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	First Named Inventor	Lisa A. Hendrickson
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Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a Reissue Application Oath and Consent by Assignee, an Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the issued '276 Patent.

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### Remarks

The claims as issued in the '276 Patent remain unchanged by this Preliminary Amendment. New Claims 17-21 are added. The newly added claims are directed to additional features of the contemplated invention. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification of the '276 Patent (and its originally filed application), and also in the specification of U.S. Patent No. 7,814,575 ("the '575 Patent") from which priority is claimed. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.173(c), the following is an identification of the support for the added claims as found in the specification of the '276 Patent (for which reissue is sought) and the '575 Patent.

#### Newly Added Claim 17

17. The garment portion of claim 15, wherein the stitches or knitted tension extend along multiple paths arranged in an elliptical pattern that curves, so as to cradle a curved abdomen.

Column 4, lines 11-13 of the '276 Patent (for which reissue is sought) describes the claimed feature as follows: "The knitted tension or stitches extend along multiple stitch paths grouped in an elliptical pattern that curves so as to cradle a curved growing abdomen..."

Similarly, column 3, line 67-column 2, line 2 of the '575 Patent describes the claimed feature as follows: "The knitted tension or stitches extend along multiple stitch paths grouped in an elliptical pattern that curves so as to cradle a curved growing abdomen..."

**Newly Added Claim 18**

18. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel further comprises a series of stitches or knitted tension in a backside of the belly panel to provide spinal and back support against the wearer.

Column 4, lines 15-19 of the '276 Patent (for which reissue is sought) describes the claimed feature as follows: "...the backside of the garment upper portion 102 is provided with spinal column and back support for a wearer of the garment, in the form of a series of sewn supporting stitches or knitted tension..."

Column 4, lines 4-8 of the '575 Patent describes the claimed feature as follows: "...the backside of the garment upper portion 102 is provided with spinal column and back support for a wearer of the garment, in the form of a series of sewn supporting stitches or knitted tension..."

**Newly Added Claim 19**

19. The garment portion of claim 18, wherein the series of stitches or knitted tension extends along a pattern of multiple stitch paths.

Column 4, lines 23-24 of the '276 Patent (for which reissue is sought) describes the claimed feature as follows: "For example, the series of supporting stitches are arranged along multiple stitch paths..."

Column 4, lines 12-13 of the '575 Patent describes the claimed feature as follows: "For example, the series of supporting stitches are arranged along multiple stitch paths..."

### Newly Added Claim 20

20. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel defines a tubular structure that is shaped and formed as a hyperboloid cylinder to fit a body type having a tapered torso.

Column 3, lines 62-64 of the '276 Patent (for which reissue is sought) describes the claimed feature as follows: "...the tubular structure is shaped and formed as ... hyperboloid cylinder to fit a body type having a tapered torso..."

Column 3, lines 52-54 of the '575 Patent also describes the claimed feature as follows: "...the tubular structure is shaped and formed as a... hyperboloid cylinder to fit a body type having a tapered torso..."

### Newly Added Claim 21

21. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel defines a tubular structure that is shaped and formed as a straight-sided cylinder to fit a body type having a correspondingly shaped torso.

Column 3, lines 66-67 of the '276 Patent (for which reissue is sought) describes the claimed feature as follows: "...the tubular structure is shaped and formed as a straight-sided cylinder..."

Similarly, column 3, lines 55-56 of the '575 Patent describes the claimed feature as follows: "...the tubular structure is shaped and formed as a straight-sided cylinder..."

### Conclusion

As indicated above, there is support for each of the features of the claims as added by this Preliminary Amendment in the specification of US Patent No. 7,900,276 (for which reissue is now sought), and in the specification of US Patent No. 7,814,575 (from which priority is claimed).

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as pending in this reissue application are in allowable form. Acceptance of all amendments and a notice of allowance are requested, followed by publication of the reissue patent.

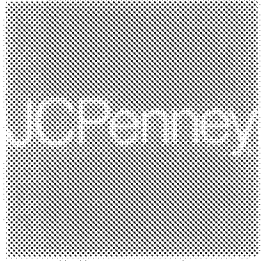
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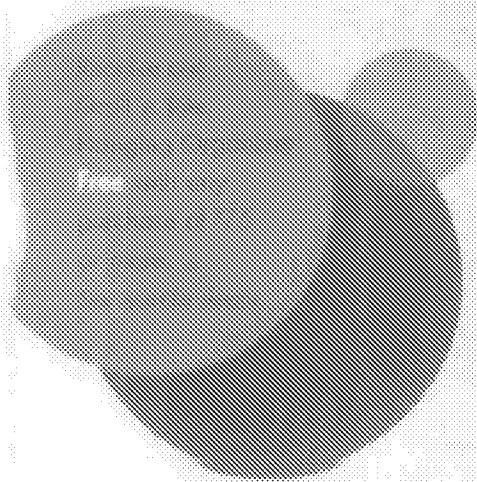
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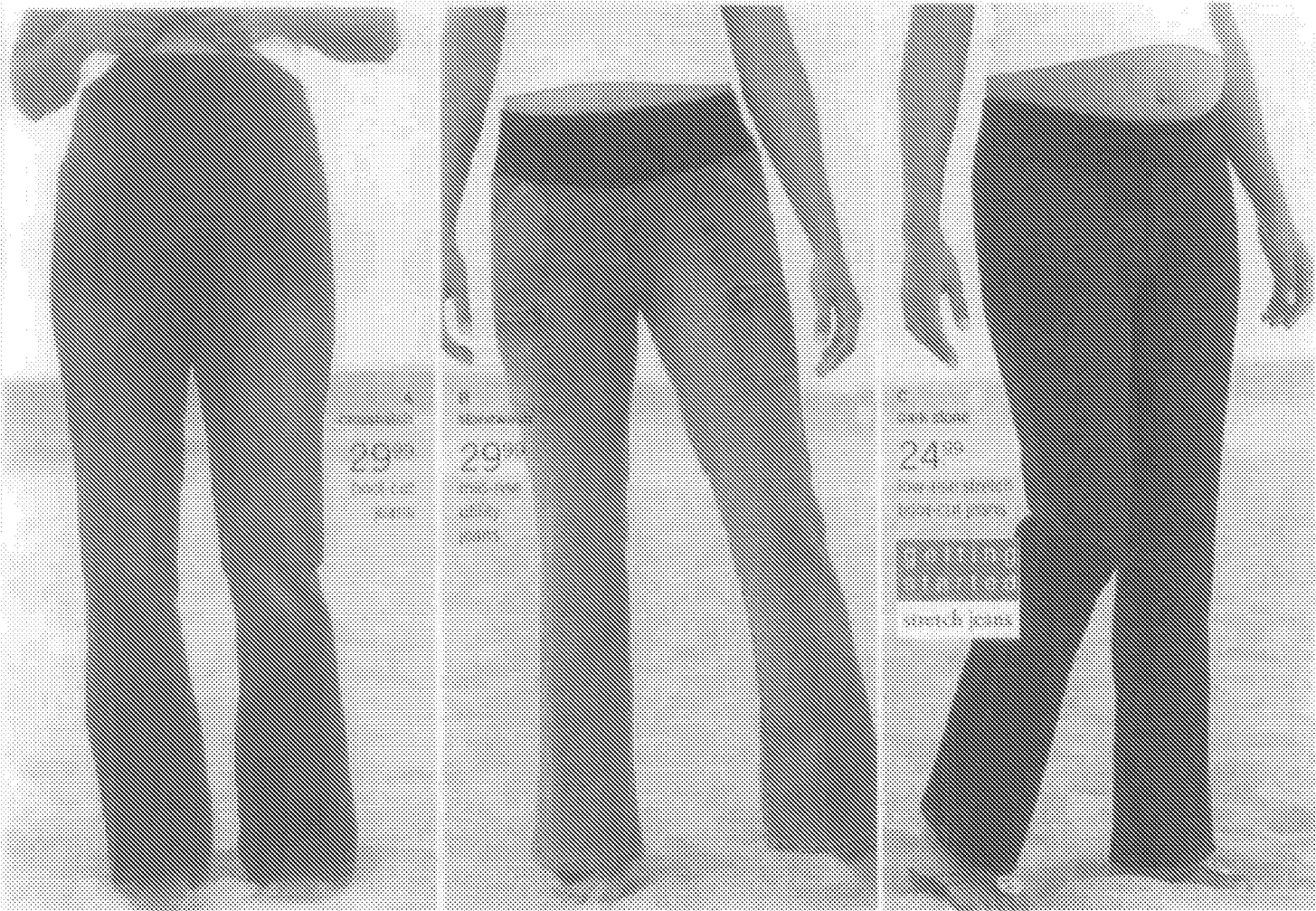
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Men's 29", 30", 32", Women's 31".

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Women 128x-200"	US 285-2813	34.99
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Men's 6-16	US 285-2816	34.99
Women 128x-200"	US 285-2817	34.99

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In conversation denim and chinos built. Easy pull-on style with wide elastic waistband and contemporary panel. Front zip pocket. Washable. Inseam: Misses 31", "Date On" Women's 31".

