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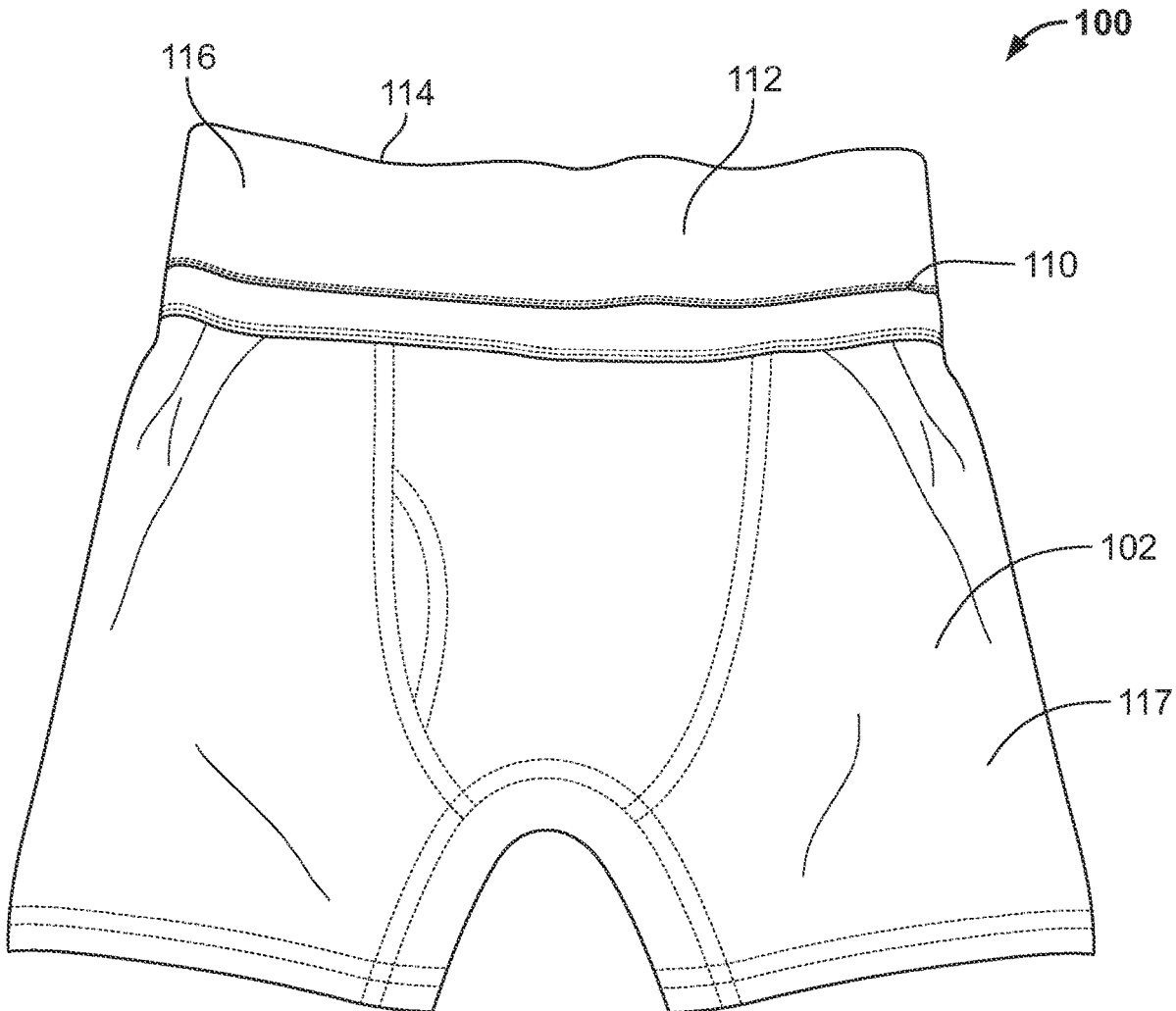
(57) **ABSTRACT**

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Apparatus and methods that include a garment, which includes an undergarment, wherein the undergarment includes an upper, circumferential edge; and a tubular extension operably attached around at least a portion of the upper, circumferential edge, wherein the tubular extension terminates at a free annular edge.

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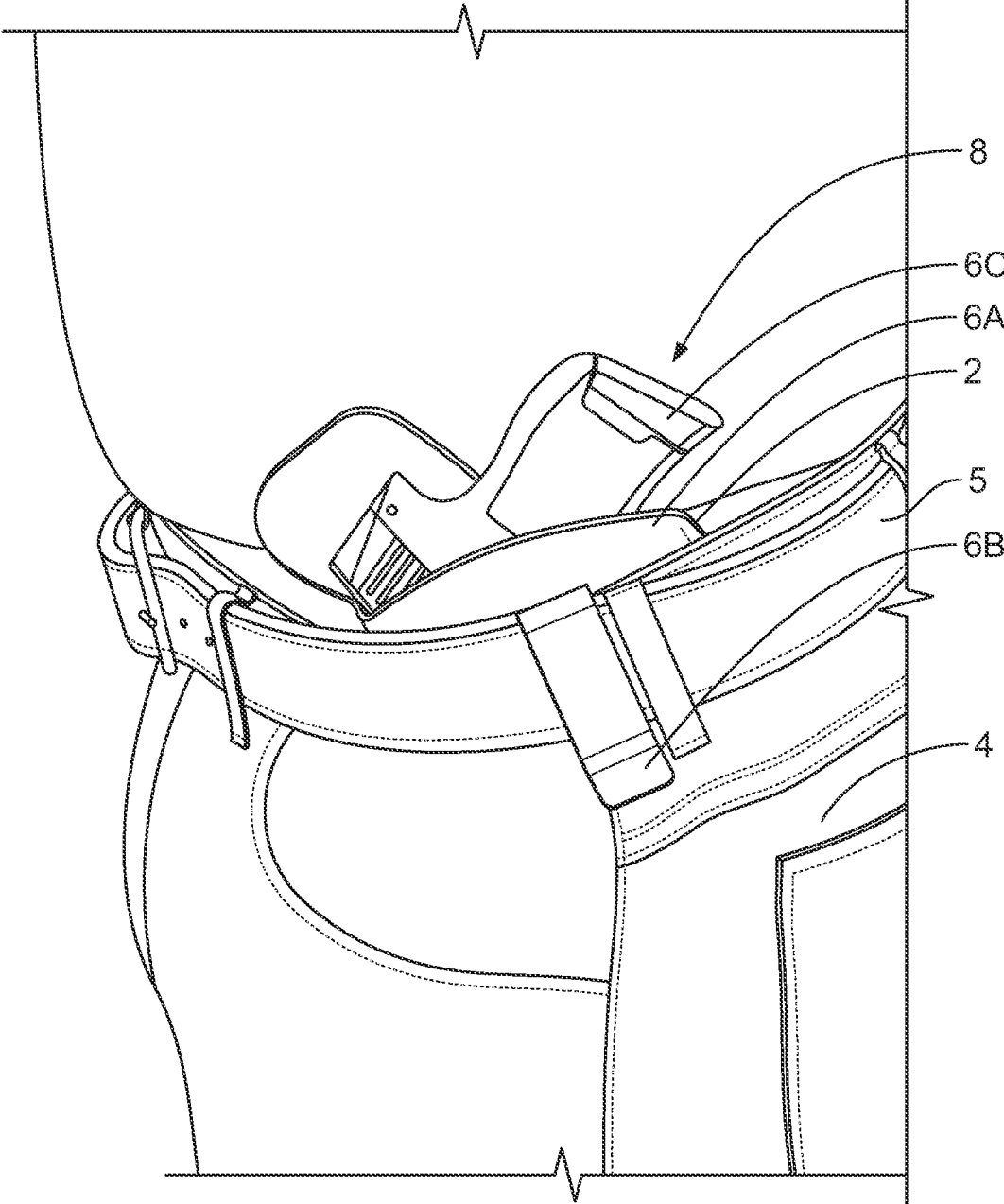


