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Fig. 1.

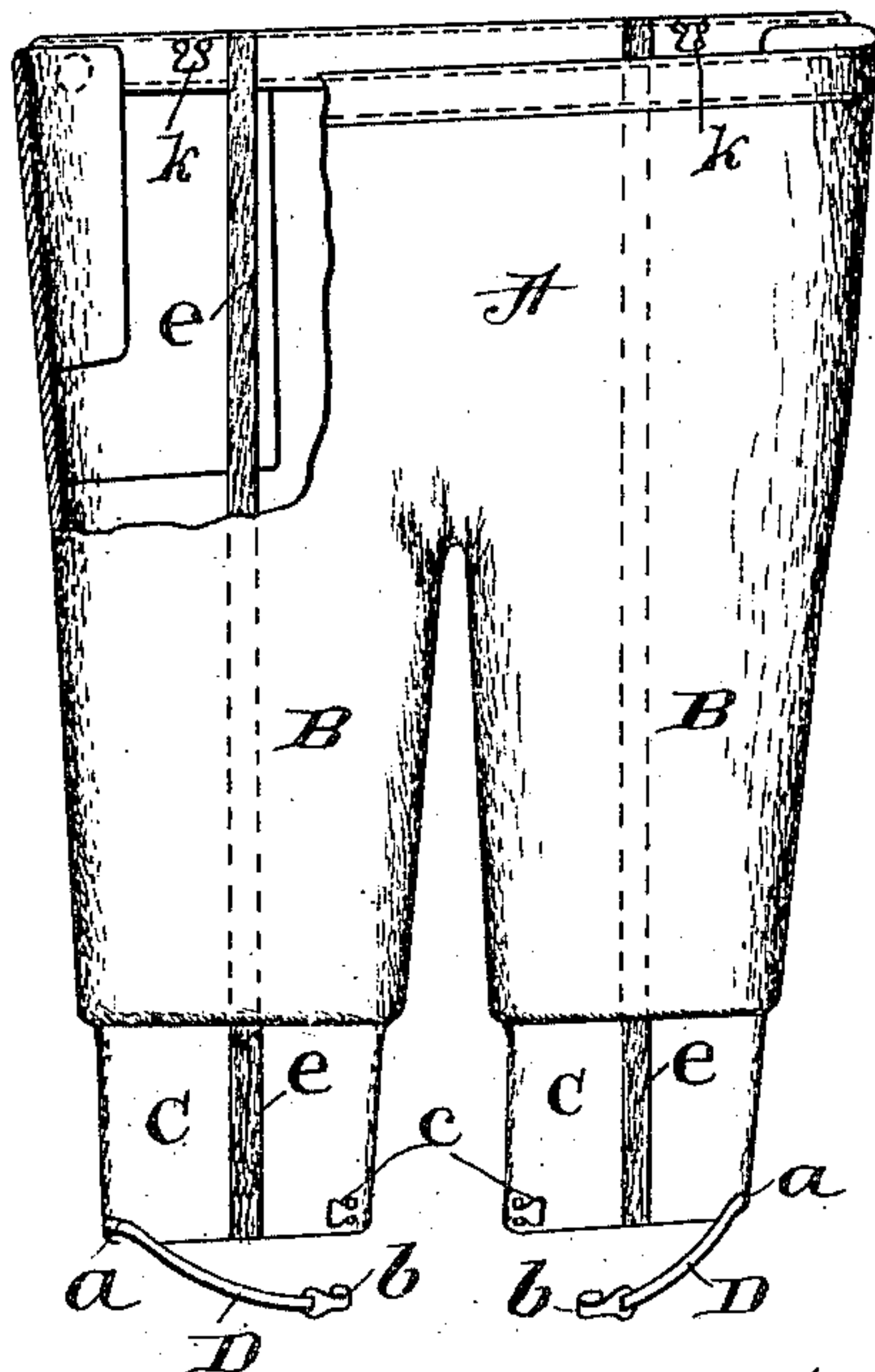
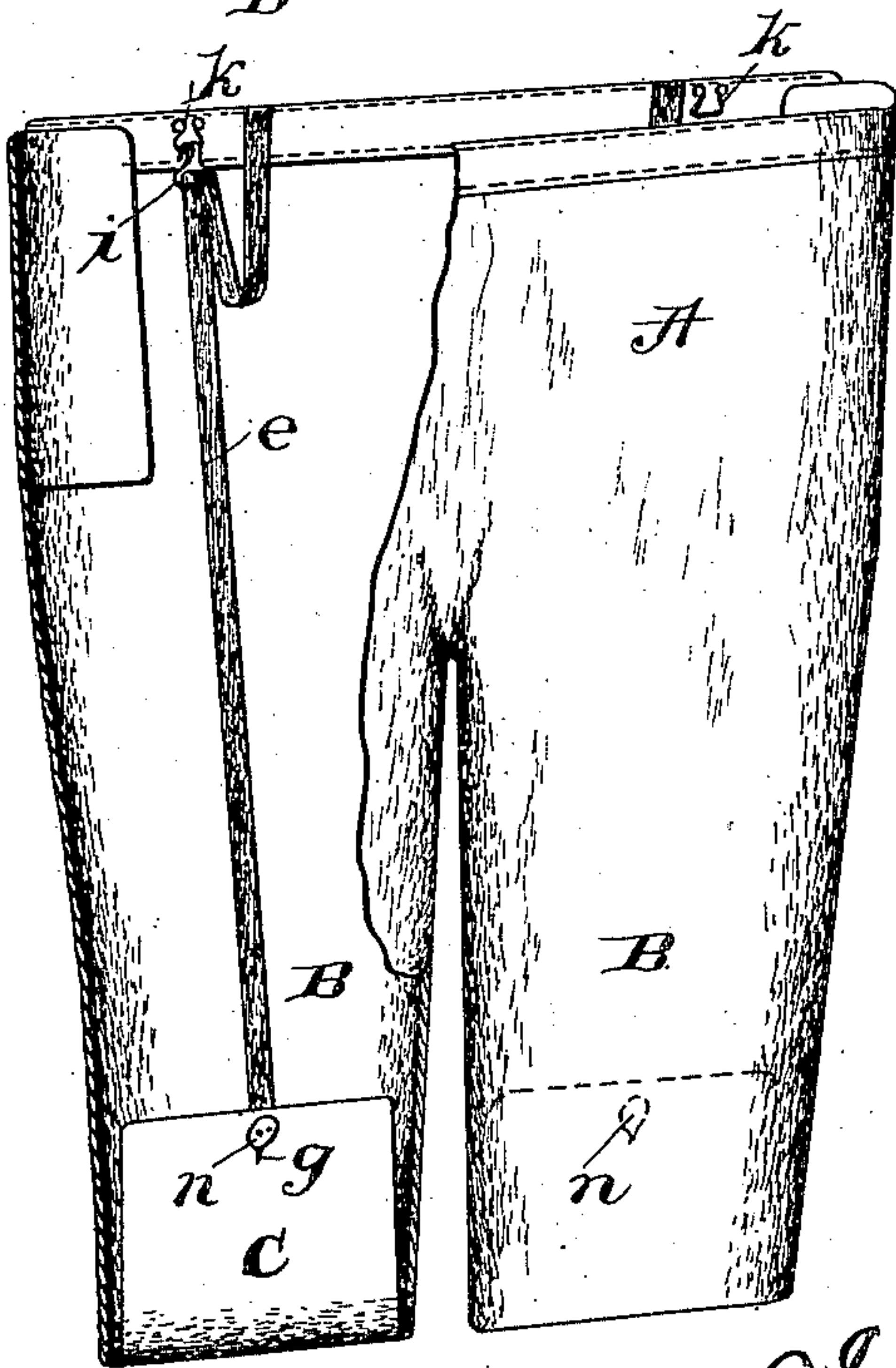


