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Fig. 1.

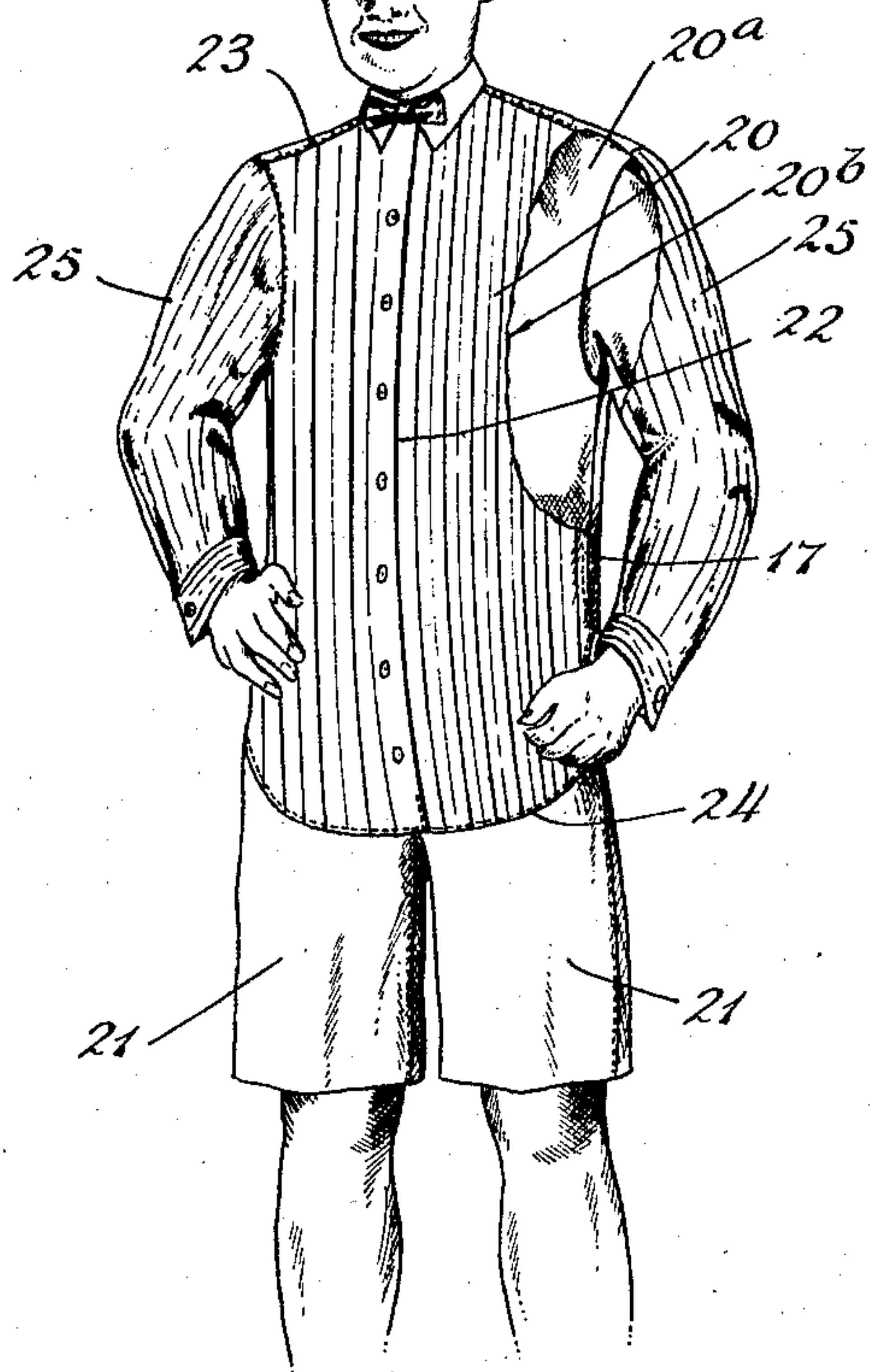


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