

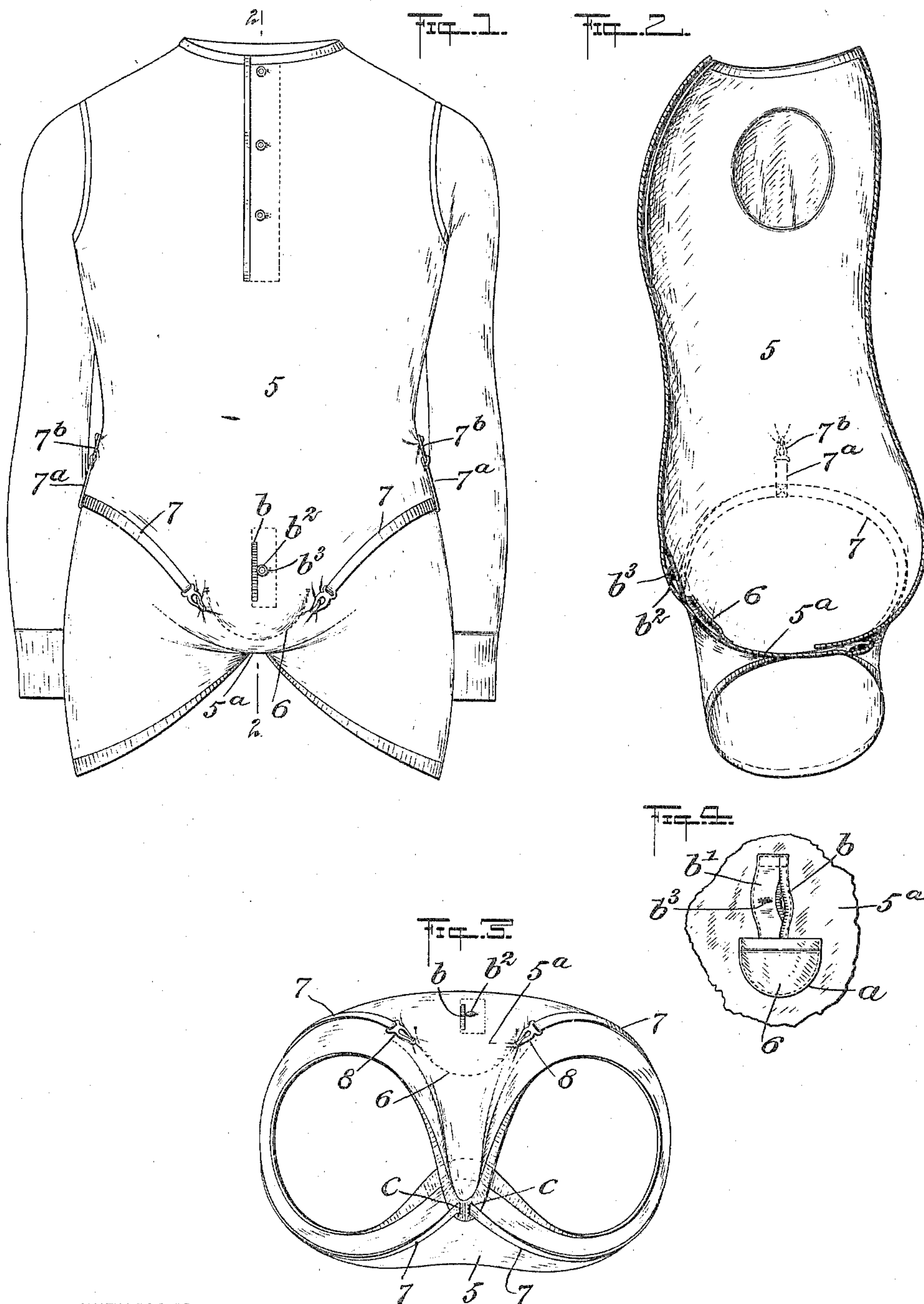
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. A. BULLOCK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jackson, in the county of Hinds and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and Improved Combined Undergarment and Testes-Supporter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide an undergarment for a man with novel features of construction that coact with supporting-bands for the comfortable support of the scrotum and testes when such treatment is found necessary.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts as is hereinafter described, and defined in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front view of an undershirt provided with novel details of construction and a cooperating band for support of the testes of the wearer. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view substantially on the line 2 2 in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a reversed plan view of the garment and details of the invention thereon, and Fig. 4 is a front inner side view of a lower portion of the undergarment and of a novel detail formed thereon.

