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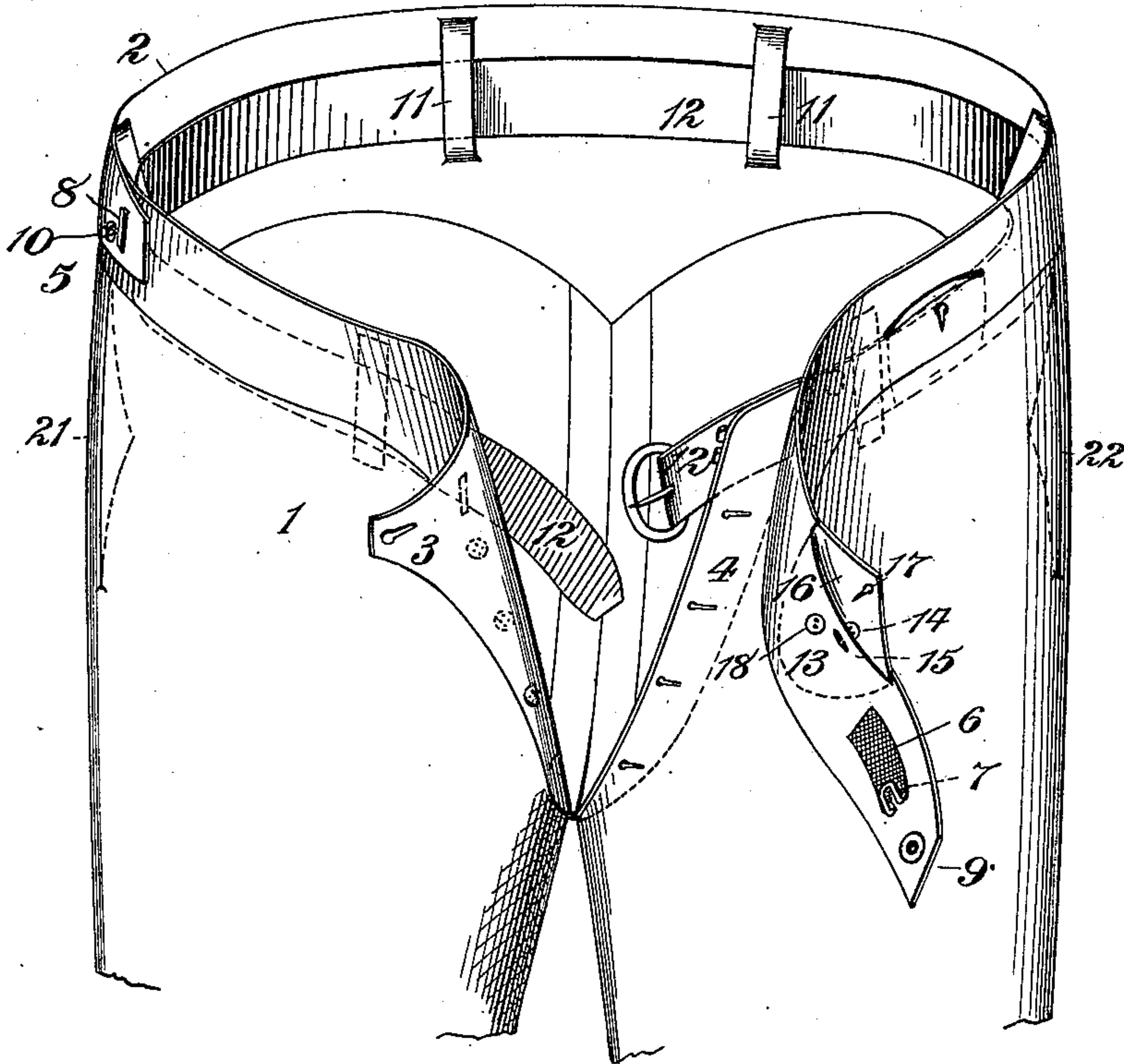
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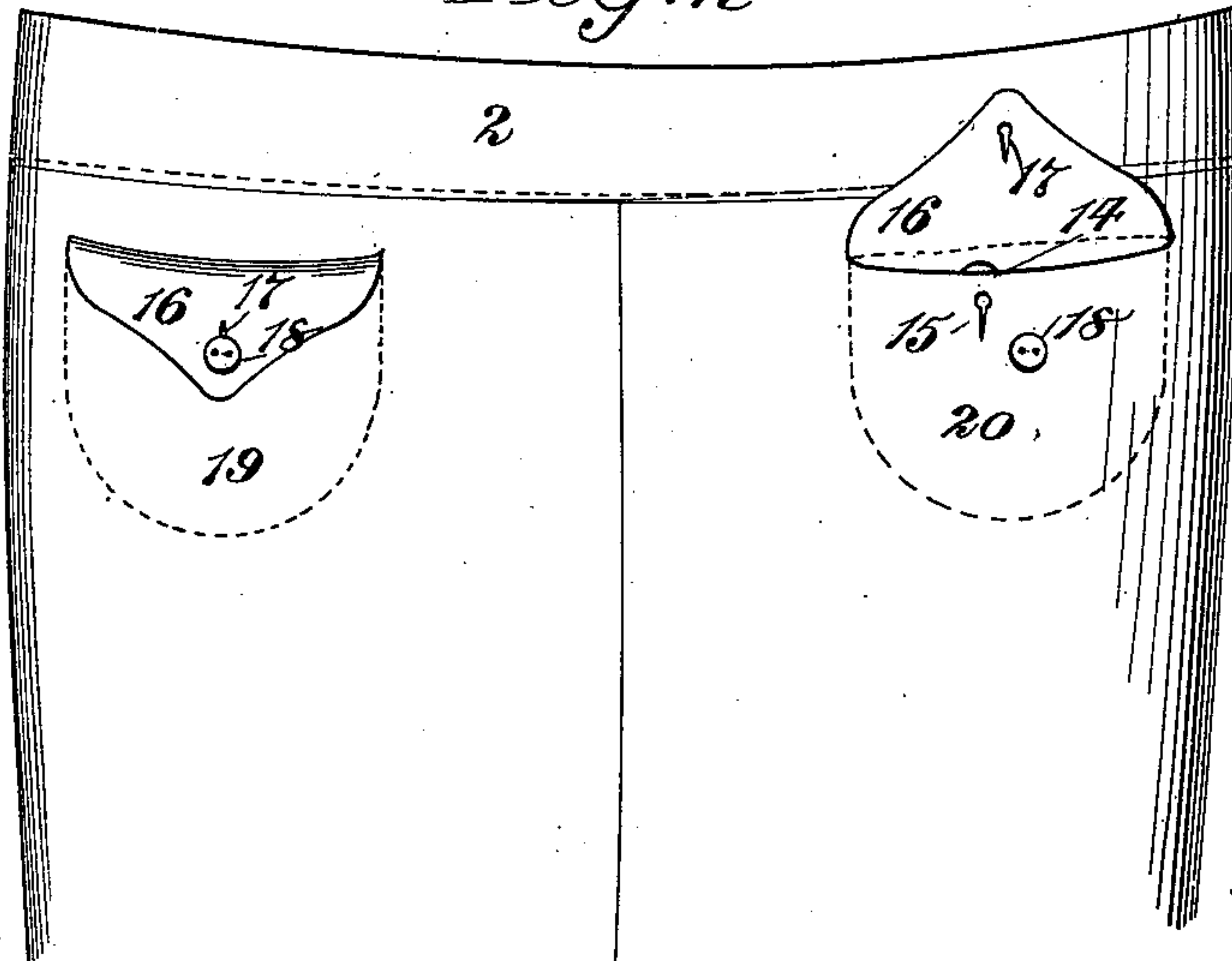
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## GARMENT-WAIST CLOSURE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIAS GOODMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented  
5 a new and useful Improvement in Trousers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates especially to the construction and arrangement of trousers, and has for its object the provision of a garment  
10 simple and cheap in construction wherein the usual suspender-buttons and gathering-strap are dispensed with, greatly contributing to the ease of the garment upon the wearer, and wherein means are provided for securing the  
15 pockets against loss of articles therefrom or the removal of such articles from the body of the wearer by unauthorized persons.