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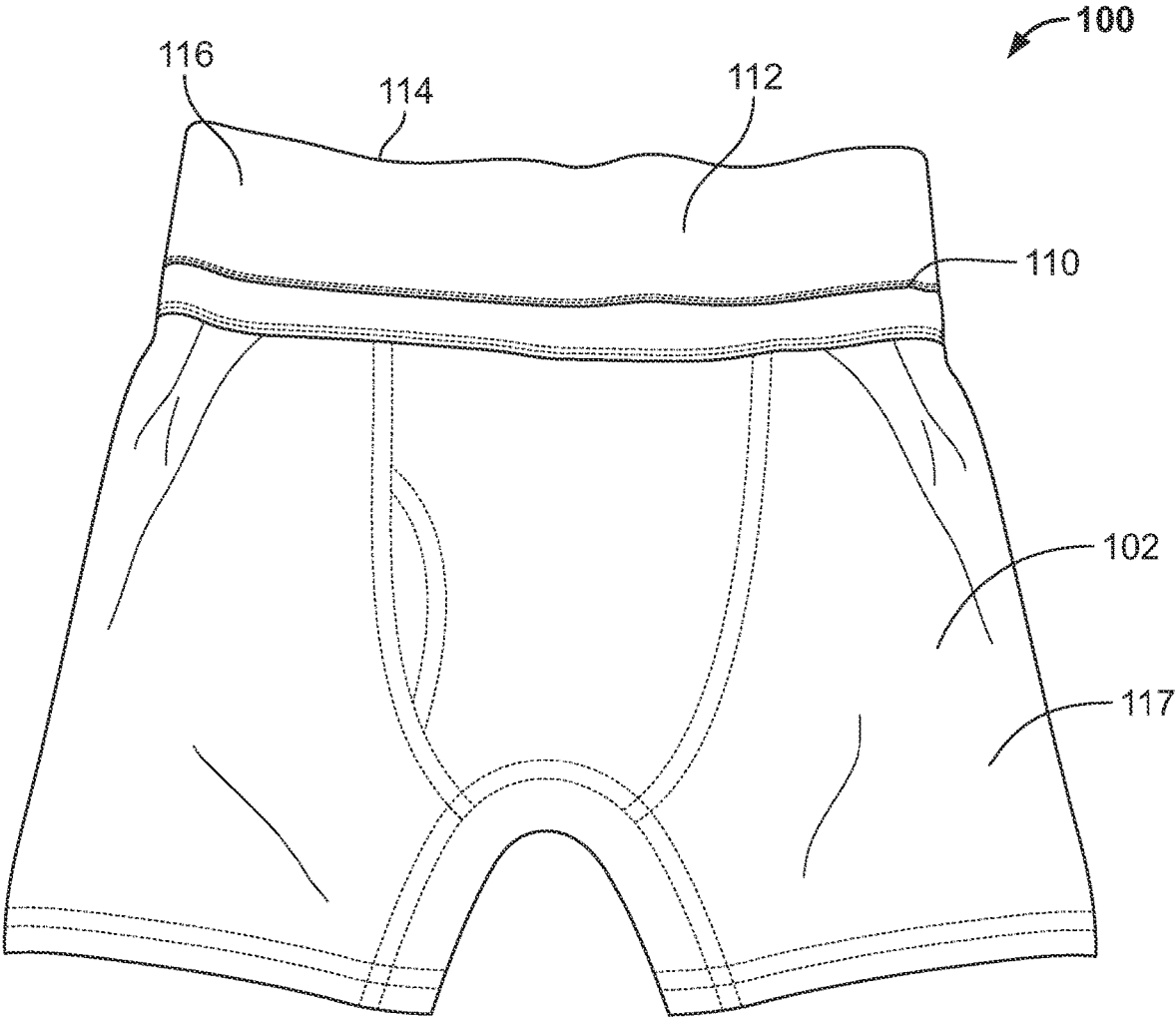


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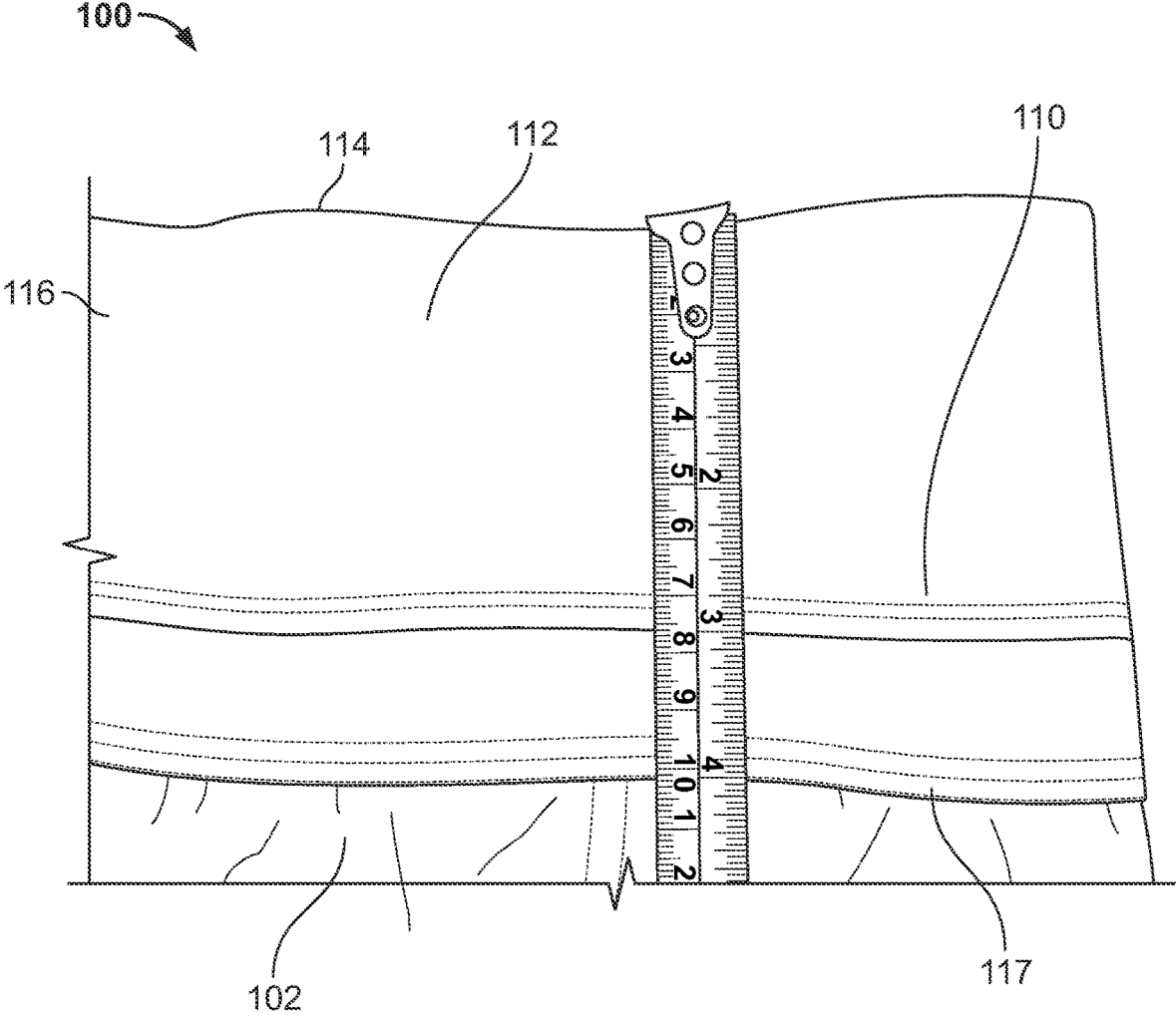


