provide means for connecting drawer-legs and stockings whereby the drawer-legs may be held down over the knee and close around the leg, and the stockings held up.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this application: Figure 1 is an illustration of the application of the invention. Fig. 2 is an elevation. Fig. 3 is an elevation of a modification. Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line $x-x$, Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a sectional view on the line $y-y$, Fig. 3.

The same reference numerals denote the same parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

For the purpose of illustration the knee-drawers 1, composed of the well known or usual material, are shown having ribbed or flexible bottom ends or webs 2. But the said ends may be finished in various other suitable fashions below the knee, or the material of the drawers may be extended below the knee in order to carry out the invention.

The end or portion of the drawers below the knee is provided with means for holding around the leg, garters of any of the well known or usual types. The preferred means consists in forming a series of slits 3 in pairs during the manufacture of the drawers or the drawer-ends, and leaving a narrow strip

4, between slits of each pair, thereby forming loops for a suitable garter 5, which is passed around the leg below the knee and on the outside of the drawer-ends, where it is clasped in the usual way and attached to the stocking 6.

Referring to the modification shown in Figs. 4 and 5 the slits hereinbefore mentioned are omitted, and the loops 7 are woven or otherwise formed upon the drawer-ends 8, or the loops may be sewed or otherwise attached to the drawers. It will be seen that the drawer ends are held closely around the leg below the knees, and are thereby prevented from riding or wrinkling up or over the knee; that the encircling garter is kept out of contact with the leg; and that the stocking is held up without sagging or dropping.

It is obvious that the loops prevent the garter from slipping down, and in the event of the garter becoming unclasped the loops will prevent the garter from falling or dropping down; and it is also obvious that in removing the drawers and stockings the garter has only to be unhooked from the stocking and unclasped and left hanging in the loops, thereby obviating removal of the garter from the drawers.

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

In knee drawers for retaining leg encircling garters, flexible leg ends fitting the leg under the knee, a series of vertical slits arranged in pairs around said ends, and a narrow rib or strip between the slits of each pair for holding the garters in depending position to connect the leg-ends of the drawers with short stockings.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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