

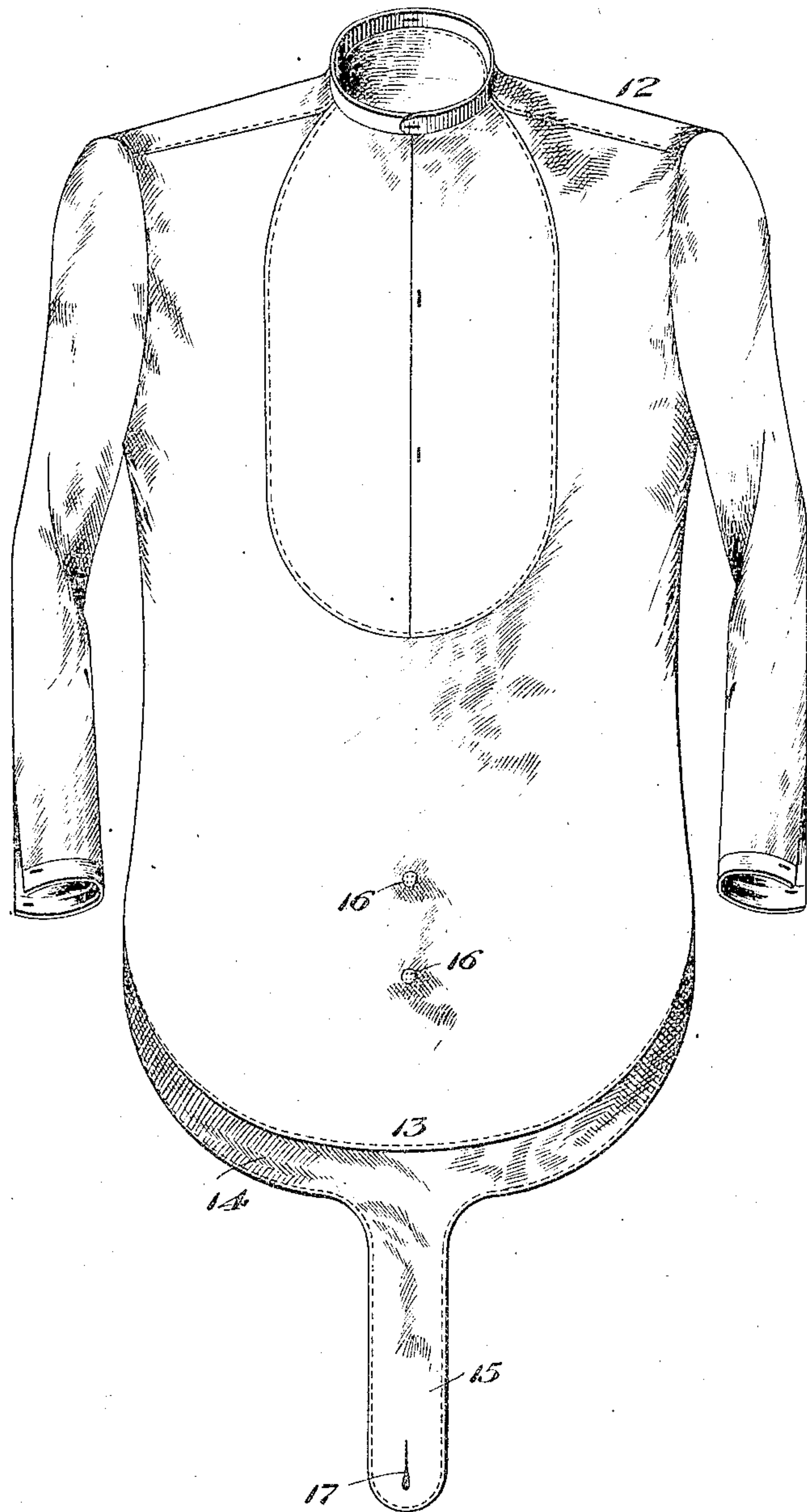
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS POLLAK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Houston, in the county of Harris and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts and Similar Garments, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

One object of my invention is to provide a garment of the character above referred to which, in all positions of the wearer and under all conditions, will be prevented from working upwardly and out of the trousers or drawers, and which may, if desired, be made to assist in supporting the drawers.

Another object of my invention is to provide a garment of the character referred to which will not be bulky or uncomfortable to the wearer and which may be put on and fastened in place or unfastened and removed in the least possible time and with the least possible trouble.