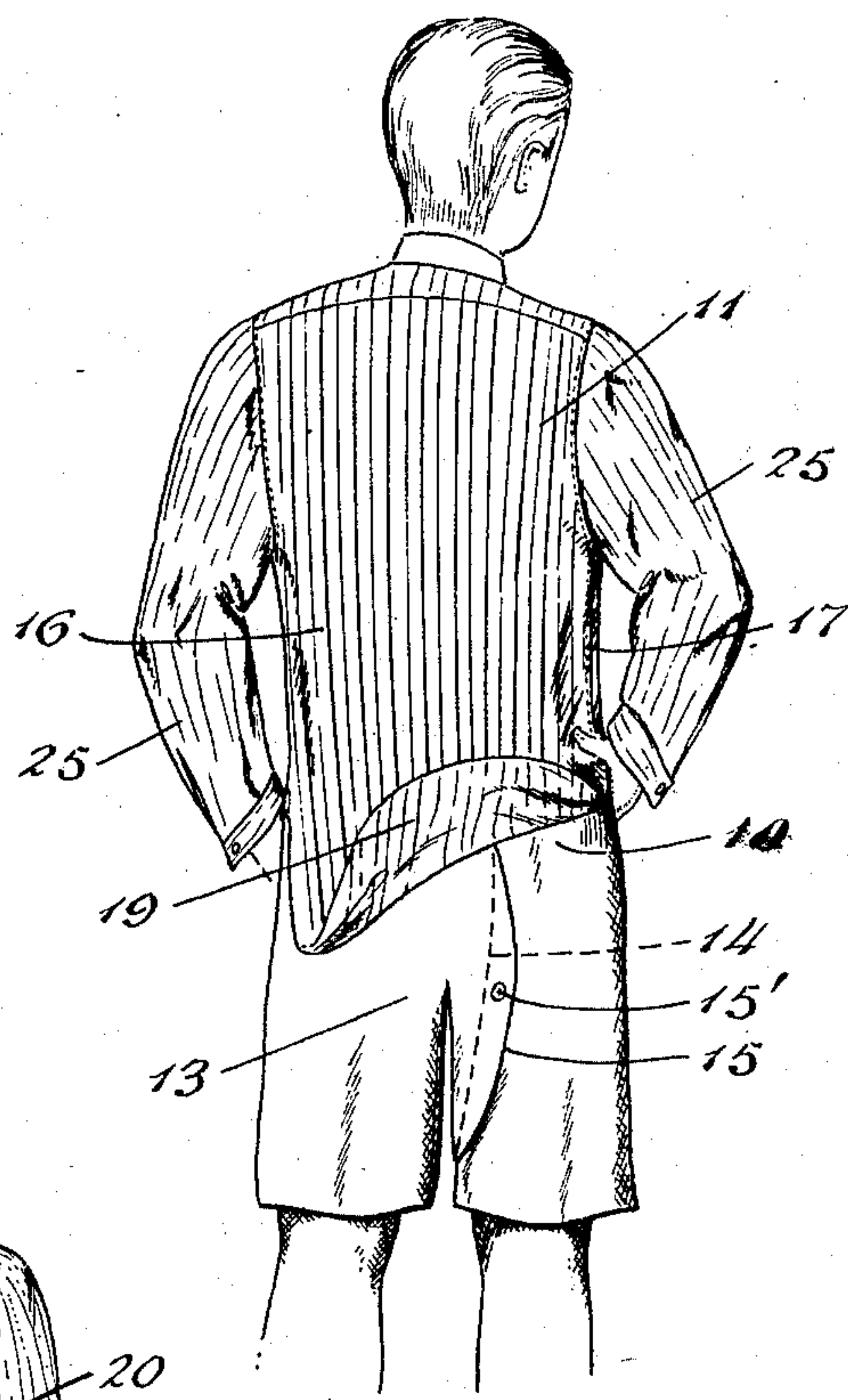
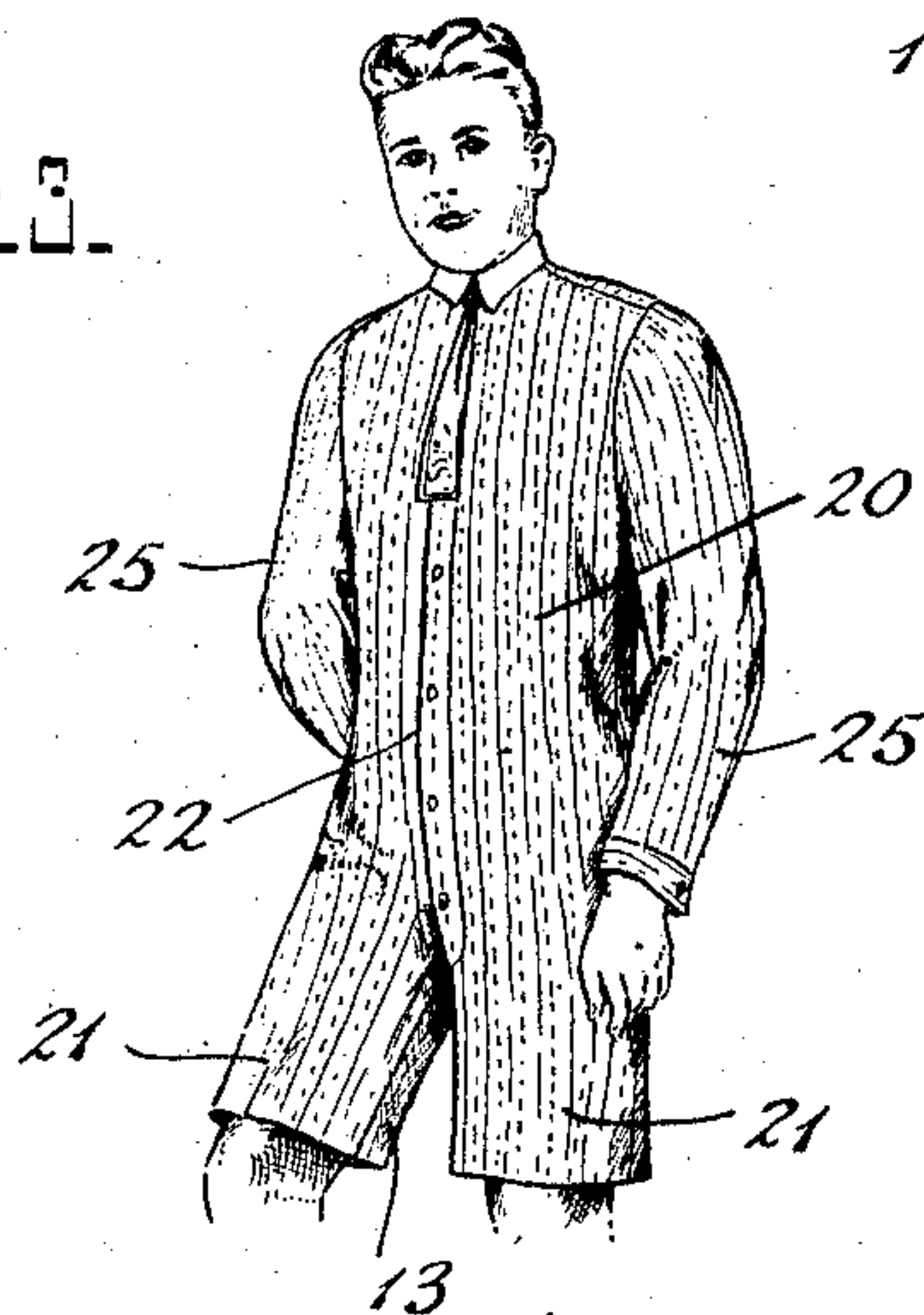