The undershirt 5, that embodies features of the invention, may be of any suitable fabric, woven material being preferred, and, as shown, is adapted for covering the body and thighs of the wearer.

At the center on the front flap of the garment and a suitable distance above the lower edge thereof a sack 6 is secured by its marginal edge *a* on the inner surface of said front portion 5^a, this sack having such dimensions and form as adapt it to receive through its open upper portion the scrotum and testes of the male wearer of the undershirt. Immediately above the sack 6 a vertical slit *b* is formed in the front of the garment, which slit is normally closed by an overlapping flap *b'* and a button *b*² or other closing means, said button, if employed, engaging a button-hole *b*³ and effecting a closure of the slit.

In the front flap 5^a of the garment, near the lower edge thereof and directly below the

sack 6, two adjacent slits *c c* are formed, the edges of which are properly stayed, and through these slits an elastic hip-strap 7 is passed and drawn, so that equal portions of the strap will extend oppositely from the slits *c*.

Assuming that the undergarment 5 has been donned by the wearer, to utilize the improvement for its purpose hereinbefore indicated the scrotum and testes therein are placed in the sack 6, which receives the same comfortably.

The front flap 5^a and the equal portions of the hip-strap 7 are together passed from front to rear between the thighs of the person, and the strap members are extended upwardly and around over the hips, respectively, so that their ends will be disposed near the sack 6, but on the outer side of the garment. At about the center of length on each hip strap or band 7 a short tab 7^a is secured, which tabs terminate at their free ends in suitable clasps 7^b, that may be engaged with the fibrous material of the shirt over each hip when the bands 7 are arranged for service. On each end of the hip-strap 7 clasps 8 are secured that are similar and of a style that adapts each one to be engaged with a fold on the shirt-front portion, and thus hold the strap ends secured upon the shirt material, and they, together with the shirt-front portion, be drawn taut, this tension serving to correspondingly draw the shirt and sack closely against the abdomen of the wearer of the garment, thus adapting the fibrous sack to comfortably yet securely hold the contents thereof from displacement.

The slit *b*, if uncovered, will afford convenient means for exposing the urinary member for excretion of urine without derangement of the lower portion of the garment or the supporting device that has been described.

If occasion requires the disengagement of the hip-strap members 7 and a release of the front flap 5^a of the undershirt, the clasps 8 may be readily released, which will obviously permit the partial or entire removal of the lower portion of the garment from the parts of the person it normally covers.

As there is an equal yielding pressure exerted by the device upon parts of the person it contacts with, it is apparent that it will afford adequate support thereto without an un-

comfortable constriction of the same without regard to motions or positions that may be assumed by the wearer of the improvement.

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

1. The combination with a shirt, and a sack on the inner side of the front flap thereof, of a hip-band mounted upon the front flap near its lower edge, and means for securing
10 ends of said band on the front of the garment.

2. The combination with a shirt, and a sack on the inner side of the front flap thereof, of a hip-band mounted upon the front flap near the lower edge thereof, and a clasp on
15 each end of the hip-band adapted for detachably engaging the front portion of the garment.

3. In a supporter of the character described, the combination with the lower front

flap of a shirt, of a sack open at the upper 20 edge and secured upon the inner surface of said flap, and means for holding the front flap closely against the abdomen of the wearer.

4. In a supporter of the character de- 25 scribed, the combination with the front flap of a shirt having a closable slit therein, of a sack on the inner side of said flap below and near the slit, and means for holding the front flap closely against the abdomen of the 30 wearer.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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