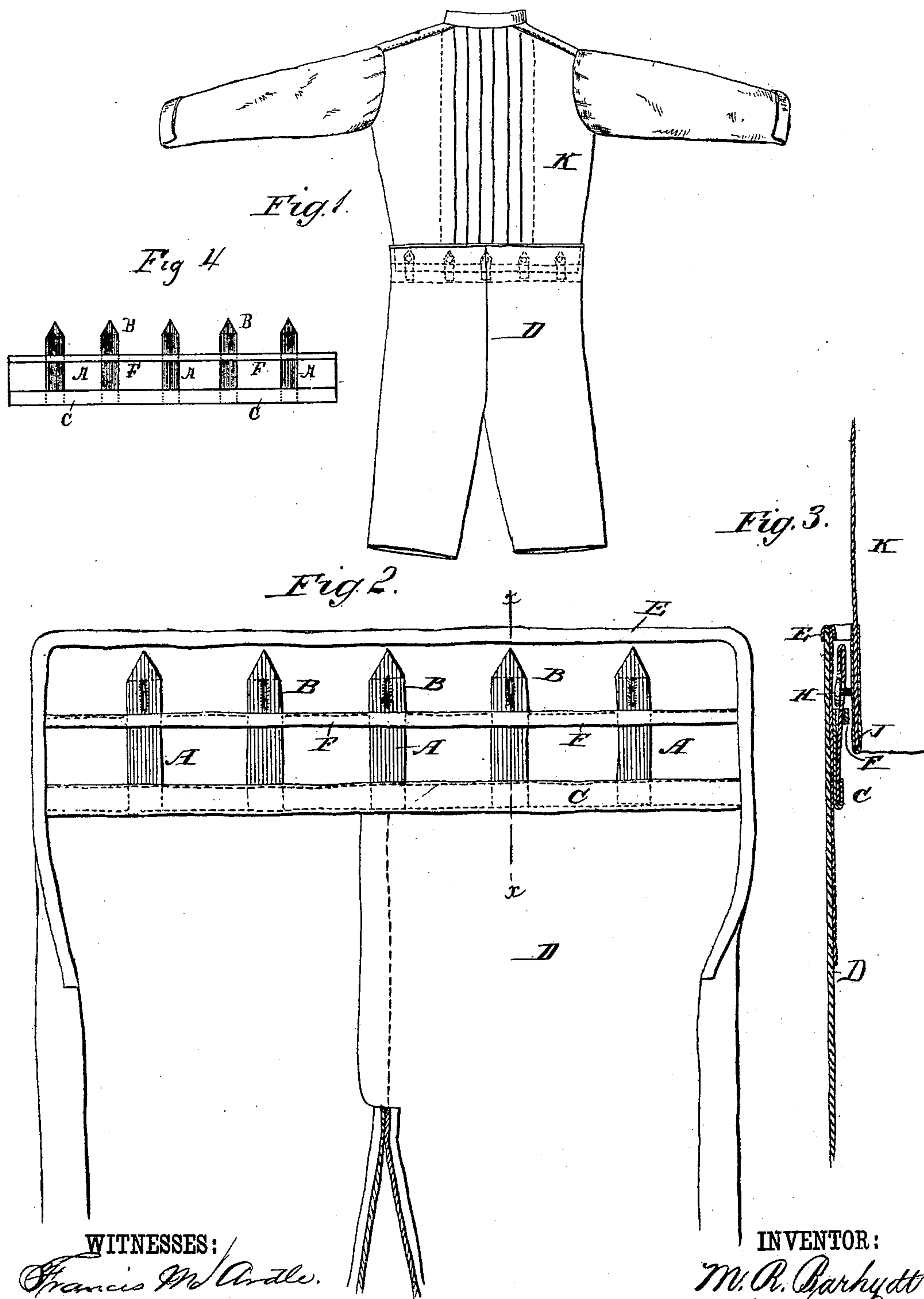


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY R. BARHYDT, of Burlington, in the county of Des Moines and State of Iowa, have invented a new and Improved Attachment for Pants, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to attachments for elastically connecting pants and the waistbands of shirts, waists, or vests.

Hitherto elastic strips, when used, were incorporated with the body of the garment and formed part and parcel of the same. In case the strips broke or became worn, great difficulty was experienced in renewing the same.

The object of my invention is to make such elastic attachments a separate and distinct article of manufacture from the garments themselves, and capable of being attached to or removed from said garments as convenience may dictate.

The invention consists in securing a series of elastic strips, having at their upper ends button-holes, to a band and providing said strips with a guide, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents my improvement as applied to a waist or shirt and pair of pants; Fig. 2, an inside view of the upper rear part of a pair of pants with my improvement attached; Fig. 3, a cross-section of the latter through the line *xx* of Fig. 2; Fig. 4, a view of my attachment in its manufactured condition and before being applied to a garment.

A series of elastic strips, A, provided at their upper ends with button-holes, are sewed or otherwise suitably secured to the lower edge of the band C. The latter is of a width about

equal to three-fourths of the normal length of the strips A, and has formed in its upper edge a series of slits, through which the aforesaid strips A pass, and by which they are held in position. The band C may, furthermore, be provided with button-holes to enable it to be buttoned to the waistband of the pants; or it may be made plain and sewed to the said waistband, as it is shown in the drawings.

The operation of the invention is as follows: The band C being attached in any suitable manner to the back part of the waistband of the pants, and the upper ends of the strips being buttoned upon buttons on the waist, shirt, or vest, when the wearer stoops the strips are distended, and when he regains an erect position the strips contract to their normal length, so that the waist and pants remain secured together at all times without undue strain upon the buttons, and without danger of tearing the same from said waistband.

It will be seen that the band and strips, when worn, can be replaced by a new one without injury to the garment and with little trouble.

What I claim is—

As a new article of manufacture, the within-described attachment for pants, consisting of the elastic strips A, provided with button-holes B at their upper extremities, and the band C, to whose lower edge the said strips are secured, and whose upper edge has slits formed therein to serve as guides for the strips A, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

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