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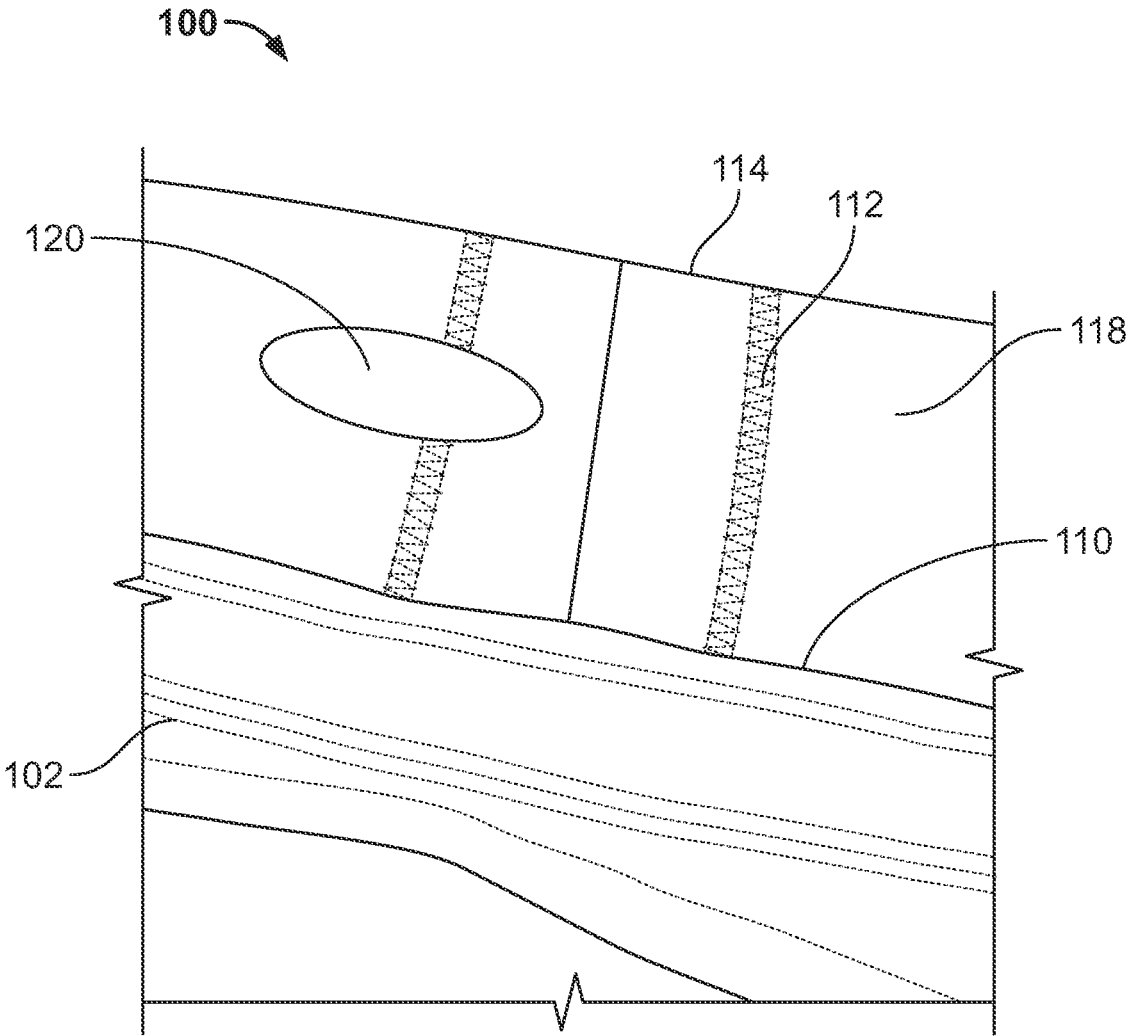


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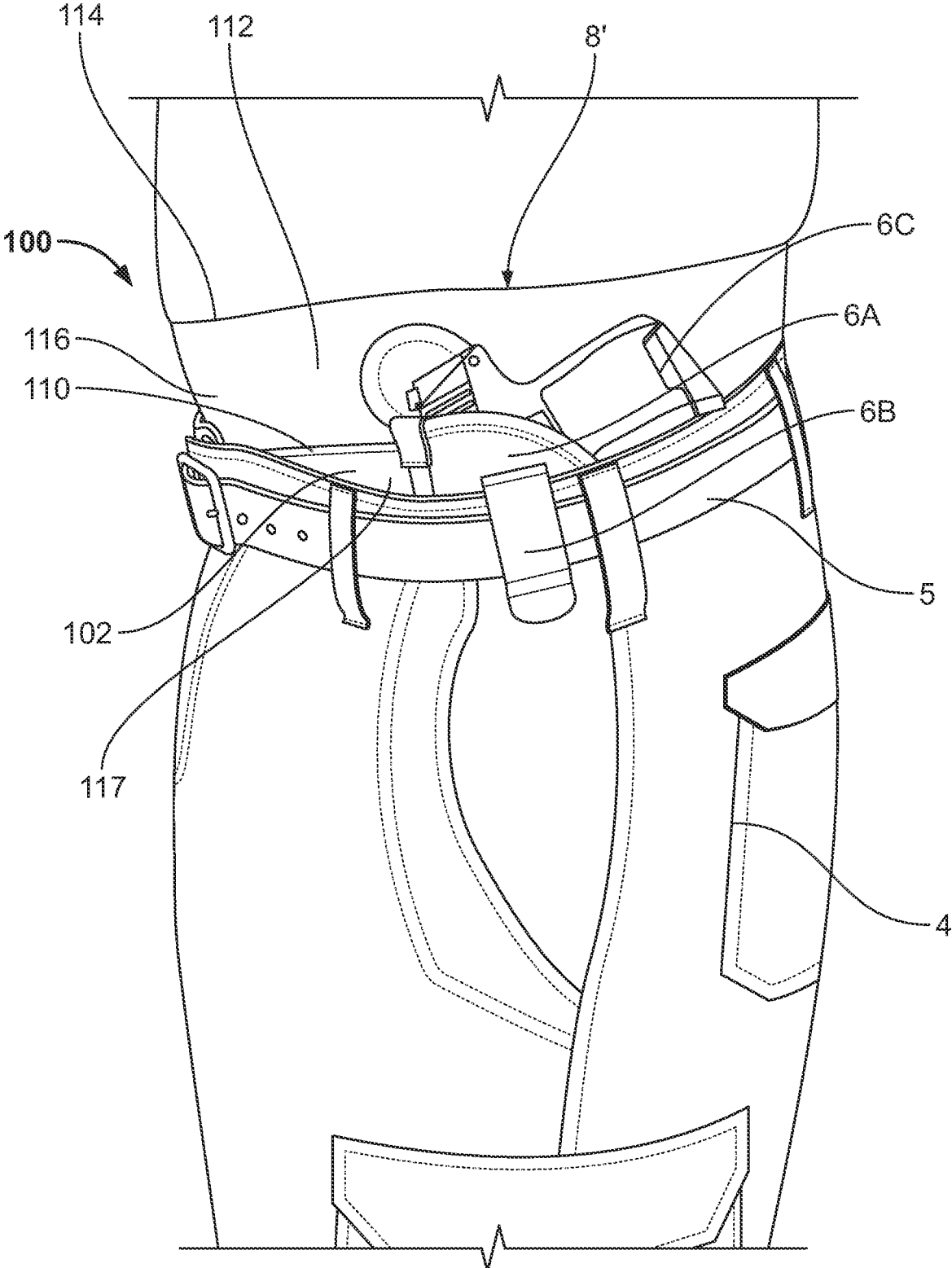


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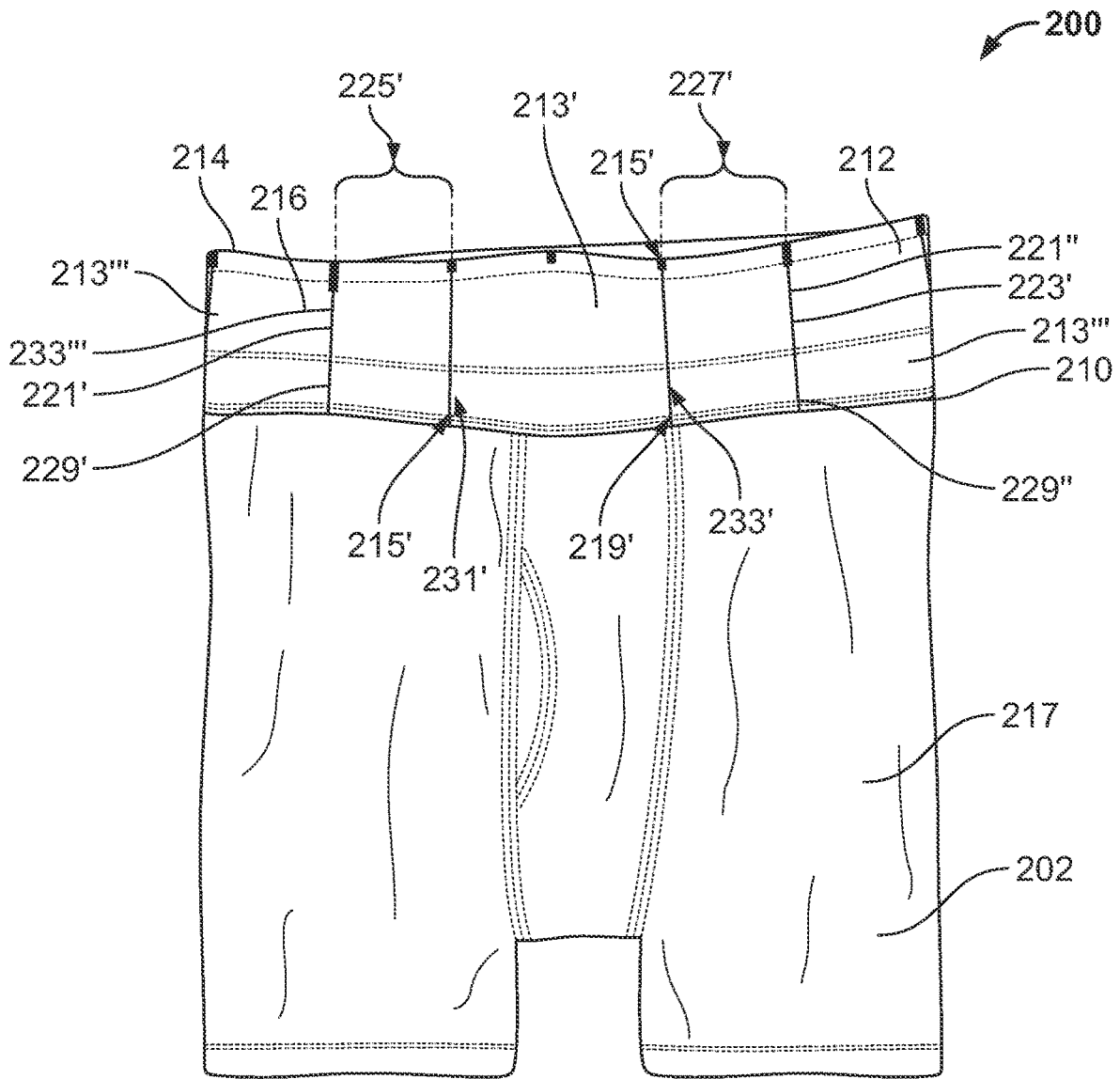