Stretch: Cotton/polyester/spandex. Made in USA of imported fabric.

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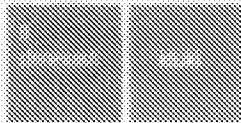
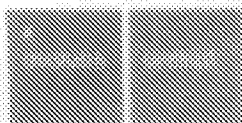
The style you wore before you were expecting. One with an all-around elastic waist and contemporary low-rise panel for a comfortable fit. Cotton/polyester. Washable. USA Inseam 31". Dark denim. Wash: Misses 3-16, US 285-2014.

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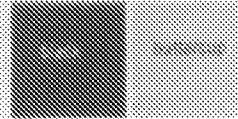
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Knit top has flat back  
of two shades in color.

**A. DOUBLE LAYERED RICHENED TEE**

Double-knit top shows top is reinforced by an attached flat back section. Cotton. Machine wash, dry flat. USA.

Miss, short-sleeved  
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Womens 1X-3X VP 285-0619 23.99



**B. RICHENED-KNIT CAPRI**

Directed front shows zip closure over an under only for two days-month wear. Elastic waist. Cotton/spandex.

Washable, USA. Misses: Misses 2X-3X  
Misses S-XL VP 285-2642  
Org. 22 now 21.99  
Womens 1X-3X VP 285-2643  
Org. 22 now 21.99

**C. FOLD-OVER CAPRI**

Flared waist for comfortable wear throughout the changing months. Cotton/spandex. Washable, USA.

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Womens 1X-3X VP 285-2645  
Org. 22 now 21.99

**D. SHINY PARENT TOTE**

Parent Tote with extra dot lining. Toddler bag handles. Can phone pocket. Machine wash. Dry with proper detergent and hot ironing. Easy bag for your parent. Use flat as bottom. No glue. Imported from China. Cotton/spandex. Miss. Misses:

VP 285-0606 28.00  
VP 285-0607

**E. KNIT TOP**

Two-tone hands and straps for attention. Flattering knit detail at bodice.

Cotton/spandex. Washable, USA. Color, white, aqua.  
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Womens 1X-3X VP 285-0616 23.99

**F. CRINKLE TOP**

Scrunchneck with a fluted sleeve has flat back. Soft-touch-edge hem and side slit. Polyester/cotton/spandex. Machine wash, line dry. Imported from China.

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**G. PRINT HALTER TOP**

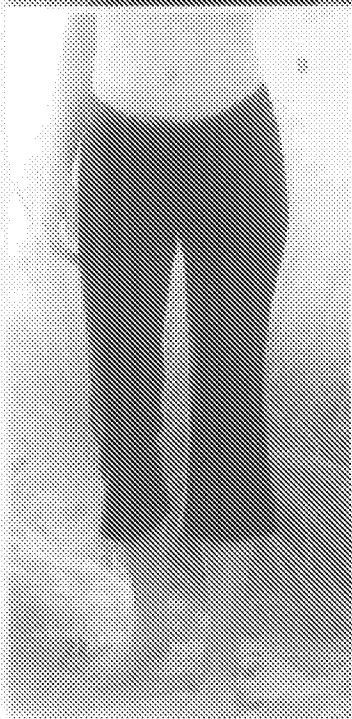
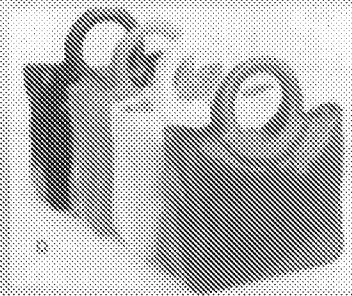
Same wash print empire bodice has back neck tie for "just right" adjustment. Polyester/spandex. Washable, Made in USA of imported fabric. Pink print.

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**H. ZIP-FRONT RICHENED TOP**

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Richened knit capri



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**B. NO-WAIST PANTS**

Hidden belt elastic waist carries over the body to distract coverage and all-day comfort. A touch of stretch moves with you and maintains a crisp look throughout the day. Backed legs offer a more contemporary fit. Polyester/cotton/polyester. Washable. USA of imported fabric. 11" inseam.  
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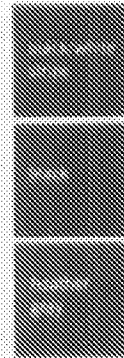
**C. OFF THE SHOULDER TOP**

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**D. FLOWER PRINT SKIRT**

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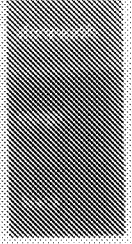
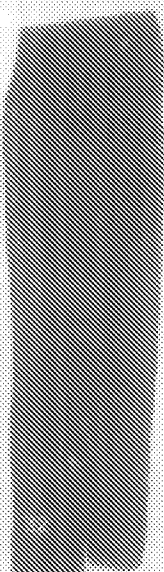
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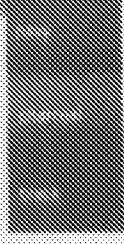
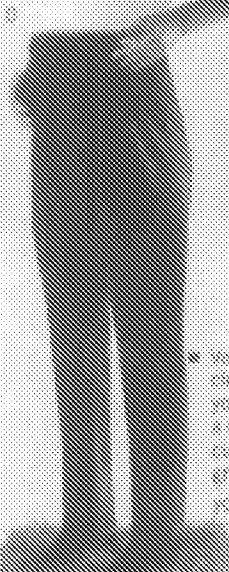
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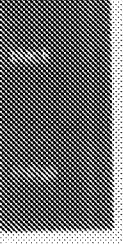
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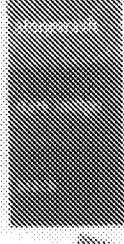
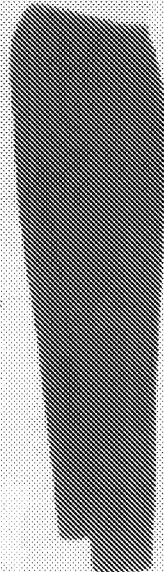
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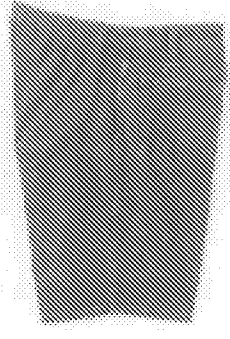
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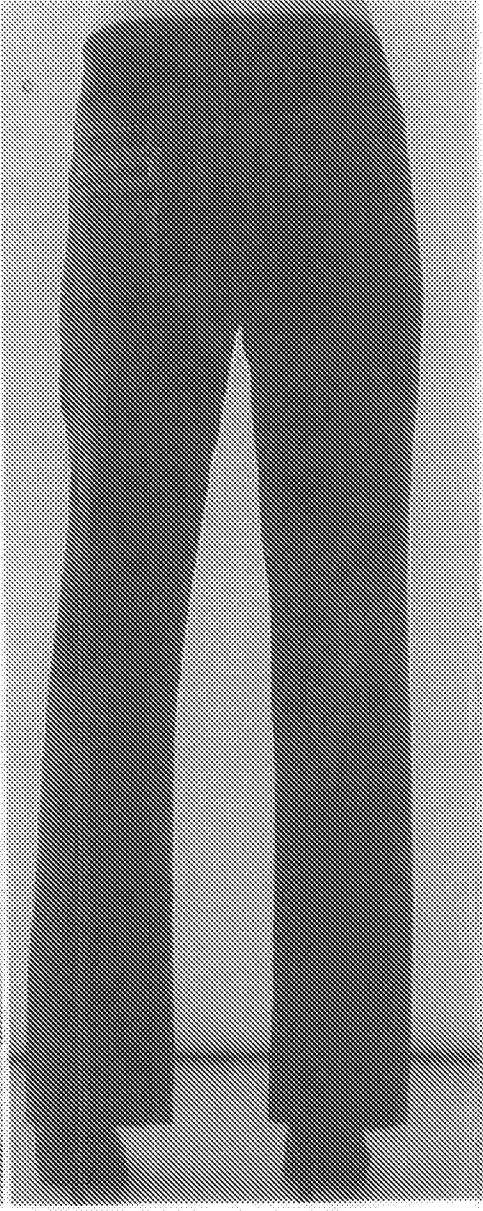
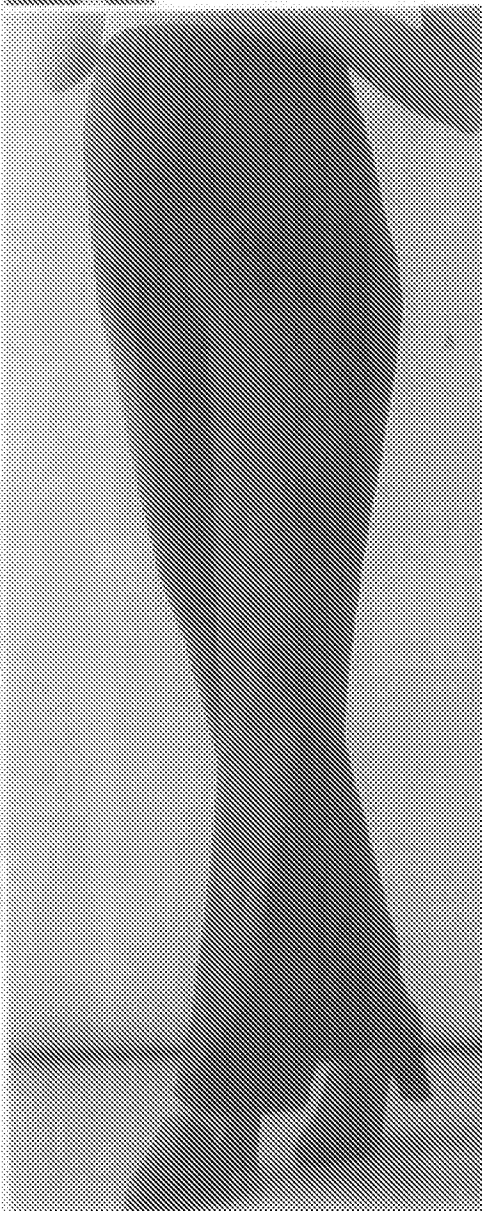
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Five-pocket styling with stretch for all-day comfort. Embroidered back pockets. Elastic underbelly waistband with hidden adjustable drawcord. Fabric by Undergarments. Machine. Made in USA or imported of domestic fabric. Machine. Average 31W, Inseam 29W, Leg 14.5". Women's 29™. Clean wash.

