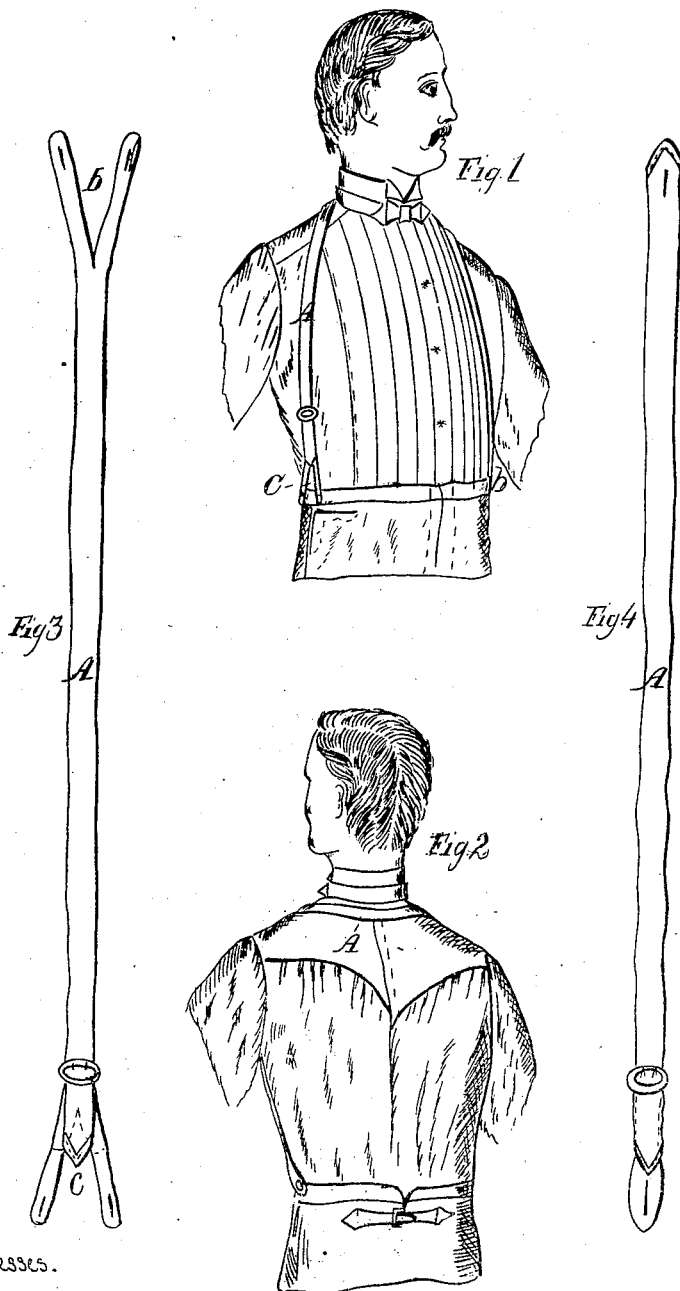


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IMPROVEMENT IN SUSPENDERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SYDNEY E. SMITH, of the city and county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented an Improved "Suspender" for Pantaloon and similar articles of apparel; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and the manner in which it is to be used and worn, reference being had to the accompanying drawing through letters of reference marked thereon, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a nearly-face view of a person with my improved suspender applied;

Figure 2 is a rear view of the same;

Figure 3 is a plan of the suspender constructed with double end and tag; and

Figure 4, a similar view of one with single end and tag.

The same letters indicate like parts in all the figures.

The ordinary suspender, consisting of two straps passing over the shoulders and intersecting or crossing each other at the back, is objectionable on account of the constant chafing and wear of the shirt or other garment over which they are worn, occasioned by the motions of the body backward and forward from a vertical to an inclined position, which also causes undue strain upon the buttons by which they are connected with the pantaloons.

To obviate these objections and at the same time furnish a more comfortable article of wear for the purpose is the object of my invention, which consists in novel construction and mode of applying the suspender to the person and to the pantaloons, by which

all restraint upon the motion of the body, all chafing of the shirt and strain upon the buttons consequent upon such motion, are nearly, if not entirely, avoided.

Referring to the drawing—

A represents the suspender, consisting of a single piece of webbing, which may be finished with a double or divided end, *b*, at one end, and a similarly-divided tag, *c*, at the other, which may be adjustably attached in any of the known methods in use; or it (the suspender) may be made with a single button-hole at one end and an adjustable tag with but one button-hole in it at the other, as in fig. 4.

The suspender thus constructed is passed around the back of the neck, over both shoulders, and down the breast, one to each side, where it is buttoned to the waistband of the pantaloons.

By this arrangement perfect freedom is afforded for the motion of the body without varying the tension of the suspender, all inclination of it to slide or slip off the shoulder is obviated, and it can also be manufactured at about one-half the cost of those now in use.

What is here claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

A pantaloons-suspender constructed of a single piece of webbing, with an adjustable tag at one or both ends, for operation as shown and described, as a new article of manufacture.

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