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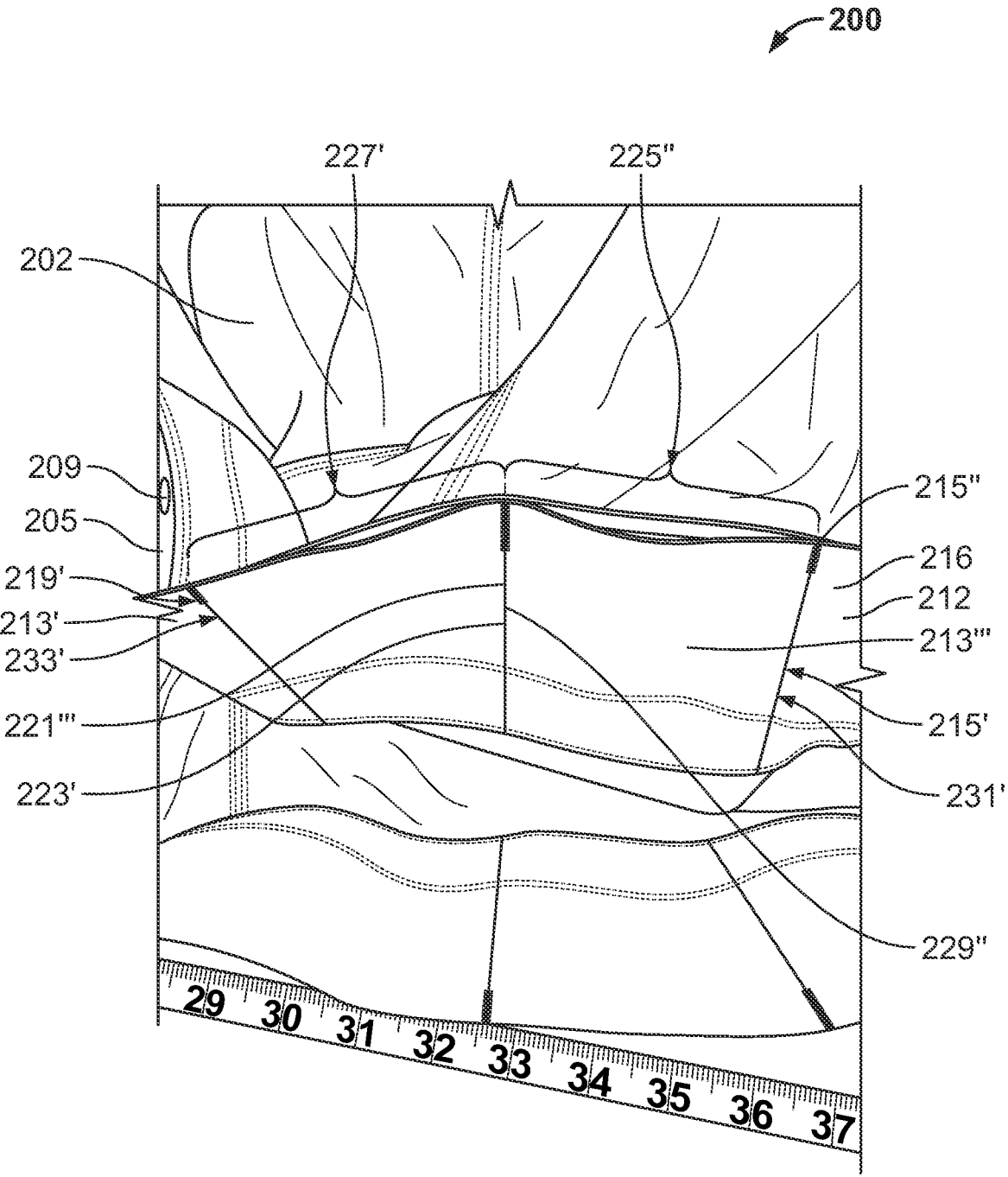