Average Size	05 265-2900	29.99
Size 29	05 265-2907	29.99
Leg 14.5"	05 265-2934	34.99
Women's 29™	05 265-2937	34.99

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Straight-leg jeans with low rise under the belly waistband. Front and back welt pockets. Cotton/polyester/spandex. Washable. Imported. Machine. Women's 29™, Inseam 29W, Leg 14.5". Stone bleach.

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### 6. FOLD-OVER WAIST JEANS 28

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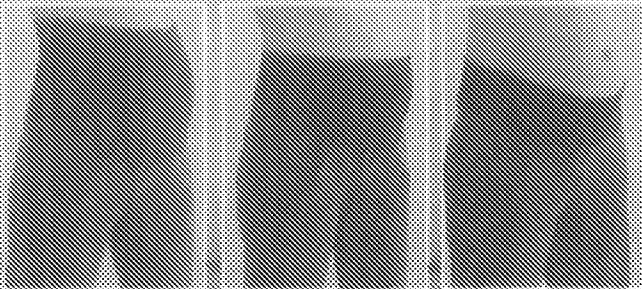
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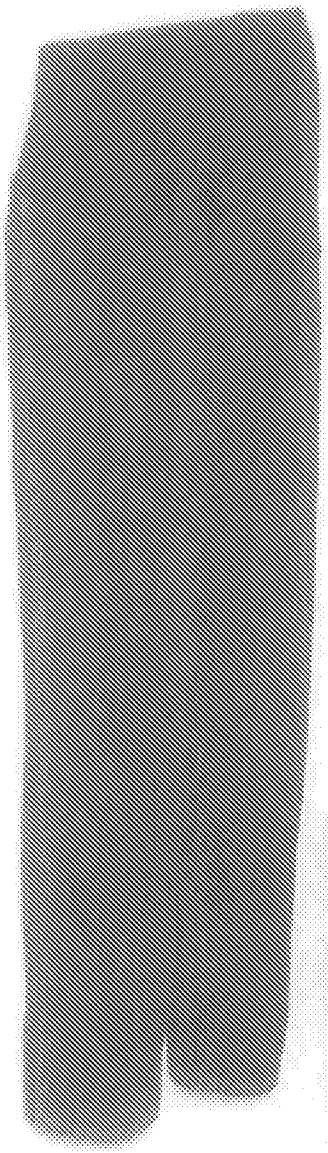


1. Fold-over waist panels stretch to ease their fit, leaving nothing and extra post-pregnancy fat lines behind. 2. Soft stretch-cotton with two side pockets. 3. Fold-over waist panels stretch to ease their fit, leaving nothing and extra post-pregnancy fat lines behind.

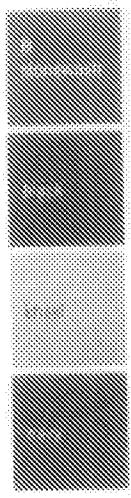
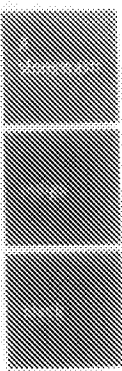
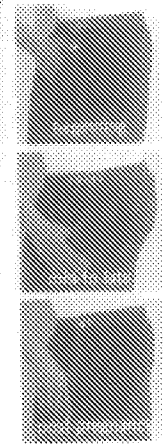
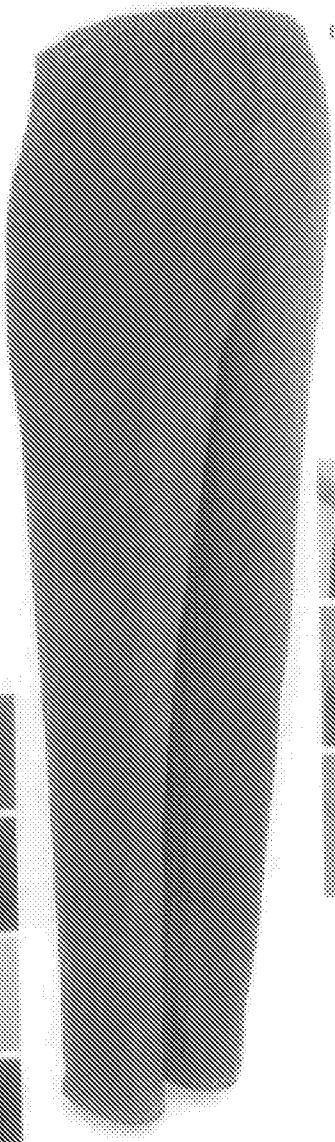
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## A. STRETCH-PANEL JEANS

Stretch-panel jeans. Full tummy panel. Features an all-around stretch-panel for comfort. Straight leg. Washable. 100% cotton. Machine washable. Imported. Sizes: 28-32, women's 28-32.

Women's 28-32	05 285 2133	28.99
Women's 32-36	05 285 2132	24.99

Color options shown only when available.

## B. SNAP-TO-FIT PANTS

Ultra-comfortable no-iron fabric with elastic waist. Colors: Washable. USA. Imported. Women's 28-32. Pants 28", Waist 32". Women's 28-32.

Women's 28-32	05 285 2178	28.00
Women's 32-36	05 285 2188	28.00
Women's 36-40	05 285 2187	34.00
Women's 40-44	05 285 2185	34.00

Color: Black, Navy, Grey

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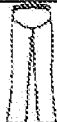
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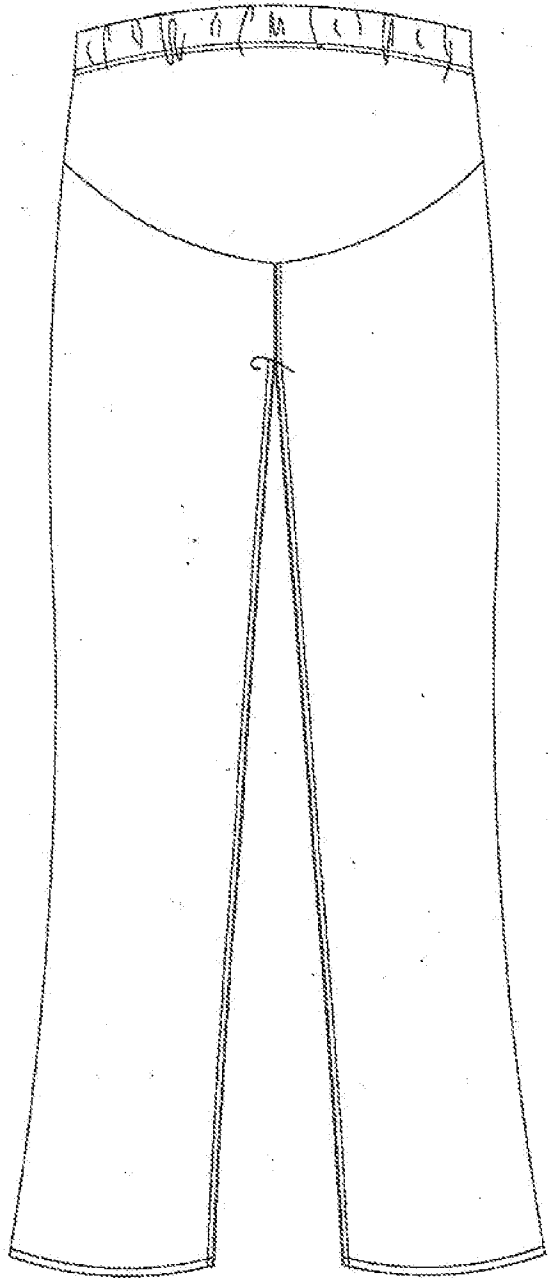
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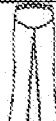
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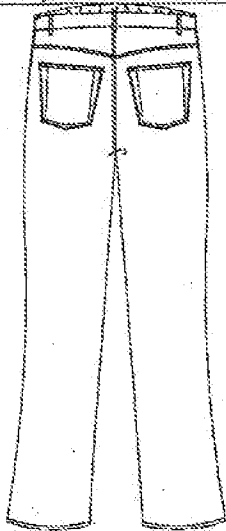
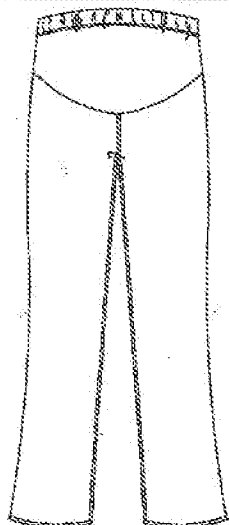


