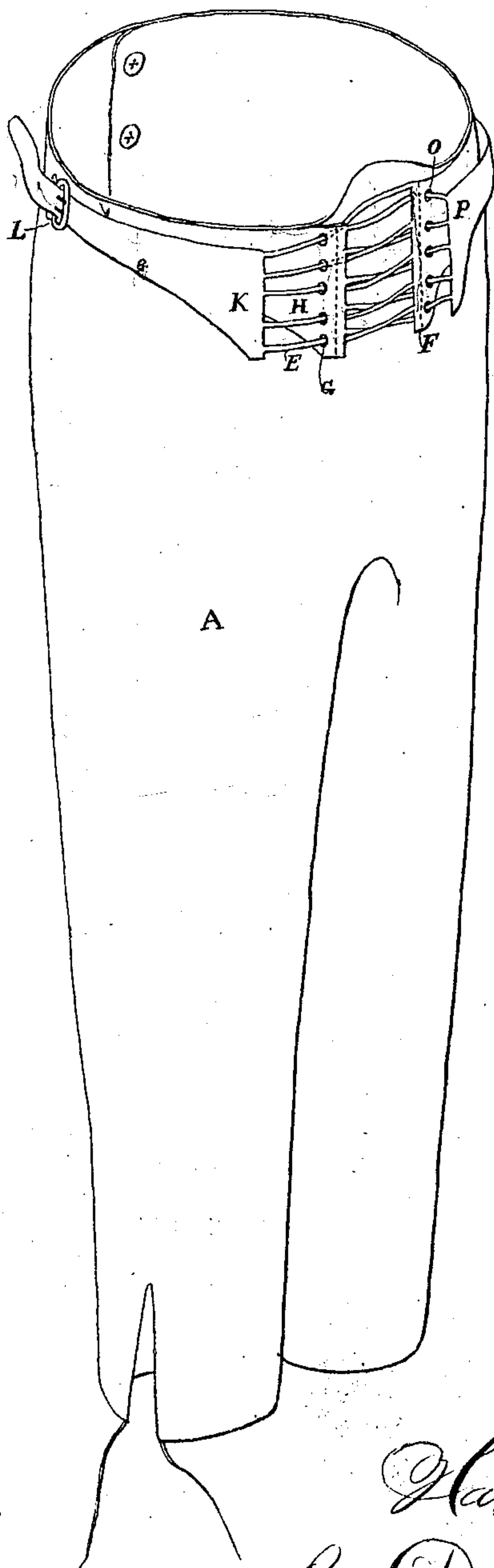


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IMPROVEMENT IN MEN'S DRAWERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HANRY BORKHIM, of the city and county of San Francisco, and State of California, have invented Improvements in Men's Drawers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to an improved method of lacing waists of men's drawers; and it consists in the application of several parallel draw-strings attached to the back of the drawers, so as to draw in opposite directions, and so arranged that they can be simultaneously drawn and fastened, all as hereinafter more fully described.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, the figure represents a view of my garment.

A in the drawing represents a pair of men's drawers. My improved lacing consists of two parallel series of draw-strings. Each series consists of several strings, which are attached to the drawers at a short distance apart, so as to form a broad belt, which extends from near the top of the drawers down to or near the hips.

The ends of the strings E E of one series are attached to a tab, F, on one side of the back, and they extend across the back and pass through eyelets G in a tab, H, on the opposite side of the back, while their opposite ends are secured to a draw band or belt, K, which extends around to the front of the drawers, where its opposite extremity can be secured by a buckle, L, or otherwise. The ends of the other series of strings are attached to the tab H, and pass across the back in a direction opposite to the strings E. They also pass through eyelets O in the tab F, and their opposite ends are attached to the end of a draw-belt, P, similar to the band K on the opposite side. This belt or band also passes around to the front of the drawers, and is secured in the same manner as the belt K is fastened.

It will then be seen that by drawing upon the belts K P the draw-strings E S will be drawn in opposite directions, and the waist of the drawers will be tightened upon the person.

By using several parallel strings in each series, a broad draw-belt is formed, which accommodates itself to motions of the body, and adjusts itself to the person in a very convenient and comfortable manner.

I prefer to form the tabs F H by cutting away a portion of the waistband of the drawers at the back, and sewing their ends, so as to leave a flap or detached end, so as to provide the necessary tabs; but they can be otherwise provided.

This style of lacing is known as "corset-lacing," and, as I have arranged it, it makes a very superior fastening for drawers.

I am aware that it is old to pass a series of tapes through pockets in the waistband of drawers, and gathered and secured together at a single point of strain, the tendency of which is to force or draw the pockets together, and thereby gather the waistband into a roll, which construction is objectionable.

By the use of broad tabs F H, with eyelets, I form a stiffened selvage, and the line of strain is parallel, whereby the waistband is kept smooth upon the body.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the waistband, having broad tabs F H, provided with eyelets, with the belts or bands K P and two series of parallel draw-strings, E E, substantially as and for the purpose herein shown and described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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