To attain the desired end, my invention consists, essentially, in certain novel and useful combinations or arrangements of parts or peculiarities of construction and operation,  
20 all of which will be hereinafter first fully described and then pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the upper portion of a pair of trousers embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same.

Similar numerals of reference wherever  
30 they occur indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

1 is the body of the trousers, made in the usual manner, but without the usual waist-band. Instead of such band I use a wide  
35 band or sash 2, made of the same material as the legs and body of the trousers or of any other kind or style of material. By this means remnants or pieces of goods too scanty for trousers of the usual construction may be  
40 readily utilized. Instead of the wide band a gathered sash may be employed, such band or sash being permanently secured to the portion 1 of the garment. Beginning at 5, at one side of the button-flap 3 at a point over  
45 one of the hips of the wearer, the band 2 is directly secured to the body of the garment, and it is so secured up to the buttonhole-flap 4, where it is disconnected and is free.

6 is a strap of elastic material secured to  
50 the inside of the band 2, and 7 is a hook affixed to the elastic strip 6 for engaging with

an eye 8 near the fixed extremity of the band 2.

9 is a socket upon the band 2, near the extremity of the free portion thereof, which receives a stud 10 when the band is connected  
55 around the person.

11 represents loops fixed at intervals within the body of the garment, and 12 is an elastic belt which passes freely through said loops. By this means the garment is secured around the person of the wearer, being sustained in a free and comfortable manner, and the use of the ordinary unsightly straps and buckle at the center of the trousers at the back is  
60 dispensed with. When the garment is upon the person and the belt buckled, the front is then closed, and the engaging devices of the band or sash are secured in place thereover.

13 is a secret pocket placed within the free  
70 portion of the band or sash 2. This pocket has a button 14, secured within the pocket at the back, arranged to engage with a buttonhole 15 in the front portion.

16 is a flap for drawing over the top of the pocket after the same has been closed, the flap having a buttonhole 17, which engages a button 18, thus effectually closing the pocket, and as the same is within the band or sash 2 when secured around the person it is impossible to remove or reach the contents of such pocket without releasing the free end of the band or sash and unbuttoning the top of the pocket. Pockets 19 and 20 are provided at the rear of the trousers arranged in precisely  
85 the same manner, but left uncovered. The side pockets 21 and 22 may also be provided with closing-buttons.

When constructed and arranged in accordance with the foregoing description, it will be seen that I provide a very desirable garment which may be worn without suspenders, giving the wearer the greatest possible ease and freedom of movement, the garment at the same time being neat and attractive in  
95 appearance and having many advantages over trousers of ordinary construction.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The trousers herein described, comprising the upper body portion, a band permanently



secured to the upper edge thereof, one end of  
such band being fixed to the trousers at a  
point, 5, which is over one hip of the wearer,  
the band extending thence around the back  
5 of the trousers and to a point near the edge  
of the buttonhole-flap, being secured to the  
trousers through such a portion of its length,  
and having a free end portion which is adapt-  
ed to overlie the meeting edges of the front  
10 flaps of the trousers, such free end being pro-

vided with means for uniting it with the fixed  
end at 5, and an elastic belt secured to the  
inside of the body portion of the trousers,  
substantially as set forth.

Signed by me at New York, N. Y., this 14th 15  
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