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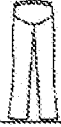


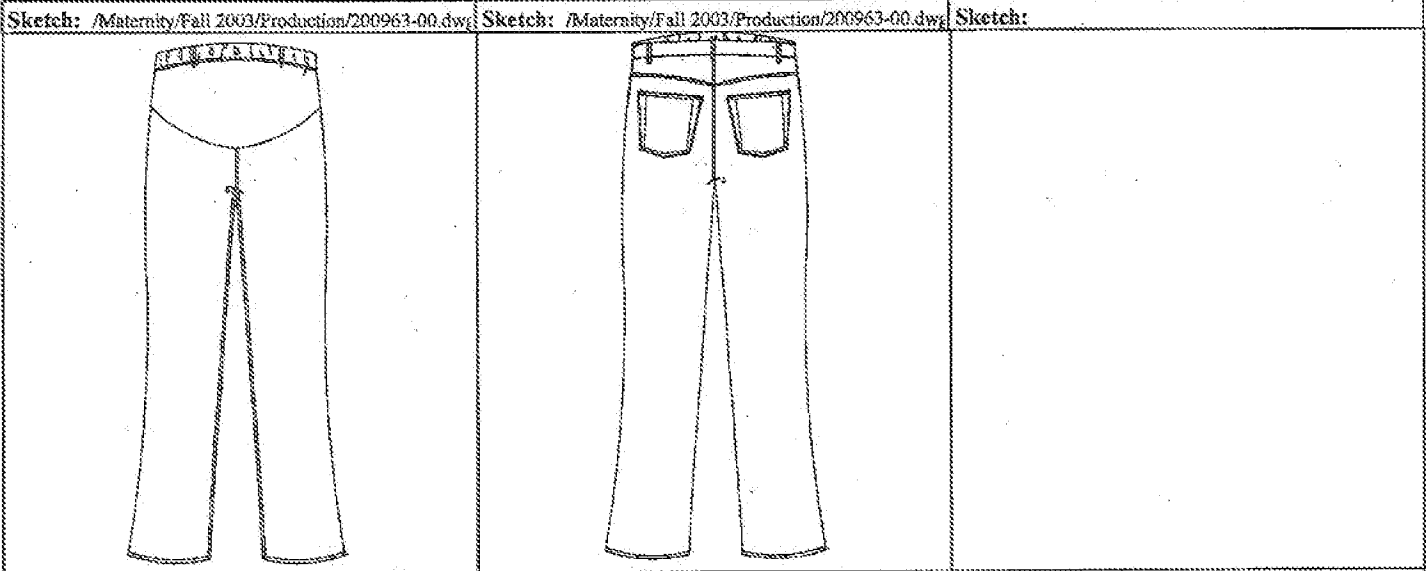
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Product Type: Old Navy Woven Bottoms	Measurement Type: Finished Garment Measurements

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E113	Panel Height at Side Seam frm Top Edge-Mat	1/4	1/4		0	0	2 1/2	0	0	0	

Production

Calculated Measurement (2)

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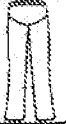


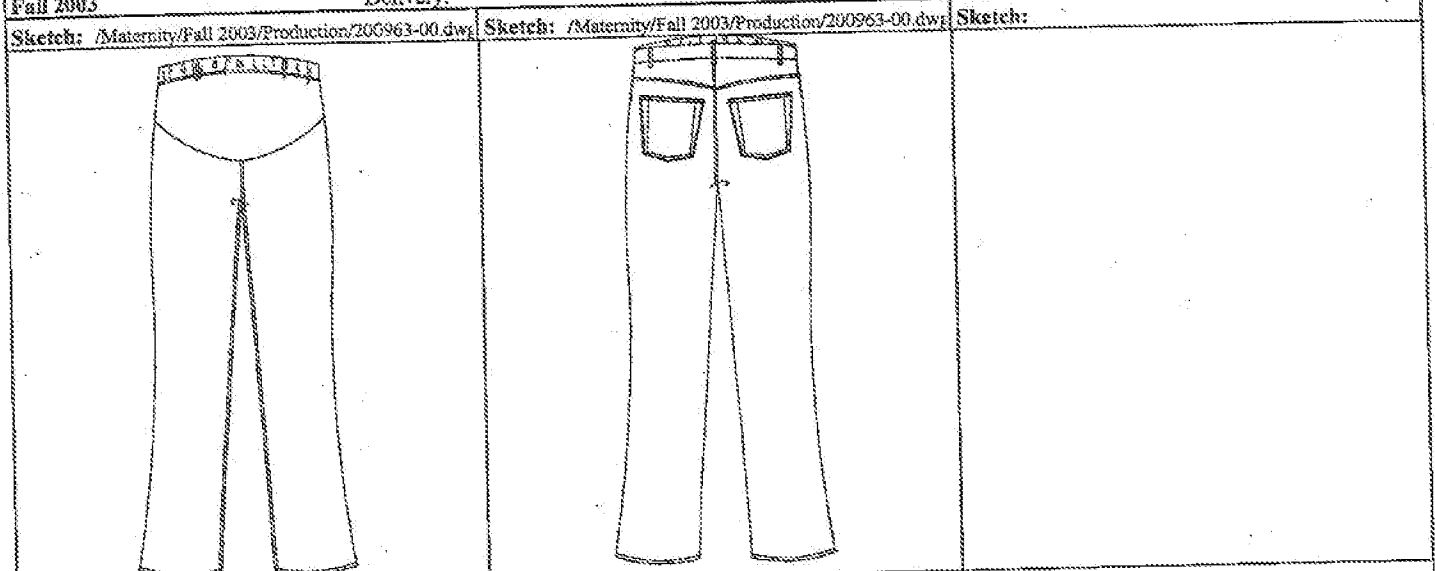
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Size Range: XS-XL	UOM: Inch
Product Type: Old Navy Woven Bottoms	Measurement Type: Finished Garment Measurements

POM	DESCRIPTION	TOL (+)	TOL (-)	XS	S	N	L	XL
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E112	*Panel Height at CF from Top Edge-Maternity	1/4	1/4	8 3/4	9 1/8	9 1/2	9 7/8	10 1/4
E113	Panel Height at Side Seam from Top Edge-Mat	1/4	1/4	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2

**Measurement Verification (2) - 1st Fit**

<b>Production</b> Old_Navy Womens Maternity Fall 2003	Style #: 200963-00 Pattern #: 200963 NY Design # GPM03M Delivery:	Description: BOOTCUT JEAN W/ PANEL NON-STRETCH Date Created: Dec 27-2002 Date Modified: Nov 17-2003	
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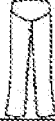


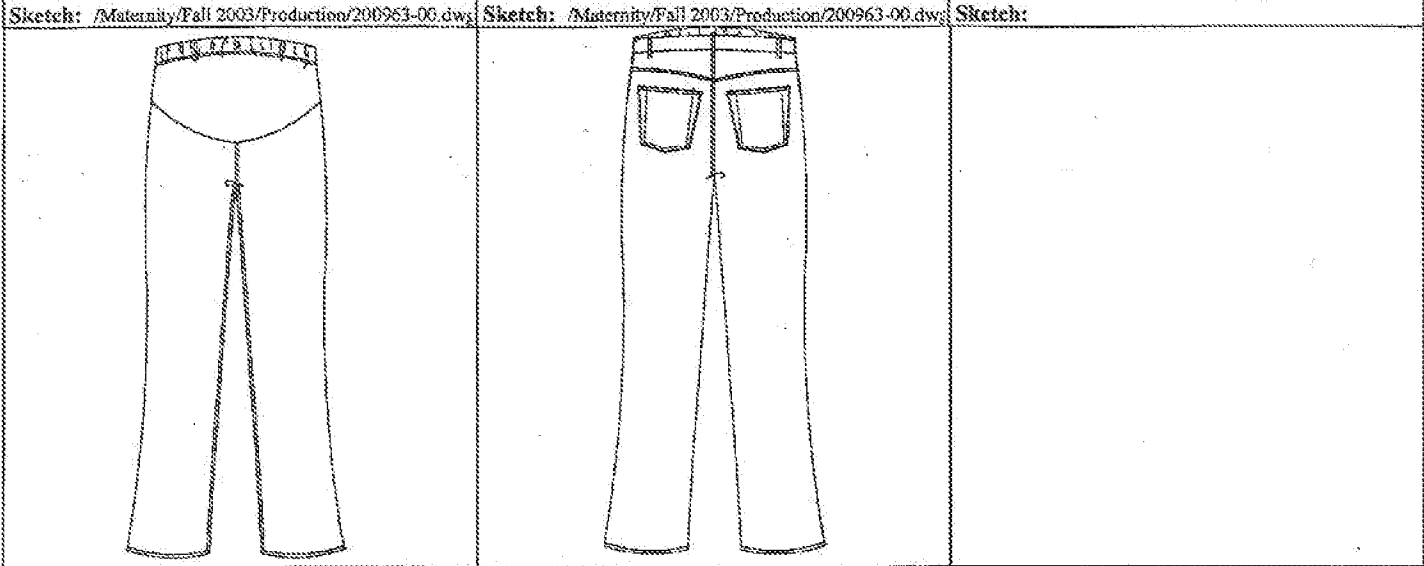
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 Product Type: Old Navy Woven Bottoms      Measurement Type: Finished Garment Measurements

