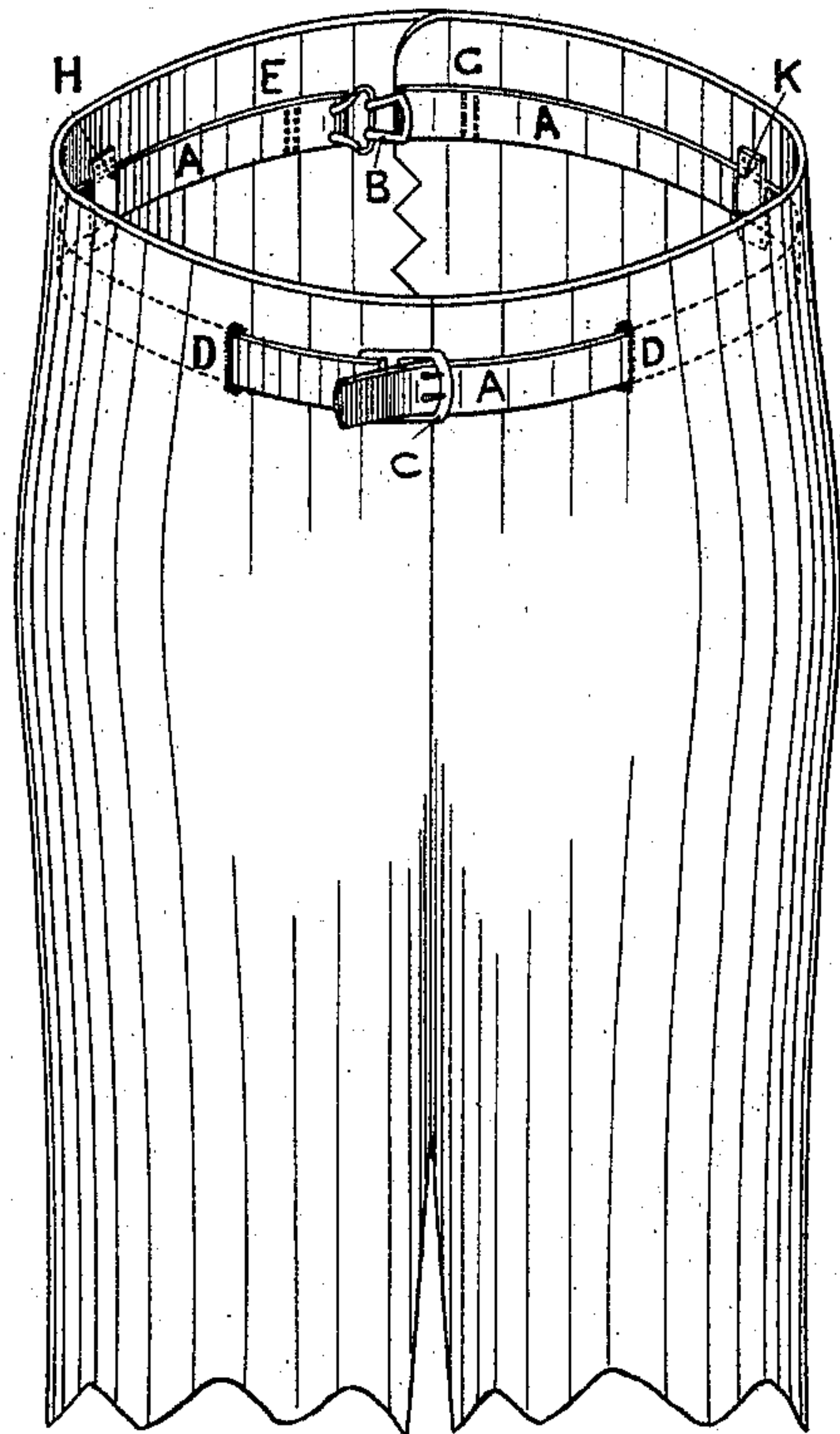


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER HENRY MARSDEN, station-master, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, and a resident of Railway Station, Salisbury, in the Province of South Australia, have invented Improved Self-Supporting Trousers, (for which I have obtained patents in South Australia, No. 3,063, dated October 1, 1895; in New South Wales, No. 6,080, dated September 23, 1895; in Western Australia, No. 790, dated September 28, 1895, and in Great Britain, No. 16,132, dated July 21, 1896,) of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a support for trousers or like garments, which support is made a part of the garment, is attached thereto, so as to be readily adjustable, and adapted to perfectly support the garment, and which is held to the garment in such a way as to cause a fullness at the waist of the garment, which provides for ventilation.

Instead of the usual back-strap being fastened to the trousers two slits are made, one on each side, where the back-strap would start.

Inside the trousers a waistband or inner suspending-belt is provided, which may be made of the same material as the trousers. It is divided at the fly and the two ends fastened by hook-and-eye or other convenient fastening. It then passes round the waist, and the back ends pass through the two slits before described to the outside and are there attached and tightened or loosened by the usual buckle. This band or belt is secured to the inside of the trousers by stitching, in addition to which, when desired, it is placed through perpendicular loops on the inside of the trousers.

In order that the construction of a garment according to my invention may be fully understood, I have attached a drawing illustrating the same and to which I will now refer.

In the drawing, which is a view of the trousers from the back, the belt or band is secured to the trousers by stitching and perpendicular loops.

A represents the belt or band, made in two pieces or like prolongation of the usual back- straps. A junction is effected at their front

ends by preferably the hook-and-eye attachment (marked B) and at their back ends by a buckle C of the type generally employed for the fastening of back-straps. In order to enable this arrangement to be carried out, two slits D D are made in the trousers and sewed or bound at their edges to admit of the passage of the belt A, as shown.

The belt is stitched at E and G, near to the fly, and passed through loops H and K on the hips. It may be attached at H and K by stitching instead of the loops. It is cut and adjusted so that the portion from E to H is about half an inch smaller than that part of the trousers, and the portion from C to K has a similar variation, so that the front part of the belt is about one inch shorter than the front part of the trousers-waist. This fullness can be increased or lessened, according to requirements.