FIG. 7



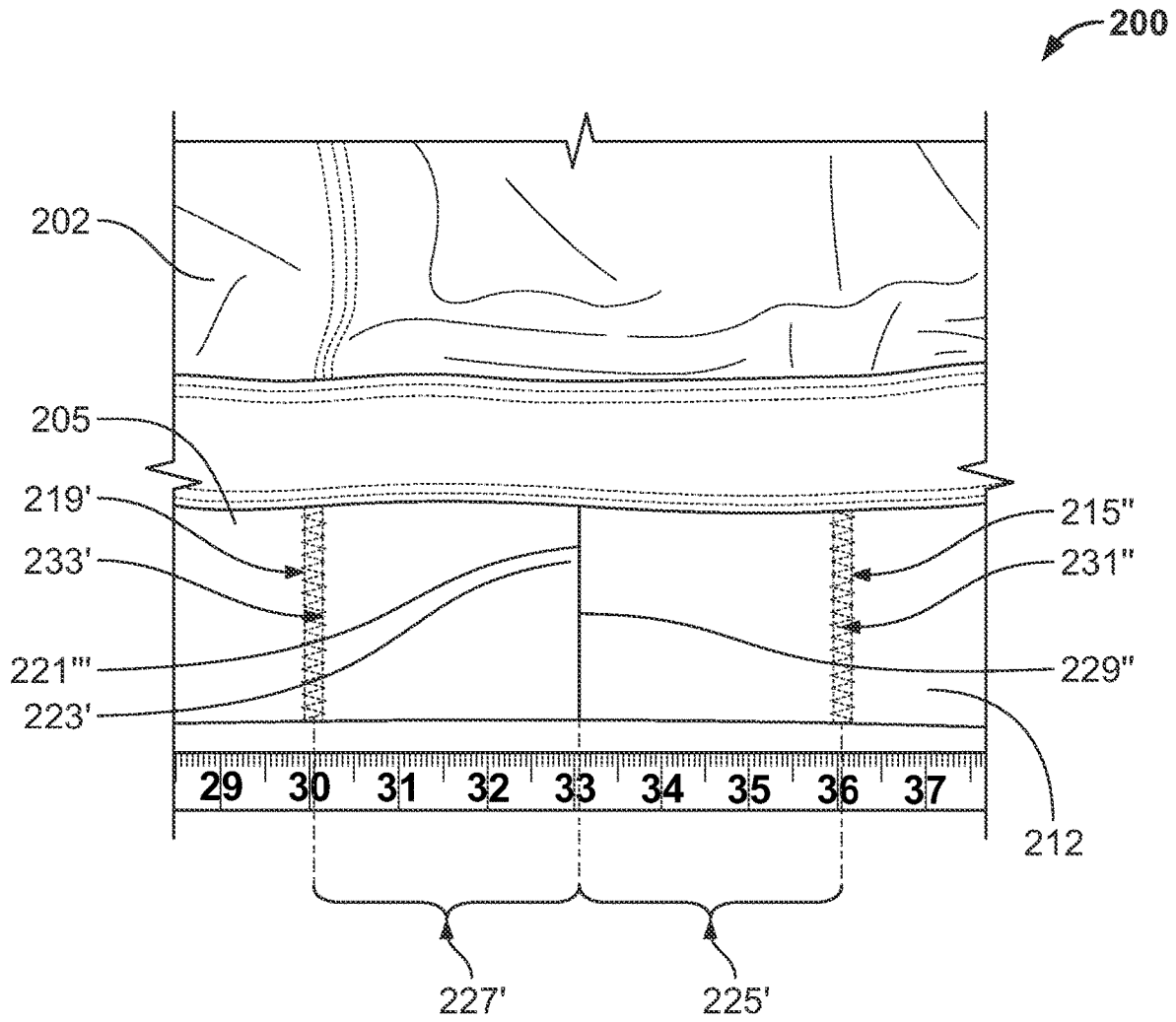


FIG. 8

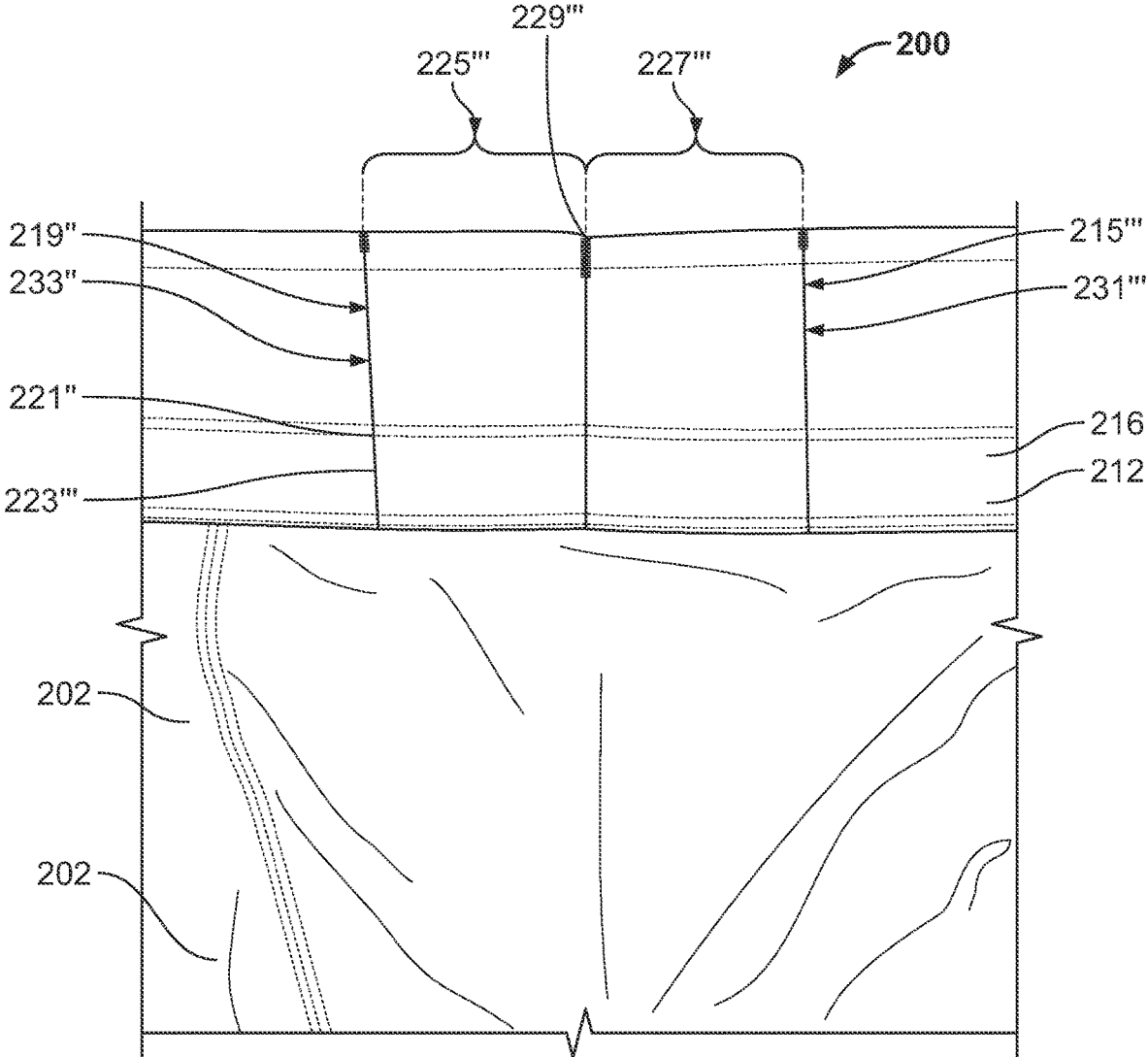


FIG. 9

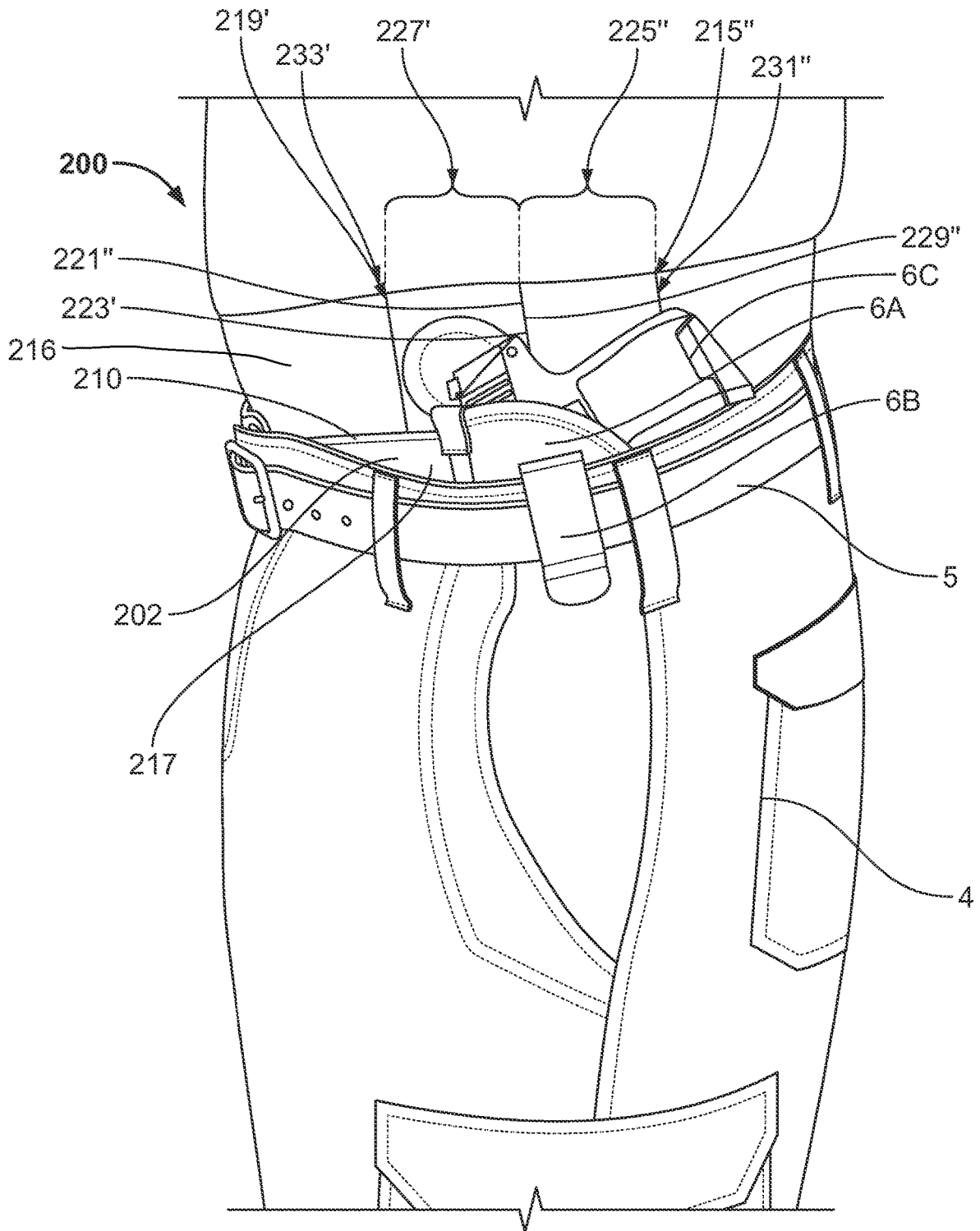


FIG. 10

## ARTICLE OF CLOTHING

### BACKGROUND

[0001] A typical inside the waistband (IWB) holster is one of the most popular concealed carry options. These holsters are secured to a user's belt and/or upper edge of the user's pants and can be positioned in different places around the waist.