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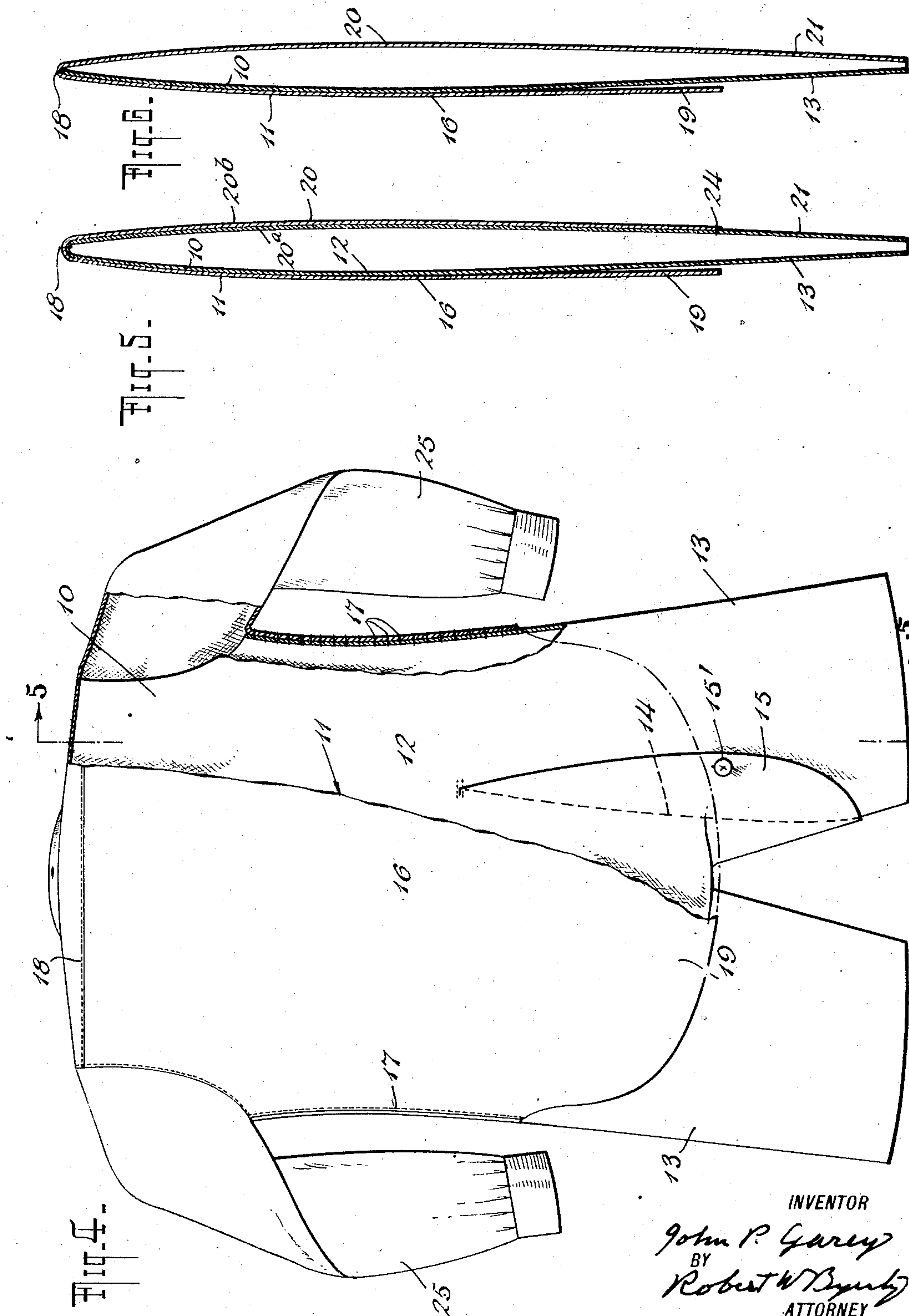
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This invention relates to combination garments and aims to provide a single garment adapted to replace a complete suit of underwear and an outer shirt.