A further object of my invention is to provide a garment of the character referred to which will have to be fastened and unfastened only in the process of dressing and undressing and which will not require attention or adjustment by the wearer when about to urinate.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a garment of the character referred to which will not interfere with the natural, healthy, and comfortable position of the scrotum of the wearer, there being no parts to bind or confine the scrotum in an unnatural position.

Other objects of my invention are to provide a garment which will fulfil the conditions hereinbefore enumerated and which will, at the same time, be simple in construction and inexpensive to manufacture.

To the above ends my invention comprises a shirt or similar garment provided with a relatively narrow strap or strip of material, connecting, when in operative position, the opposite sides of the lower end of the garment, and passing between the legs of the wearer at one side of the scrotum.

The accompanying drawing illustrates, in front elevation, one construction of garment in which my invention may be embodied.

In the drawing the shirt 12 is provided with the usual front and rear tails or flaps 13 and 14, respectively, of substantially ordinary form, with the exception that in the

present case these tails or flaps may, if desired, be made somewhat shorter than usual, thereby avoiding the unnecessary bulk of cloth around the body which is usually placed in these flaps to assist, in a measure, in maintaining the garment in proper position. The tails or flaps 13 and 14 may, if desired, when my improvement is employed, be omitted and the garment proper made of a sufficient length to reach substantially to or below the lower end of the abdomen of the wearer, and in the case of an undershirt, sweater, or similar garment the latter form will be preferable.

Adapted to secure together the tails or flaps 13 and 14, or the opposite sides of the lower end of the garment where said tails or flaps are omitted, is a relatively narrow strap or strip of material 15 adapted to pass between the legs of the wearer at one side of the scrotum without material interference with the latter. The strap or strip 15 will be of a sufficient width only to afford the necessary strength and to prevent uncomfortable cutting or binding of the wearer, and may be of any suitable material as, for example, cord, tape, elastic fabric, cloth, etc.

Preferably and as herein shown the strap or strip 15 is permanently attached to or formed integral with one of the flaps or tails, herein the rear flap 14, and is adapted to be detachably and, preferably, adjustably connected with the other of said flaps. To this end the body of the garment or the flap forming a portion thereof is preferably provided with one or more buttons or other fasteners 16, while the strap or strip 15 is provided with a button-hole or other device 17 adapted to cooperate with either or any of the fasteners 16. By providing a plurality of fasteners 16, the strap 15 can be adjusted to suit the size or the individual ideas of comfort of the wearer, thereby avoiding the necessity of making shirts of different length.

As will now be seen, after the garment has been put on by the wearer, the strap 15 will be passed between the legs at one side of the scrotum and easily and quickly secured in place by one of the fasteners 16. When in this position the strap 15 will securely hold the garment in its proper position irrespective of the movements or position of the wearer, and this without the presence of any unnecessary amount of bulky material. Moreover the relatively narrow strap or strip 15 allows the scrotum or privates to hang in their natural, comfortable position, not in-

terfering with the fit of the trousers, which, as a rule, are cut so as to allow the privates to hang on the left side, the strip 15 being passed between the legs accordingly. It will furthermore be seen that no adjustment or unbuttoning of the parts is necessary when the wearer wishes to urinate, the privates being left entirely unconfined.

The garment will preferably be worn over the drawers, in which case the strap 15 will assist materially in maintaining the drawers in proper position.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:--

1. A shirt, or similar garment, comprising front and rear parts or flaps one of which is provided at its lower end with a relatively narrow strap or strip adapted to pass between the legs of the wearer, at one side of the scrotum, and the other of which is provided with means for disconnectibly attaching the free end of said strap or strip thereto; whereby the two parts or flaps of the garment may be detachably connected together, so as to be prevented from working upward, while

the connection of said parts or flaps is such that male parts are not covered up by said narrow strap or strip which need not be disconnected for urinating.

2. A shirt, or similar garment, comprising front and rear parts or flaps one of which is provided at its lower end with a relatively narrow strap or strip adapted to pass between the legs of the wearer, at one side of the scrotum, and the other of which is provided with a plurality of spaced attaching devices for disconnectibly but adjustably attaching the free end of said strap or strip thereto; whereby the two parts or flaps of the garment may be detachably and adjustably connected together, so as to be prevented from working upward, while the connection of said parts or flaps is such that male parts are not covered up by said narrow strap or strip which need not be disconnected for urinating.

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