It will be readily seen from the drawing and specification that by combining the trousers and suspending-belt in one a garment is produced possessing the following advantages: economy in construction, convenience in forming the suspender and garment in one, security, because of the belt fitting closer to the body than in the case of a belt worn outside the trousers, and, owing to the construction, the band, being inside, (except at the back ends,) is made tighter than the trousers, thus allowing a suitable slight space for air or ventilation and promoting the comfort of the wearer.

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

1. The combination with the trousers or like garment provided with slits therethrough near the back, of a belt permanently secured to the trousers and comprising two members having their rear ends passed loosely through said slits and provided with a connection, as a buckle, at said rear ends and a detachable connection at their front ends, said members being secured to and arranged upon the inner face of the garment so as to be interposed between the same and the body of the wearer and be entirely inclosed by the garment while in use except the portion which passes through



the slits in the back, whereby when the belt is tightened sufficient fullness of the garment at the waist is secured for ventilating purposes and a simple and comfortable support  
5 for the garment provided, substantially as described.

2. The combination with the trousers or like garment provided with slits therethrough near the back, of a non-elastic belt permanently secured to the trousers so as to form a  
10 part thereof and comprising two members extending through suitable guides or loops secured to the garment and having their rear ends passed loosely through said slits so as to  
15 extend for a short distance on the outside of the trousers and provided with a detachable connection at their front ends and a connection, as a buckle, at their rear ends, said

members being arranged upon the inner face of the trousers so as to be interposed between 20 the same and the body of the wearer and secured to said inner face so as to provide a fullness of the garment at the waist when tightened about the body of the wearer and be entirely inclosed by the garment while in 25 use, except the small portion which passes through the slits in the back, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in the 30 presence of two witnesses, this 17th day of August, 1896.

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