It has heretofore been proposed to provide a combination garment by extending the lower portion of an outer shirt to form a pair of drawers. Such garments have, however, proved inconvenient because they cannot be provided with a safely concealed rear opening. Furthermore, such a garment does not replace a suit of underwear but requires the use with it of an undershirt.

My invention eliminates these disadvantages by providing a combination garment of which at least the back portion consists of two layers of fabric. The under layer is provided with a rear opening of the form customarily used in union suits, while the outer layer provides a depending flap or shirt tail which effectively conceals the rear opening without rendering it inaccessible. In the form which I regard as most desirable, the upper portion of the new garment—both front and back—is made of a double layer of fabric so that the garment may replace an under-shirt as well as an outer shirt and a pair of drawers.

In order that the invention may clearly be understood, I will describe the specific combination garments embodying it which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a front view of the preferred form of garment with part of the outer layer broken away;

Fig. 2 is a back view showing the outer flap or shirttail raised to expose the rear opening in the under layer;

Fig. 3 is a three-quarter view of a modified garment;

Fig. 4 is a back view of the garment shown in Figs. 1 and 2 spread out flat and with part of its outer layer broken away;

Fig. 5 is a vertical section of this garment, taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4; and

Fig. 6 is a similar sectional view of the modified garment shown in Fig. 3.

The back portion of the garment, as shown in all the figures, consists of two layers of

fabric 10, 11. The under layer 10 is similar to the back of an ordinary union suit, providing a shirt back 12 and a back 13 of a pair of drawers, and containing a rear opening 14 similar to that provided in a union suit. The flap 15 which closes this opening is secured by a single button 15'.

The outer layer 11 provides a shirt back 16 which is secured to the under layer along its side edges by the stitching 17, and along its top edge by stitching 18, and a flap or shirt tail 19 which is entirely free from the under layer.

The front portion of the garment provides a shirt front 20 and a front portion 21 of a pair of drawers. The shirt front 20 is provided with a vertical opening or slit 22, extending from its upper edge to a point above the crotch. While the front of the garment may be made of a single layer of fabric as illustrated in Figs. 3 and 6, I find it more desirable to make the upper portion of it of two layers of fabric 20<sup>a</sup>, 20<sup>b</sup>. The under layer 20<sup>a</sup> is similar to the front of a sleeveless under-shirt and may, if desired, be formed integral with the front 21 of the drawers. The outer layer 20<sup>b</sup> terminates just above the crotch of the garment, and is secured to the under layer at its upper, lower, and side edges by stitching 23, 24, 17. It is also stitched to the under layer along the edges of the opening 22. The outer layer is most desirably made of a different material from the under layer, and is provided with sleeves 25.

The garment is put on by unbuttoning the opening 22 and stepping into it. When worn, the portion of the garment visible above the belt line presents the appearance of an ordinary outer shirt. The garment may properly be worn without a coat, since, even when the wearer bends forward, drawing the rear portion of the garment upwardly, the opening 14 is effectively concealed by the shirt tail 19. When access to the rear opening 14 is desired, it may easily be had by merely raising the shirt tail 19 as shown in Fig. 2.

When the garment is made in the preferred form illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, 4 and 5, it provides a complete suit of underwear as well



as an outer shirt, the whole being put on and taken off in one operation. The form shown in Figs. 3 and 6 is not as warm as the preferred form, since a double layer is not provided in front, and, for that reason, it makes  
5 a desirable garment for replacing underwear and an outer shirt in hot weather.

What I claim is:

1. A combination garment having a front  
10 portion providing a shirt front and the front of a pair of drawers, and a rear portion consisting of two layers of which the inner provides a shirt back and the back of a pair of drawers, and the outer provides a shirt back  
15 and a depending shirt tail which is free from the under layer.

2. A combination garment consisting of shirt and drawers and containing in its front a vertical slit extending downwardly from  
20 the upper edge of the shirt and in its rear an independent vertical slit in the drawers, a releasably secured flap for closing the vertical slit in the drawers, and an independent depending flap concealing the upper portion  
25 of said slit and its closure flap.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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