[0002] When the holster is in use, being positioned somewhere around the waist, the item stored in the holster extends above the user's belt and/or upper edge of the user's pants and contacts the user's skin, below their shirt, causing discomfort and/or irritation.

[0003] Therefore, what is desired is an undergarment, which can be worn underneath typical pants and typical shirts, that can prevent or reduce a user's discomfort and/or irritation typically caused by direct contact between a holster's contents and the user's skin.

### SUMMARY

[0004] In accordance with one or more embodiments, devices and methods are provided.

[0005] The disclosure includes a garment, which includes an undergarment, wherein the undergarment includes an upper, circumferential edge; and a tubular extension operably attached around at least a portion of the upper, circumferential edge, wherein the tubular extension terminates at a free annular edge.

[0006] In another embodiment, the disclosure includes a garment, which includes an undergarment, wherein the undergarment comprises an upper, circumferential edge; and a tubular extension operably attached around at least a portion of the upper, circumferential edge, wherein the tubular extension terminates at a free annular edge, wherein the tubular extension comprises a section, the section extending around the upper, circumferential edge, wherein the section comprises a first end and a second end, wherein a first portion of the section is offset a first distance from the first end and a second portion of the section is offset a second distance from the second end, wherein the first portion is operably attached to the second portion at a seam.

[0007] These and other advantages of the disclosure will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art by reference to the following detailed description and the accompanying drawings.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0008] The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate embodiments of the disclosure, and, together with the summary given above, and the detailed description of the embodiments below, serve as a further explanation and disclosure to explain and/or illustrate embodiments of the disclosure.

[0009] FIG. 1 is a view of a prior art undergarment in use.

[0010] FIG. 2 is a front view of an undergarment of the present disclosure.

[0011] FIG. 3 is a magnified front view of an undergarment of the present disclosure.

[0012] FIG. 4 is a magnified view of a portion of an interior surface of an undergarment of the present disclosure.

[0013] FIG. 5 is a view of an undergarment of the present disclosure worn by a user.

[0014] FIG. 6 is a front view of an undergarment of the present disclosure.

[0015] FIG. 7 is a perspective view of an interior surface and an exterior surface of an undergarment of the present disclosure.

[0016] FIG. 8 is a magnified view of a portion of an interior surface of an undergarment of the present disclosure.

[0017] FIG. 9 is a rear view of an undergarment of the present disclosure.

[0018] FIG. 10 is a view of an undergarment of the present disclosure worn by a user.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0019] To facilitate the understanding of this disclosure a number of terms of in quotation marks are defined below. It is noted that the drawings of the present application are provided for illustrative purposes only and, as such, the drawings are not drawn to scale. It is also noted that like and corresponding elements are referred to by like reference numerals.

[0020] In the following description, numerous specific details are set forth, such as particular structures, components, materials, dimensions, processing steps and techniques, in order to provide an understanding of the various embodiments of the present application. However, it will be appreciated by one of ordinary skill in the art that various embodiments of the present application may be practiced without these specific details. In other instances, well-known structures or processing steps have not been described in detail in order to avoid obscuring the present application.

[0021] It will be understood that when an element as a layer, region or substrate is referred to as being "on" or "over" another element, it can be directly on the other element or intervening elements may also be present. In contrast, when an element is referred to as being "directly on" or "directly over" another element, there are no intervening elements present. It will also be understood that when element is referred to as being "beneath" or "under" another element, it can be directly beneath or under the other element, or intervening elements may be present. In contrast, when an element is referred to as being "directly beneath" or "directly under" another element, there are no intervening elements present.

[0022] As used herein, the term "substantially" or "substantial", is equally applicable when used in a negative connotation to refer to the complete or near complete lack of an action, characteristic, property, state, structure, item, or result. For example, a surface that is "substantially" flat would either be completely flat, or so nearly flat that the effect would be the same as if it were completely flat.

[0023] As used herein, terms defined in the singular are intended to include those terms defined in the plural and vice versa.

[0024] As used in this specification and its appended claims, terms such as "a", "an" and "the" are not intended to refer to only a singular entity, but include the general class of which a specific example may be used for illustration, unless the context dictates otherwise. The terminology herein is used to describe specific embodiments of the invention, but their usage does not delimit the invention, except as outlined in the claims.

[0025] Unless otherwise indicated, all numbers expressing quantities of ingredients, properties such as molecular weights, reaction conditions, and so forth as used in the

specification and claims are to be understood as being modified in all instances by the term “about.” Accordingly, unless indicated to the contrary, the numerical parameters in the specification and claims are approximations that may vary depending upon the desired properties sought to be obtained by the present invention. At the very least, and without limiting the application of the doctrine of equivalents to the scope of the claims, each numerical parameter should at least be construed in light of the number of reported significant digits and by applying ordinary rounding techniques. Notwithstanding that the numerical ranges and parameters describing the broad scope of the invention are approximations, the numerical values in the specific examples are reported as precisely as possible. Any numerical value, however, inherently contains standard deviations that necessarily result from the errors found in the numerical value’s testing measurements.

**[0026]** Thus, reference herein to any numerical range expressly includes each numerical value (including fractional numbers and whole numbers) encompassed by that range. To illustrate, reference herein to a range of “at least 50” or “at least about 50” includes whole numbers of 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, etc., and fractional numbers 50.1, 50.2, 50.3, 50.4, 50.5, 50.6, 50.7, 50.8, 50.9, etc. In a further illustration, reference herein to a range of “less than 50” or “less than about 50” includes whole numbers 49, 48, 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, etc., and fractional numbers 49.9, 49.8, 49.7, 49.6, 49.5, 49.4, 49.3, 49.2, 49.1, 49.0, etc. In yet another illustration, reference herein to a range of from “5 to 10” includes whole numbers of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, and fractional numbers 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, etc.

**[0027]** In the discussion and claims herein, the term “about” indicates that the value listed may be somewhat altered, as long as the alteration does not result in nonconformance of the process or structure to the illustrated embodiment. For example, for some elements the term “about” can refer to a variation of  $\pm 0.1\%$ , for other elements, the term “about” can refer to a variation of  $\pm 1\%$  or  $\pm 10\%$ , or any point therein.

**[0028]** As used herein, the term “undergarment” refers to underpants, underwear, such as shorts, drawers, skivvies, jockey shorts, panties boxer shorts, briefs, boxer briefs, long underwear, thermal underwear, and variations thereof, for men, women and/or children, which are generally worn under an outer garment, or worn under outer clothing.

**[0029]** As used herein, the term “outer garment” refers to any kind of “pant” or “pair of pants” including long pants (including slacks, jeans, etc.), overalls, shorts (including Bermuda shorts, cargo shorts, cycling shorts, etc.), tights, leggings, swimwear configured to cover at least a portion of a user’s lower torso and/or legs, Capri pants, culottes, maternity pants, jumpsuits, military uniforms, or any other article of clothing that may be worn on the lower portion of the user, and variations thereof.

**[0030]** As seen in FIG. 1, a prior art undergarment 2 is shown being worn by a user. In this example, the prior art undergarment 2 is a boxer brief garment. The user is wearing a typical outer garment 4, in this example denim blue jeans. The user is wearing a secured structure, which comprises a holster holder 6A, a holster clip 6B, and a secured article 6C, in this example a firearm.

**[0031]** The holster holder 6A is between the prior art undergarment 2 and the outer garment 4, with the holster clip

6B extends over the top of the outer garment 4 (including an optional belt 5) and also over an exterior surface of the outer garment 4 (including the optional belt 5).

**[0032]** For illustrative purposes the user is not wearing a typical shirt, but the typical shirt would extend to cover the upper torso of the user, and then over an exterior surface of the typical outer garment 4. Since holster holder 6A is typically concealed by a typical shirt when worn, the typical shirt would not extend between either the holster holder 6A or the secured article 6C and the user’s skin, thus allowing for direct contact between the holster holder 6A and/or the secured article 6C and the user’s skin.

**[0033]** As used herein, the term “secured structure” refers to any structure that extends between a portion of an interior surface of the outer garment and a portion of the undergarment, and also contacts an exterior surface of the outer garment, such as a holster, a clip (such as a carabiner, or other suitable structure comprising a pair of opposing members held in pivotal engagement by a spring element), a fastening device for any use, a carrying device for any use (such as a mobile phone clip)

**[0034]** As used herein, the term “holster” refers to a carrying device for securing any one or more of a number of articles, such as for example firearms, ammunition, ammunition magazines, flashlights, knives, hand tools, navigation devices, communication devices, aiming devices, personal protection devices, non-lethal weapons, handcuffs and other restraint devices, personal documents, etc.

