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(54) **MATERNITY GARMENT WITH DOUBLE WAISTBAND DESIGN**

(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A double waistband for use on a maternity garment that can be worn at all stages of a pregnancy is described. The waistband has a lower component which has an outer surface and an inner surface. The outer surface is made of a fabric having a low degree of stretchiness or flexibility. The inner surface is made of a fabric having a high degree of stretchiness. The other part of the double waistband is an upper waistband component which is made of a flexible fabric. The upper and lower waistband components are connected or sewn together to form a contiguous single waistband. The outer surface of the lower waistband component is a stretch-woven fabric and the inner surface of the lower waistband is a knit fabric. The upper waistband component can be made from a jersey knit fabric. The lower waistband goes around a woman's waist at the same location as would the waistband of a normal pair of pants. The garment waistband can be used as part of a maternity pant, a maternity skirt, or any other maternity garment that uses a waistband.

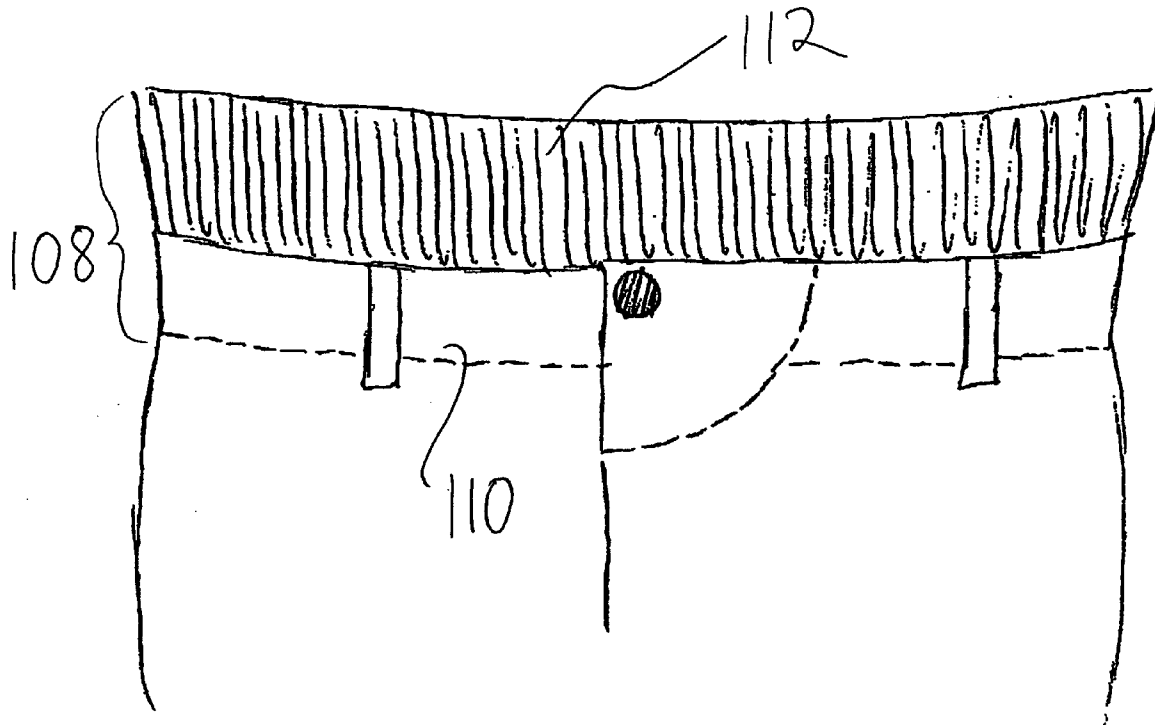


FIG. 1A

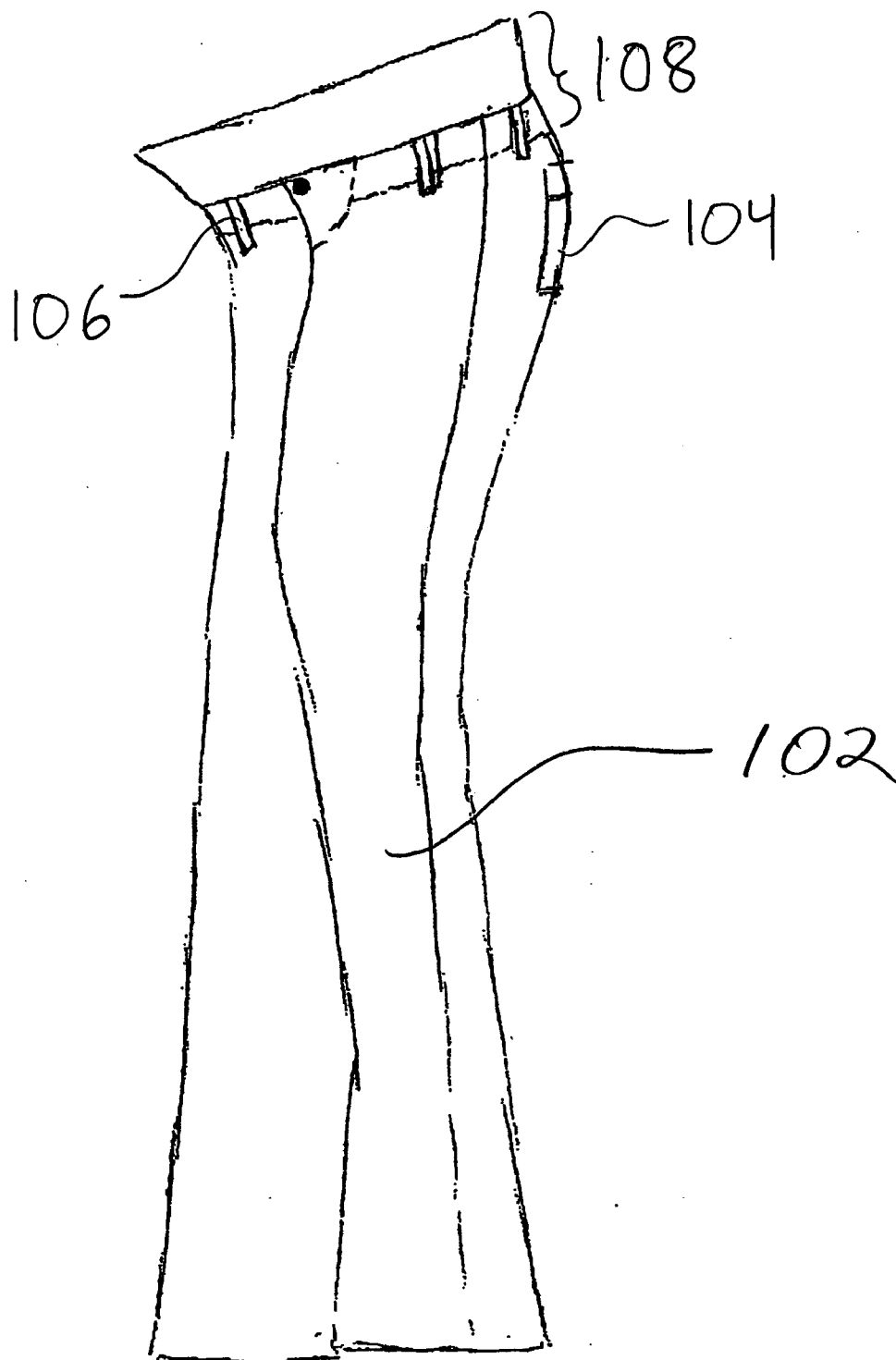


FIG. 1B

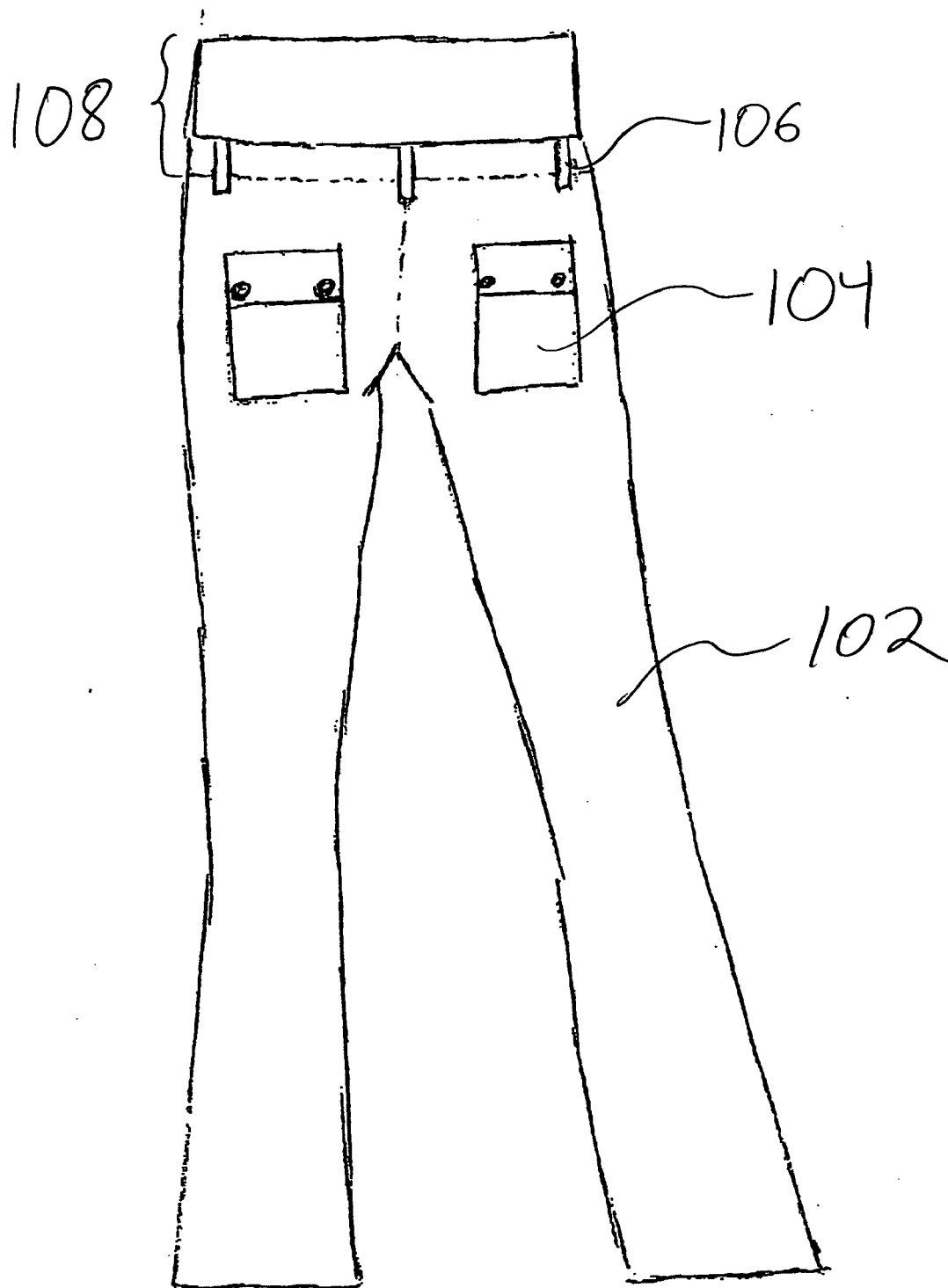


FIG. 1C

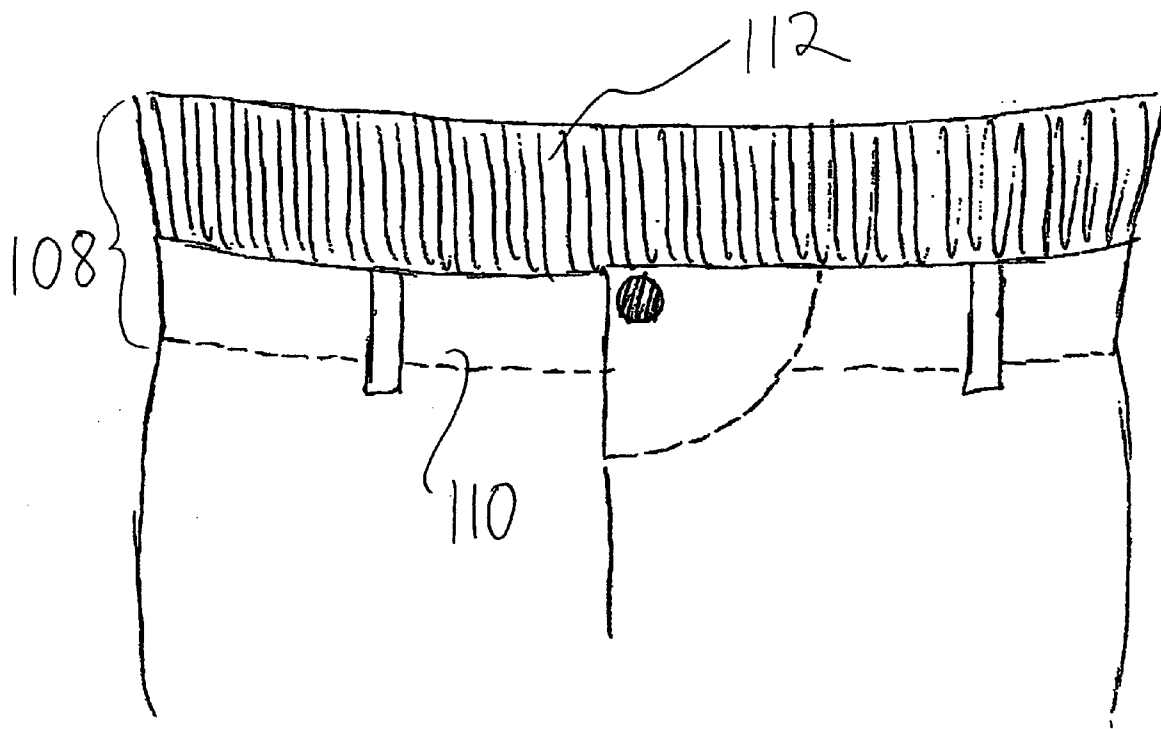
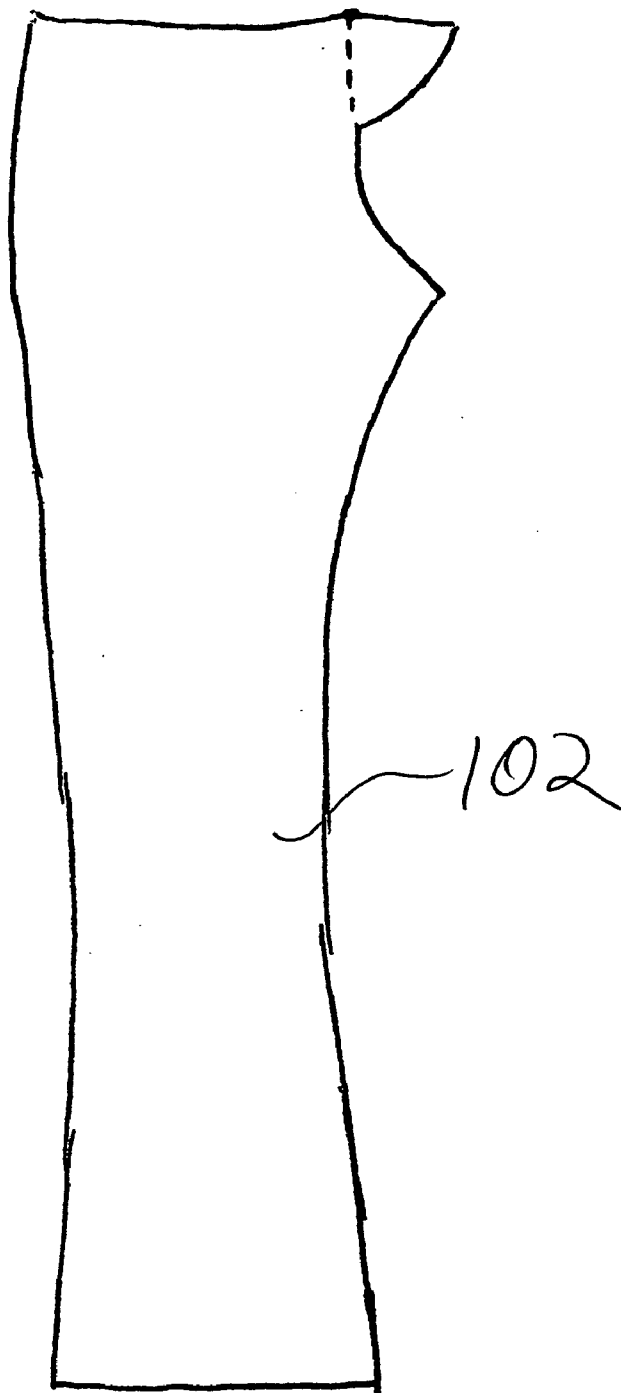


FIG. 2A



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