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E113	Panel Height at Side Seam from Top Edge-Mat	1/4	1/4	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2



**Measurement Verification (2) - 1st Fit**

<b>Production</b> Old_Navy Womens Maternity Fall 2003	Style #: 200963-00 Pattern #: 200963 NY Design # GPM03M Delivery:	Description: BOOTCUT JEAN W/PANEL NON-STRETCH Date Created: Dec 27-2002 Date Modified: Nov 17-2003	
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Size Class: Old Navy Women's Alpha	Sample Size: M
Size Range: XS-XL	UOM: Inch
Product Type: Old Navy Woven Bottoms	Measurement Type: Finished Garment Measurements

POM	DESCRIPTION	TOL (+)	TOL (-)	XL
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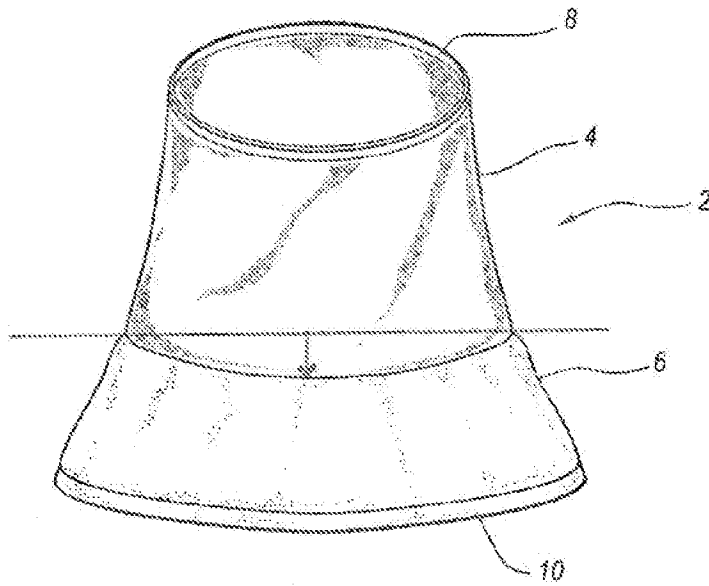


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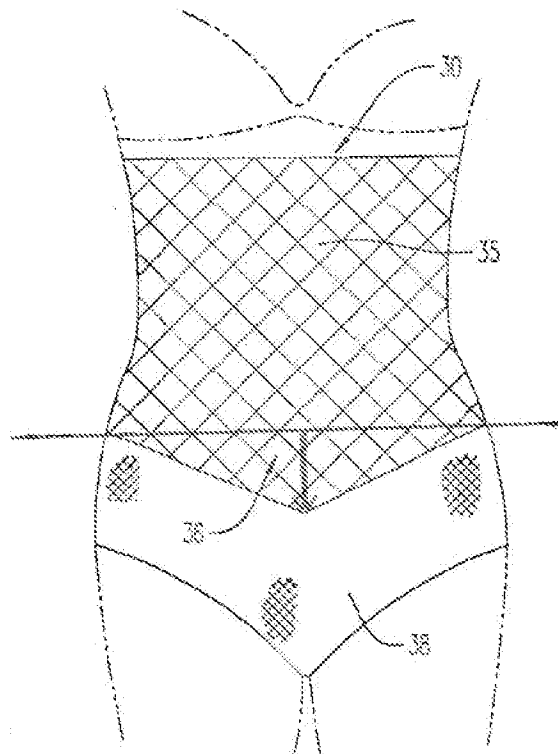
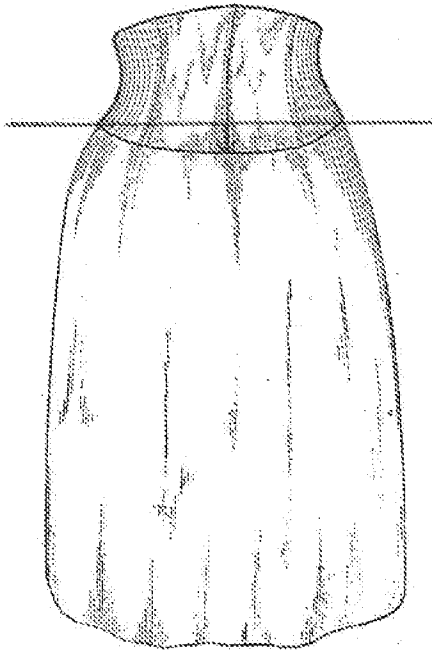
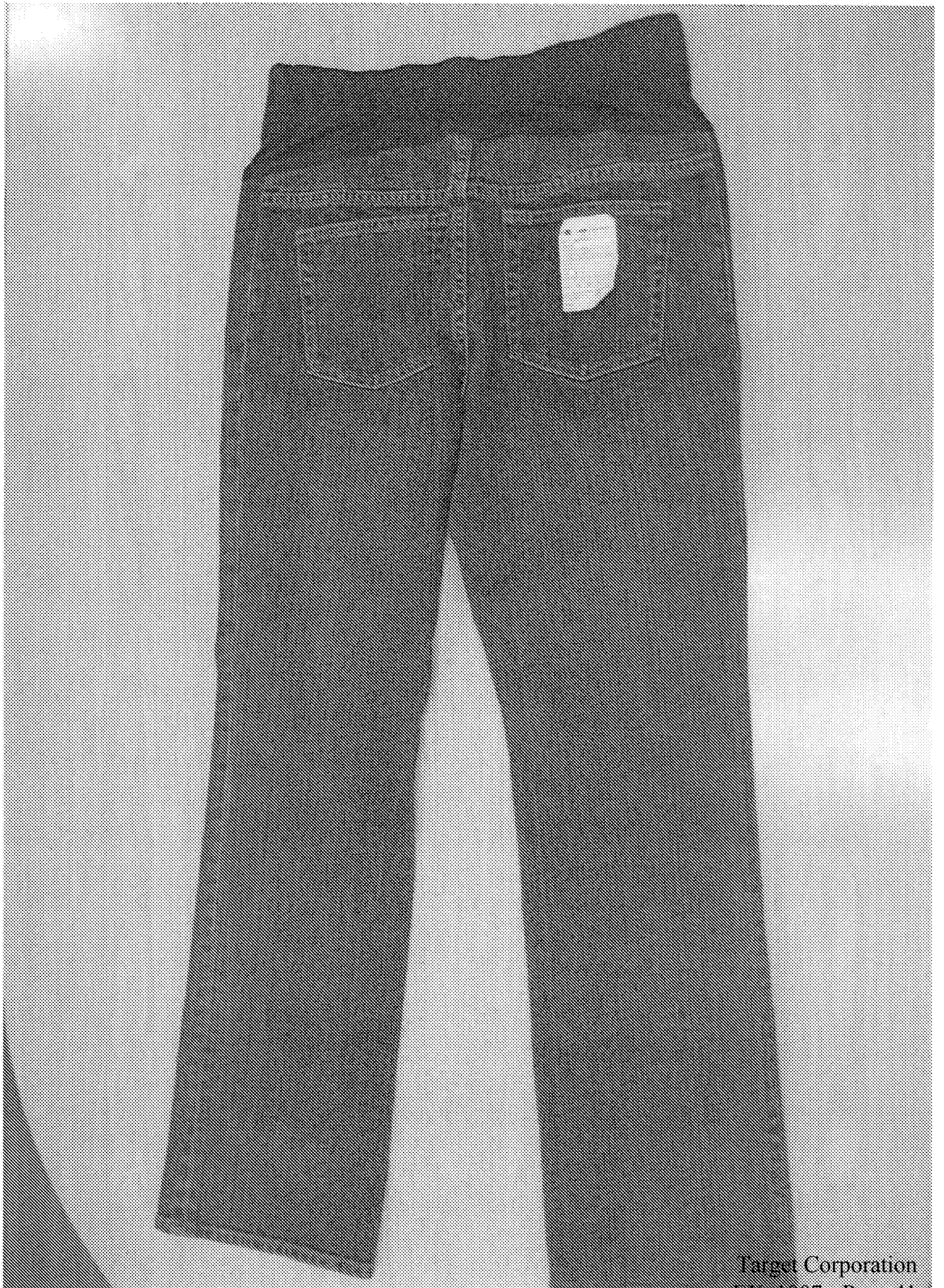