**[0035]** As can be seen in FIG. 1, an area of direct contact 8 between the holster 6A (and its contents) and the user’s skin leads typically to discomfort and/or irritation at the site of direct contact 8 over time.

**[0036]** An embodiment of a garment 100 of the present disclosure is shown in FIG. 2. In FIG. 2, an undergarment 102 is shown, in this embodiment the undergarment 102 is a men’s boxer brief. In this view an exterior surface 117 of the undergarment 102 is visible. The undergarment 102 includes an upper, circumferential edge 110.

**[0037]** A tubular extension 112 is operably attached to at least a portion of the upper, circumferential edge 110. The tubular extension 112 can be operably attached to any portion of the upper, circumferential edge 110 in any suitable way, such as by a substantially permanent way (such as stitching, stapling, clamping, and/or using an adhesive, etc.) or a substantially removable way (such as with a hook and loop configuration, a zipper, a button, a snap, etc.).

**[0038]** The undergarment 102 and the tubular extension 112 can be formed of the same material, or different materials, such as, for example, any suitable fabric, fiber, and/or textile, including natural materials, synthetic materials, woven materials, nonwoven materials, some examples of these being cotton, wool, acrylic, polyamide (nylon), polyester, spandex, regenerated cellulose, rubber (natural or synthetic), bamboo, silk, soy, denim, linen, ramie, acetate, rayon, silk, jute, velvet, canvas, leather, vinyl, and combinations thereof. In some embodiments the tubular extension 112 is formed of one more materials such that the tubular extension 112 is wholly or partially elastic, wholly or partially substantially elastic or wholly or partially substantially rigid.

**[0039]** The tubular extension 112 terminates at a free annular edge 114, which is a distance away from the upper, circumferential edge 110. As can be seen in FIG. 3, the distance between the upper, circumferential edge 110 and

the free annular edge **114** can be about 3 inches, however in other embodiments, the distance can be about 3 inches to about 12 inches, or about 2 inches to about 12 inches, or about 1 inch to about 12 inches, or less than one inch, or more than 12 inches.

[0040] Although not shown in FIG. 2 or 3, the tubular extension **112** can optionally include a structural support on the exterior surface **116** of the tubular extension **112**, or within the volume of the tubular extension **112**. The structural support can be any suitable, substantially rigid mechanical element (such as a rib or any suitable support member), which extends away any distance from the upper, circumferential edge **110**, towards the free annular edge **114**, and aids in maintaining the free annular edge **114** a suitable distance away from the upper, circumferential edge **110**.

[0041] As seen in FIG. 4, an interior surface **118** of the tubular extension **112** is shown. On the interior surface **118**, optionally included are one or more anti-slip elements **120**. In this embodiment one anti-slip element **120** is shown, however, in other embodiments a plurality of anti-slip elements **120** can be included. The anti-slip element(s) **120** can be formed of any material that can increase the friction/adhesion between the tubular extension **112** and the user's skin, thus causing the upper, circumferential edge **110** to remain or substantially remain a suitable vertical distance away from the free annular edge **114** during wear by the user.

[0042] A view of the garment **100** in a state of use can be seen in FIG. 5. In this embodiment, the undergarment **102** is seen past the user's typical outer garment **4**. The user is wearing a secured structure, which in this embodiment comprises a holster holder **6A**, a holster clip **6B**, and a secured article **6C**, in this example a firearm.

[0043] The holster holder **6A** is between the undergarment **102** and the outer garment **4** and specifically between the exterior surface **117** of the undergarment **102** and an interior surface of the outer garment **4**. The holster clip **6B** extends over the top of the outer garment, and also over a portion of the exterior surface of the outer garment **4**.

[0044] For illustrative purposes the user is not wearing a typical shirt, but the typical shirt would extend to cover the upper torso of the user, and then over an exterior surface of the typical outer garment **4**. Since holster holder **6A** are typically concealed by a typical shirt when worn, the typical shirt would not extend between either the holster holder **6A** or the secured article **6C** and the user's skin, however, as seen in FIG. 5, the exterior surface **116** of the tubular extension **112** remains between the holster holder **6A** (and accompanying secured article **6C**) and the user's skin, thus preventing direct contact between the holster holder **6A** (and accompanying secured article **6C**) and the user's skin. Therefore, an area of indirect contact **8'** is created.

[0045] An embodiment of a garment **200** of the present disclosure is shown in FIG. 6. In FIG. 6, an undergarment **202** is shown, in this embodiment the undergarment **202** is a men's boxer brief. In this view an exterior surface **217** of the undergarment **202** is visible. The undergarment **202** includes an upper, circumferential edge **210**.

[0046] A tubular extension **212** is operably attached to at least a portion of the upper, circumferential edge **210**. The tubular extension **212** can be operably attached to the uppermost portion of the upper, circumferential edge and/or the tubular extension **212** can overlap any portion of the upper, circumferential edge **210** and be operably attached a distance away (either on the interior side of the undergar-

ment **202** or the exterior side of the undergarment **202**) from the uppermost portion of the upper, circumferential edge. As used herein to discuss connection of any elements, "operably attached" can be any suitable way, such as by a substantially permanent way (such as stitching, stapling, clamping, and/or using an adhesive, etc.) or a substantially removable way (such as with a hook and loop configuration, a zipper, a button, a snap, etc.). The tubular extension **212** can be operably attached to any portion of the upper, circumferential edge **210**.

[0047] The undergarment **202** and the tubular extension **212** can be formed of the same material, or different materials, such as, for example, any suitable fabric, fiber, and/or textile, including natural materials, synthetic materials, woven materials, nonwoven materials, some examples of these being cotton, wool, acrylic, polyamide (nylon), polyester, spandex, regenerated cellulose, rubber (natural or synthetic), bamboo, silk, soy, denim, linen, ramie, acetate, rayon, silk, jute, velvet, canvas, leather, vinyl, and combinations thereof. In some embodiments the tubular extension **212** is formed of one more materials such that the tubular extension **212** is wholly or partially elastic, wholly or partially substantially elastic or wholly or partially substantially rigid.

[0048] The tubular extension **212** terminates at a free annular edge **214**, which is a distance away from the upper, circumferential edge **210**. As can be seen in FIG. 6, which illustrates an external surface **216** of the tubular extension **212**, the distance between the upper, circumferential edge **210** and the free annular edge **214** can be about 4 inches, however in other embodiments, the distance can be about 1 inches to about 12 inches, or about 2 inches to about 12 inches, or about 1 inch to about 12 inches, or about 3 inches to about 6 inches, or less than one inch, or more than 12 inches.

[0049] The tubular extension **212** comprises a section **213**. In this embodiment, the tubular extension **212** comprises three sections **213**, with a first of the three sections shown in FIG. 6 as section **213'**. Other sections of these three sections are shown in later figures. In other embodiments, the tubular extension **212** comprises one section **213**, two sections **213**, four sections **213** or more, with the number of sections equaling the number of seams, as discussed below.

[0050] The section **213** of FIG. 6 (composed of three sections **213'**, **213''**, and **213'''**) extends around the upper, circumferential edge **210**. The section **213'** comprises a first end **215'** and a second end **219'**, as well as a first portion **221'** and a second portion **223'**. The first portion **221'** is offset a first distance **225'** from the first end **215'** and the second portion **223'** is offset a second distance **227'** from the second end **219'**.

[0051] In this embodiment the first portion **221'** is operably attached to the second portion **223''** of an adjacent section **213''** at a seam **229'**. Likewise, the second portion **223'** is operably attached to the first portion **221'''** of an adjacent section **213'''** at a seam **229''**.

[0052] In this embodiment, the first end **215'** is operably attached to the tubular extension **212** at a first position **231'**, which in this embodiment is the first distance **225'** away from the first portion **221'**. However, in other embodiments, the first end **215'** is not operably attached to the tubular extension **212**, or is operably attached at a distance different from the first distance **225'**.

[0053] In this embodiment, the second end 219' is operably attached to the tubular extension 212 at a second position 233', which in this embodiment is the second distance 227' away from the second portion 223'. However, in other embodiments, the second end 219' is not operably attached to the tubular extension 212, or is operably attached at a distance different from the second distance 227'.

[0054] One or more of each seam 229, operable attachment of the first end 215' at the first position 231', and operable attachment of the second end 219' at the second position 233', can aid in preventing rolling of the material of the tubular extension 212, including rolling during wear by a user.

