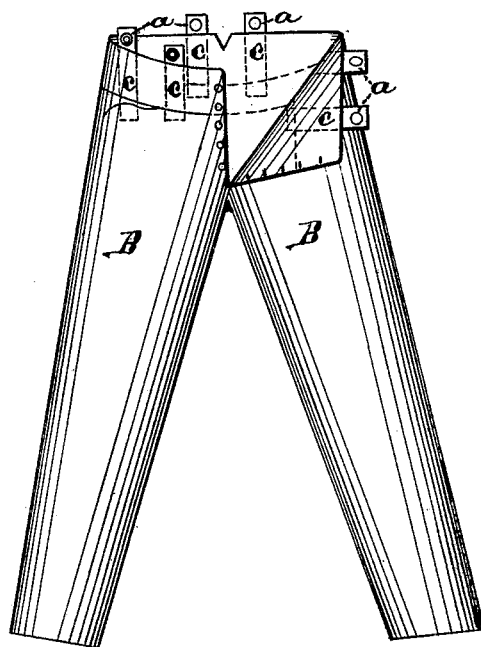


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IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTON-TABS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER BERNDT, of the city of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in the Method of Attaching Buttons to Pantaloon, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates more especially to certain improvements in the method and means of securing suspender-buttons to pantaloon, and has reference to that class of patented buttons which are secured to the cloth by a machine, and not sewed on.

The nature and character of my invention are fully illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and will be hereinafter more fully set forth and described.

It has been the custom heretofore to secure the buttons *a*, above referred to, directly to the waistband of the pantaloon *B*, and, consequently, every manufacturer—whether a large or small one—has been compelled to have a machine, or else to send the garments elsewhere to have the buttons attached. My chief object is to avoid the necessity of doing either; and in order to accomplish this, I secure the buttons to tags *c* of webbing or any suitable material, and supply them to the trade in this form. Said tags being of a convenient length—say two or three inches long—can be sewed or stitched to the pants, as clearly in-

dicated and represented in the drawing, so that if a button should be pulled or torn off while wearing a garment it may be replaced in a few moments, and without the necessity and inconvenience of sending the garment to have it done by a button-attaching machine. These tags also perform a very important function as stays at the corners of the pockets, and also at the seam where the waistband is joined to the body of the garment by having them extend a little below said seam, as indicated, and as will be readily understood.

I am aware that elastic straps, with hooks at the ends, have been connected to pants for special purposes; but it is apparent that this affords no substitute for the ordinary button, and is unserviceable in many cases where elastic is not desirable. It will be seen, moreover, that the inelastic strips *c*, with the buttons *a*, secured by riveting, or otherwise, thereto, constitutes a new article of manufacture capable of being sold for application to pants by sewing the strips in position. By this means riveted buttons may be securely connected to the garments without the necessity of employing a household riveting-machine.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, the tag *c* carrying the button *a* when secured thereto by means of a rivet, *b*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I hereto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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