FIG. 3

*Fig. 1.*









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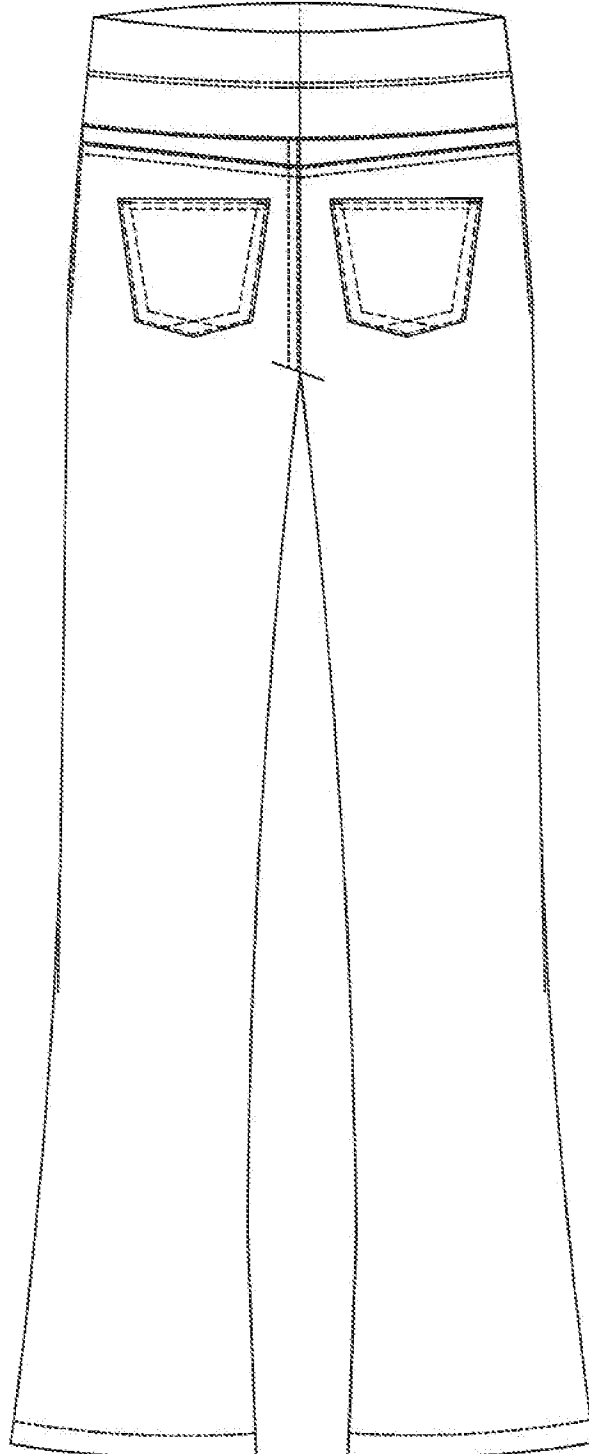
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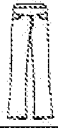
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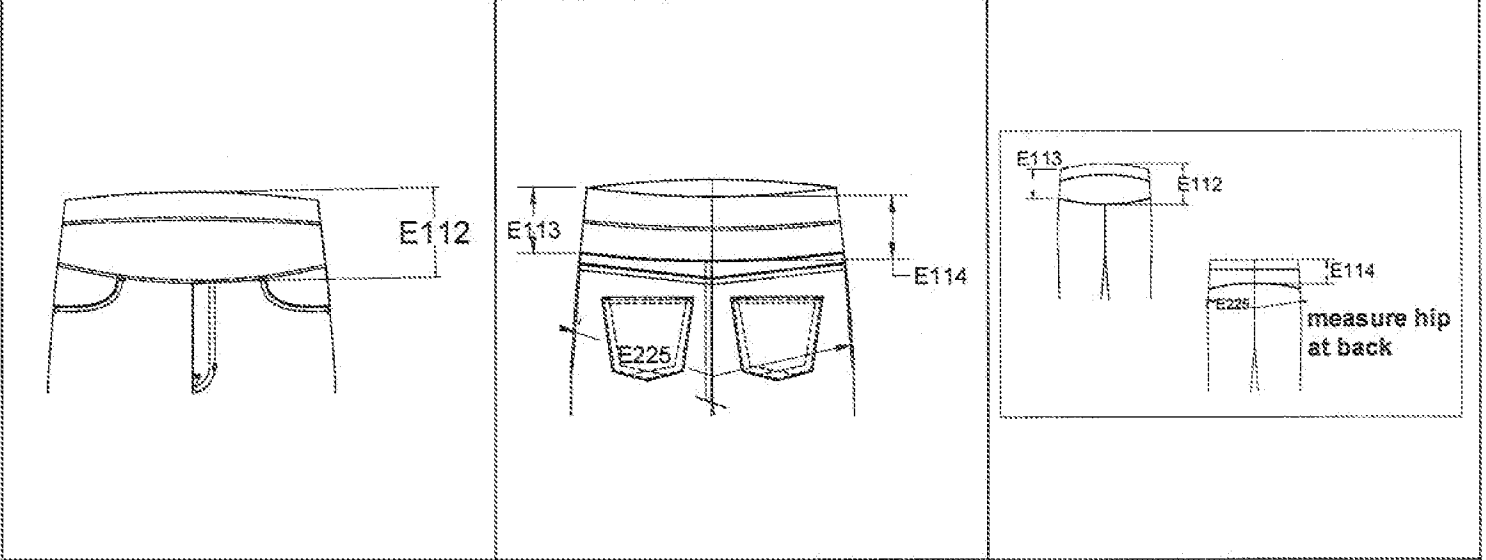


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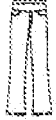


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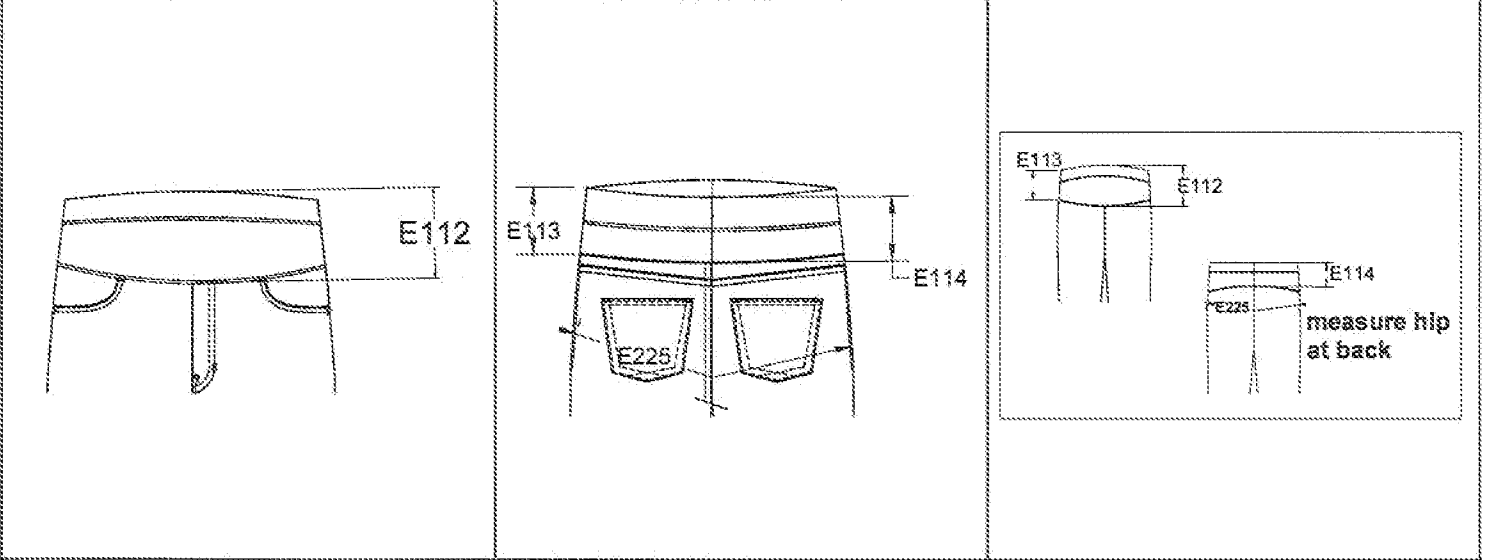
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E113	*Panel Height at SS from Top Edge	1/4	1/4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 1/2	0
E114	*Panel Height at CB from Top Edge	1/4	1/4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 1/4	0