Fig. 2.



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## TROUSERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ISIDOR E. MAYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented new and useful Improvements in Trousers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in trousers and which are especially intended for boys and which are so constructed that they can be made to protect the stockings and knees of the wearer or can be folded to have the appearance of an ordinary pair of trousers, all of which will be fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to provide the fronts of the lower ends of the trousers-legs with extensible and folding flaps, which flaps can be made to extend down in front of the knees of the wearer for protecting the stockings and can also when desired be folded up inside of the legs of the trousers and, if desired, secured there, whereby the trousers will have the appearance of an ordinary garment of that character.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pair of trousers embodying my invention, the same having the extensible flaps unfolded and extended down in front of the knees of the wearer. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing flap folded within the legs of the trousers.

Referring now to the drawings, A indicates a pair of trousers which are of the ordinary construction. The legs B of these trousers are provided at their front sides with the extensible and folding flaps C. These flaps, as shown in Fig. 1, are extended down in front of the knee of the wearer for the purpose of protecting the knee of his stocking and also for the purpose of protecting the knees of the wearer and are preferably held in contact with the stocking through the medium of an elastic strap or band D, which has one end *a* rigidly connected with the inner side of the lower end of the flap and its opposite end provided with a hook *b*, adapted to engage an eye *c*, connected to the lower inner opposite side of the said flap. While I prefer to use an elastic band or strap, it will be readily un-

derstood that any other form of material can be used without departing from my invention.

For the purpose of enabling the wearer to draw the flaps into their folded positions within the lower ends of the legs of the trousers, as shown in Fig. 2, a tape or cord *e* has its lower end connected to the inner side of the said flap and its upper end suitably attached to the inner side of the waistband of the trousers. There will be one of these tapes or cords for each leg of the trousers, as will be readily understood, and the cords or tapes are of such length that the flaps can be extended, as shown in Fig. 1. When it is desired to fold the flaps within the lower ends of the legs of the trousers, the wearer can accomplish this by loosening the securing band or elastic at the lower end of the flaps and drawing upward on the upper ends of the tapes or cords until the flaps are folded within the lower ends of the trousers-legs. These flaps can be secured in their folded positions in any desired manner. So, also, the tapes or cords for drawing the flaps in their folded positions can be omitted, if desired, without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

One way of securing the flaps in their positions is by providing the inner sides of the trousers-legs with buttons *n*, with which the buttonholes *g* in the lower ends of the flaps will be buttoned. Another way is to provide the tapes or cords *e* at a suitable point intermediate their ends with suitable hooks *i*, which are adapted to engage suitable eyes or loops *k* at the inner side of the waistband of the trousers when the flaps are in their folded position and which will serve to prevent the flaps from becoming extended or unfolded.

It will be understood that the flaps may be made of any desired material; but they extend from the front lower edge of the legs, and the whole constitutes a convertible article having many practical advantages.

This simple invention overcomes the annoying trouble of the ordinary knee-caps, which are continually coming off or falling down out of position, and enables the wearer to have always at hand invisible knee-caps ready for immediate use.

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

5 An improved article of manufacture consisting of a pair of knee-trousers having connected to their front lower edges depending upwardly and inwardly foldable flaps, flap folding and holding connections attached to the lower inner side of the flaps and extend-  
10 ing up through said legs and provided at their

upper ends with attaching means at the inner side of the waistband, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing 15 witnesses.

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