[0055] In this embodiment, the first distance 225' and the second distance 227' are about the same distance, or substantially the same distance. In other embodiments, the first distance 225' and the second distance 227' can be different compared to each other. The first distance 225' can be any suitable distance, such as between about 0.5" and about 10", or about 1" to about 5". The second distance 227' can be any suitable distance, such as between about 0.5" and about 10", or about 1" to about 5". The first distance 225' and the second distance 227' can vary depending on user preference, size of the garment 200, etc.

[0056] The view of FIG. 6 is of a ventral side of the garment 200, with the annotation of "12" visible in FIG. 6 at about 0° (or about 360°). In this embodiment, seam 229' and seam 229" are each adjacent a location of the upper, circumferential edge 210. This location can be any suitable location within the 360° perimeter of the upper, circumferential edge 210. For example, this location can be selected from the group consisting of (A) about 30° to about 120° around the upper, circumferential edge 210 (moving left in FIG. 6, or the clockwise direction from looking down from vertically above the upper, circumferential edge 210), which is the location of seam 229' in this embodiment; (B) about 150° to about 210° around the upper, circumferential edge 210 (moving left in FIG. 6, or the clockwise direction from looking down from vertically above the upper, circumferential edge 210), which is the location of seam 229" in this embodiment; and/or (C) about 240° to about 330° around the upper, circumferential edge 210 (moving left in FIG. 6, or the clockwise direction from looking down from vertically above the upper, circumferential edge 210), which is the location of seam 229" in this embodiment. However, each seam 229 can be in any suitable location about the upper, circumferential edge 210.

[0057] FIG. 7 is another view of the garment 200 of the present disclosure. As can be seen in FIG. 7, an interior surface 205 of the tubular extension 212 is visible. The interior surface 205 can comprise one or more anti-slip elements 209, which can be any suitable material, be any suitable number, be any suitable size and be in any suitable location. In this embodiment one anti-slip element 209 is shown, however, in other embodiments a plurality of anti-slip elements 29 can be included. The anti-slip element(s) 209 can be formed of any material that can increase the friction/adhesion between the tubular extension 212 and the user's skin, thus causing the upper, circumferential edge 210 to remain or substantially remain a suitable vertical distance away from the free annular edge 214 during wear by the user.

[0058] Due to the structure of the seam 229", and the first end 215'" being operably attached to the tubular extension

212, the second end 219' operably attached to tubular extension 212, in the areas of the second distance 227' and the first distance 225", there are two layers of the tubular extension 212.

[0059] The portion of the tape measure in FIG. 7 is included for illustrative purposes only and is not to limit the size and/or shape of any component of the garment 200.

[0060] FIG. 8 is another view of the garment 200, showing an interior surface of the undergarment 202 and the tubular extension 212 laying substantially flat. The portion of the tape measure in FIG. 8 is included for illustrative purposes only and is not to limit the size and/or shape of any component of the garment 200.

[0061] FIG. 9 is a dorsal view of the external surface 216 of the tubular extension 212 and the exterior surface 217 of the undergarment 202.

[0062] Although not shown in the previous figures, the tubular extension 212 can optionally include a structural support on the exterior surface 216 of the tubular extension 212, or within the volume of the tubular extension 212. The structural support can be any suitable, substantially rigid mechanical element (such as a rib or any suitable support member), which extends away any distance from the upper, circumferential edge 210, towards the free annular edge 214, and aids in maintaining the free annular edge 214 a suitable distance away from the upper, circumferential edge 110.

[0063] A view of the garment 100 in a state of use can be seen in FIG. 10. In this embodiment, the undergarment 102 is seen past the user's typical outer garment 4. The user is wearing a secured structure, which in this embodiment comprises a holster holder 6A, a holster clip 6B, and a secured article 6C, in this example a firearm. In this example, the secured article 6C is substantially aligned with the seam 229".

[0064] The holster holder 6A is between the undergarment 202 and the outer garment 4 and specifically between the exterior surface 217 of the undergarment 202 and an interior surface of the outer garment 4. The holster clip 6B extends over the top of the outer garment, and also over a portion of the exterior surface of the outer garment 4.

[0065] For illustrative purposes the user is not wearing a typical shirt, but the typical shirt would extend to cover the upper torso of the user, and then over an exterior surface of the typical outer garment 4. Since holster holder 6A are typically concealed by a typical shirt when worn, the typical shirt would not extend between either the holster holder 6A or the secured article 6C and the user's skin, however, as seen in FIG. 10, the exterior surface 216 of the tubular extension 212 remains between the holster holder 6A (and accompanying secured article 6C) and the user's skin, thus preventing direct contact between the holster holder 6A (and accompanying secured article 6C) and the user's skin. Therefore, an area of indirect contact 8' is created.

[0066] The described embodiments and examples of the present disclosure are intended to be illustrative rather than restrictive, and are not intended to represent every embodiment or example of the present disclosure. While the fundamental novel features of the disclosure as applied to various specific embodiments thereof have been shown, described and pointed out, it will also be understood that various omissions, substitutions and changes in the form and details of the devices illustrated and in their operation, may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the disclosure. For example, it is expressly

intended that all combinations of those elements and/or method steps which perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve the same results are within the scope of the disclosure. Moreover, it should be recognized that structures and/or elements and/or method steps shown and/or described in connection with any disclosed form or embodiment of the disclosure may be incorporated in any other disclosed or described or suggested form or embodiment as a general matter of design choice. Further, various modifications and variations can be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the disclosure as set forth in the following claims both literally and in equivalents recognized in law.

1. A garment comprising:
  - an undergarment, wherein the undergarment comprises an upper, circumferential edge; and
  - a tubular extension operably attached around at least a portion of the upper, circumferential edge, wherein the tubular extension terminates at a free annular edge.
2. The garment of claim 1, further comprising an outer garment and a secured structure, wherein the secured structure extends between a portion of an interior surface of the outer garment and the undergarment, and the secured structure extends over an exterior surface of the outer garment.
3. The garment of claim 1, wherein the tubular extension extends between about 3 inches and about 12 inches between the upper circumferential edge and the free annular edge.
4. The garment of claim 1, wherein the tubular extension extends between about 2 inches and about 12 inches between the upper circumferential edge and the free annular edge.
5. The garment of claim 1, wherein the tubular extension extends between about 1 inch and about 12 inches between the upper circumferential edge and the free annular edge.
6. The garment of claim 1, wherein the tubular extension comprises an interior surface, wherein the interior surface comprises one or anti-slip elements.
7. A garment comprising:
  - an undergarment, wherein the undergarment comprises an upper, circumferential edge; and
  - a tubular extension operably attached around at least a portion of the upper, circumferential edge, wherein the tubular extension terminates at a free annular edge, wherein the tubular extension comprises a section, the section extending around the upper, circumferential

edge, wherein the section comprises a first end and a second end, wherein a first portion of the section is offset a first distance from the first end and a second portion of the section is offset a second distance from the second end, wherein the first portion is operably attached to the second portion at a seam.

8. The garment of claim 7, wherein the tubular extension extends between about 2 inches and about 12 inches between the upper, circumferential edge and the free annular edge.
9. The garment of claim 7, wherein the tubular extension extends between about 3 inches and about 6 inches between the upper, circumferential edge and the free annular edge.
10. The garment of claim 7, wherein the first end is operably attached to the tubular extension at a first position, the first distance away from the first position.
11. The garment of claim 7, wherein the second end is operably attached to the tubular extension at a second position, the second distance away from the first position.
12. The garment of claim 7, wherein the first distance is substantially the same as the second distance.
13. The garment of claim 7, wherein the first distance is about 0.5" to about 10".
14. The garment of claim 7, wherein the first distance is about 1" to about 5".
15. The garment of claim 7, wherein the second distance is about 0.5" to about 10".
16. The garment of claim 7, wherein the second distance is about 1" to about 5".
17. The garment of claim 7, wherein the seam is adjacent a location of the upper, circumferential edge, wherein the location is selected from the group consisting of about 30° to about 120° around the upper, circumferential edge, about 150° to about 210° around the upper, circumferential edge, and about 240° to about 330° around the upper, circumferential edge.
18. The garment of claim 7, wherein the tubular extension comprises an interior surface, wherein the interior surface comprises one or anti-slip elements.
19. The garment of claim 7, further comprising an outer garment and a secured structure, wherein the secured structure extends between a portion of an interior surface of the outer garment and the undergarment, and the secured structure extends over an exterior surface of the outer garment.

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