**Measurement WorkSheet (2)**

<b>Production</b>	<b>Gap</b>	<b>Style #:</b> 376586	<b>Description:</b> FULL PANEL LONG AND LEAN	
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<b>Denim</b>		<b>NY Design #</b> TGD515F4	<b>Date Created:</b> Jul 29-2005	
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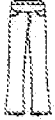
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Production

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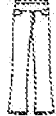
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E113	*Panel Height at SS from Top Edge	1/4	1/4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
E114	*Panel Height at CB from Top Edge	1/4	1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4

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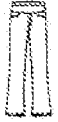
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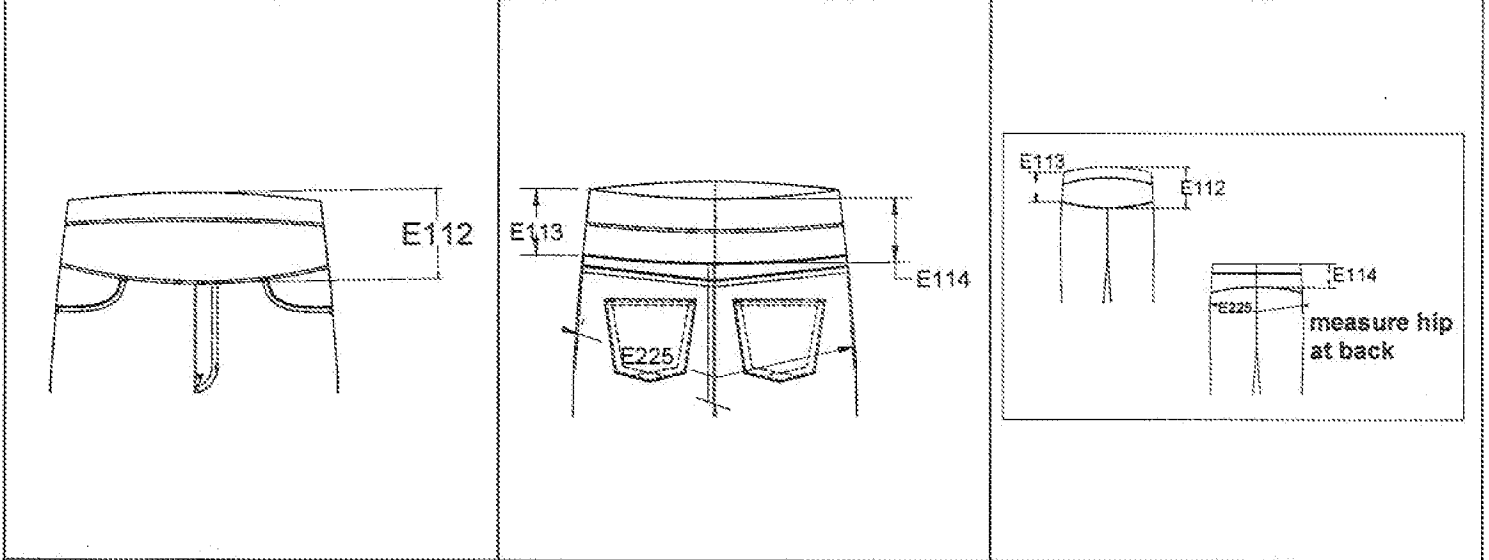
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Production

**Measurement Verification (2) - 1st Fit**

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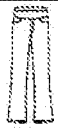


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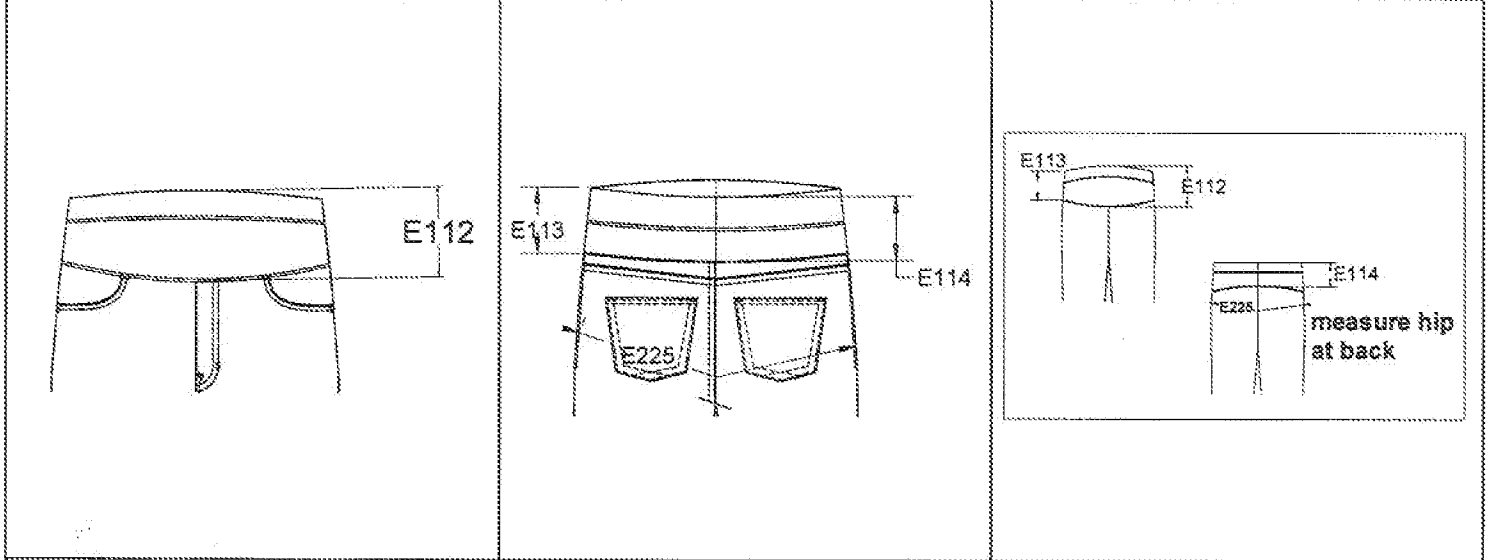
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Production **Measurement Verification (2) - 1st Fit**

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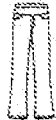
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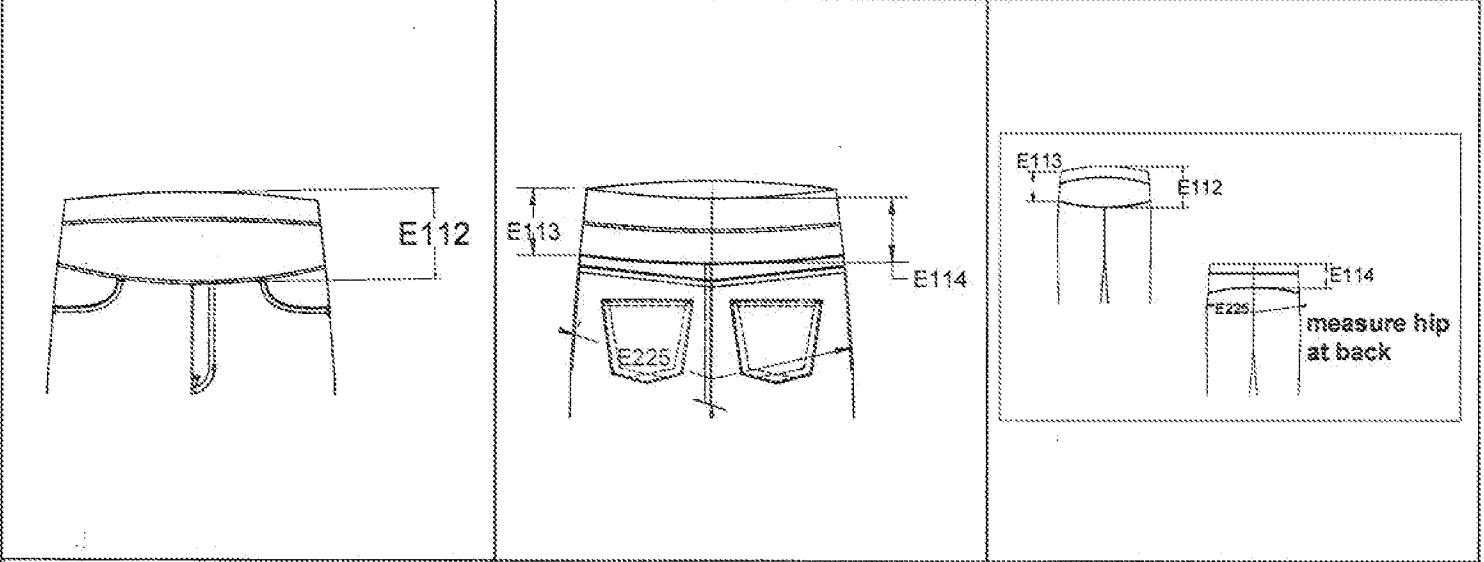


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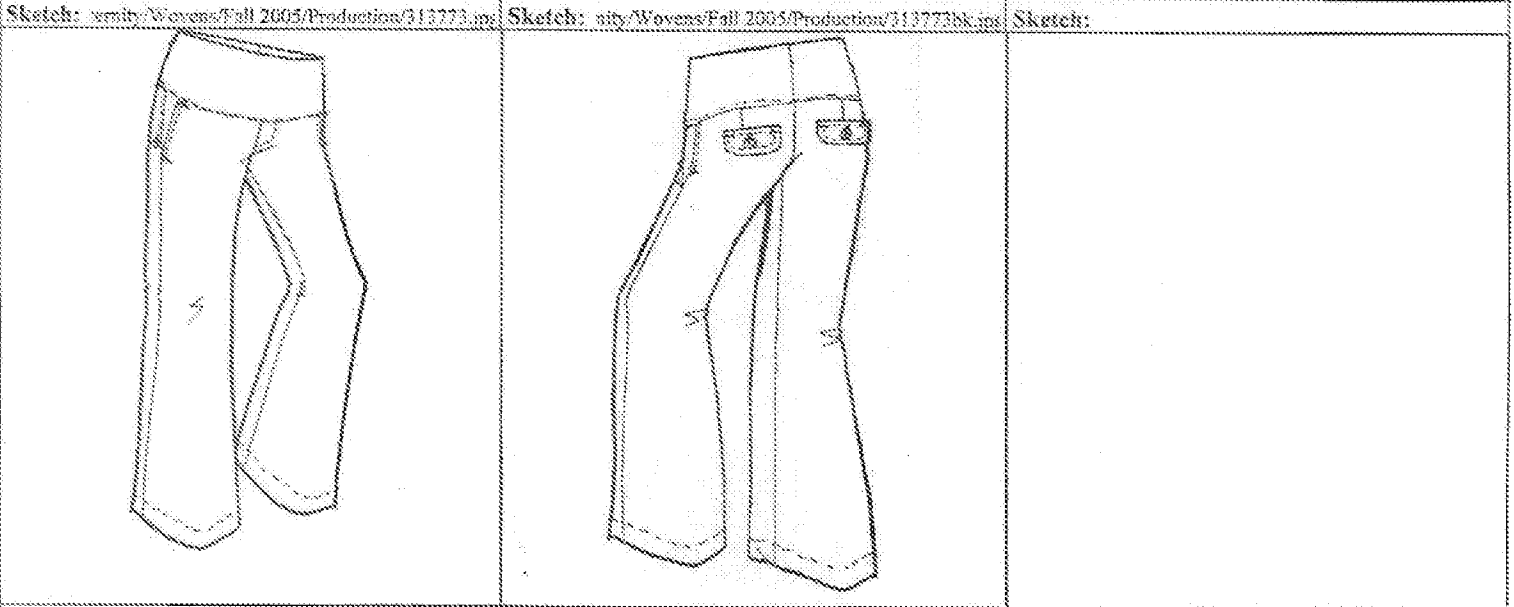
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Production

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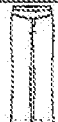
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Product Type: Gap Woven Bottoms	Measurement Type: Finished Garment Measurements

POM	DESCRIPTION	TOL (+)	TOL (-)	0	1	2	4	6	8	10	12
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E113	*Panel Height at Sideseam from Top Edge	1/4	1/4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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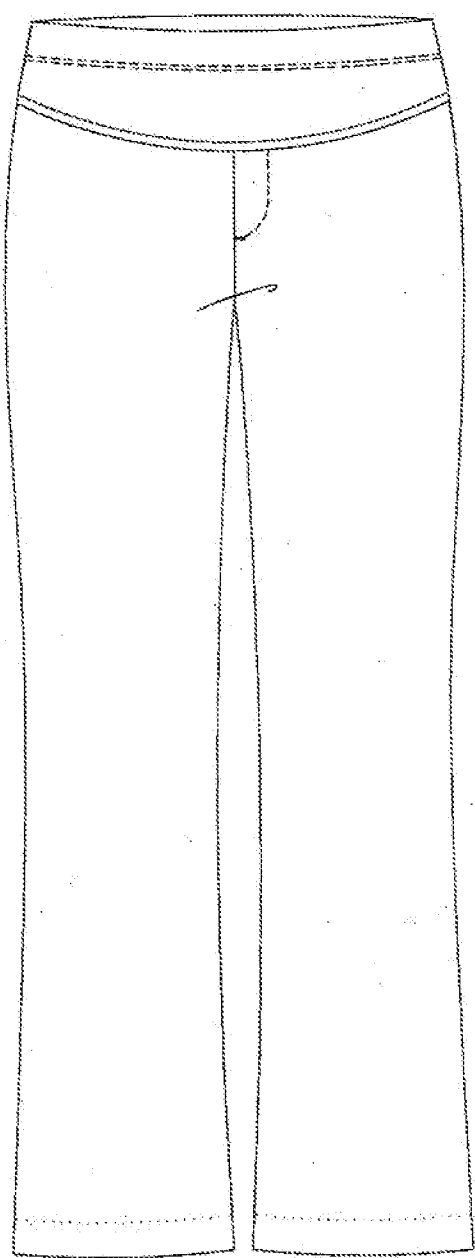
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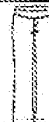
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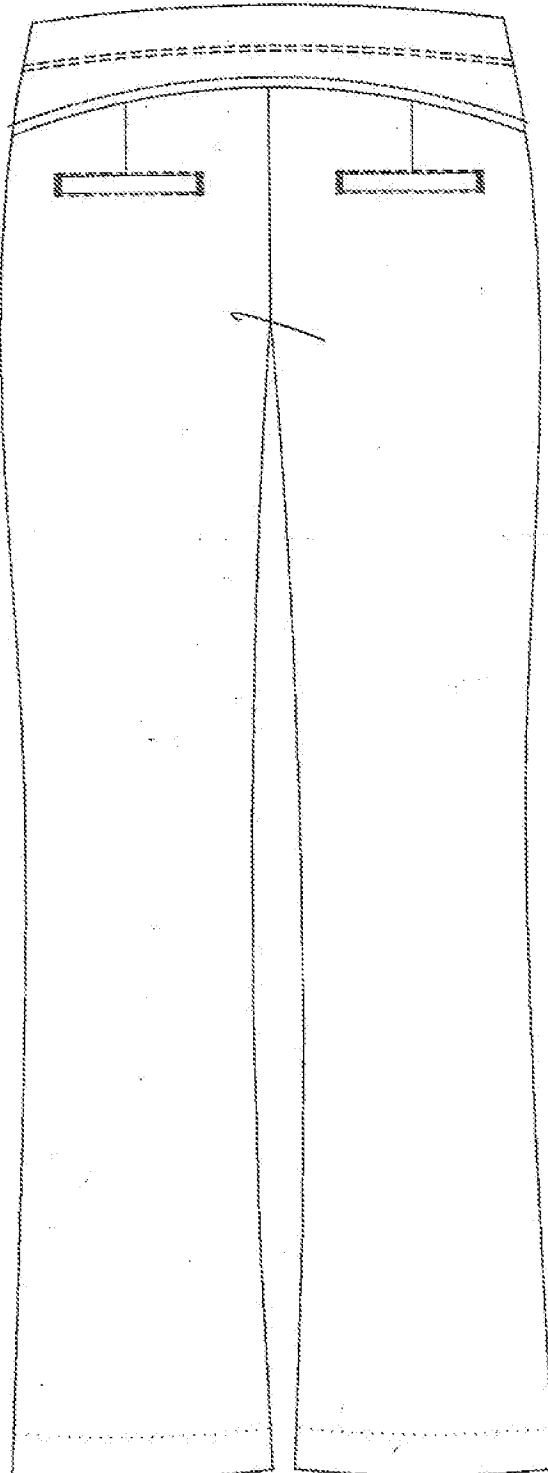
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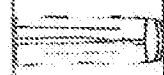
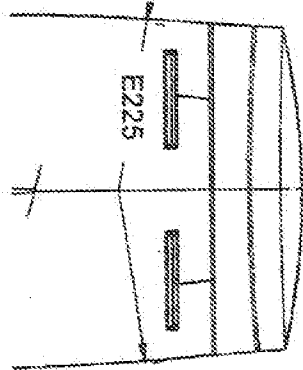
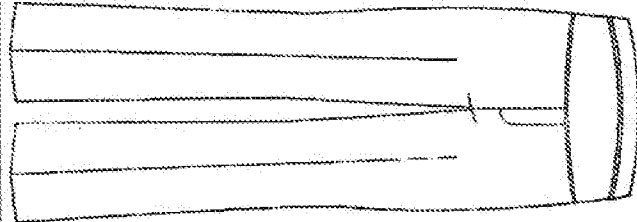
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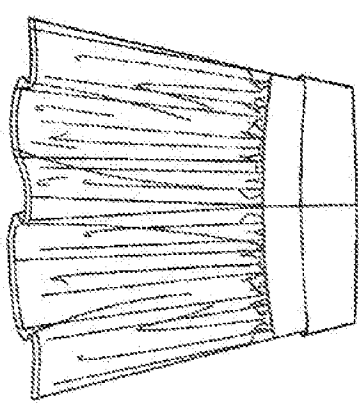
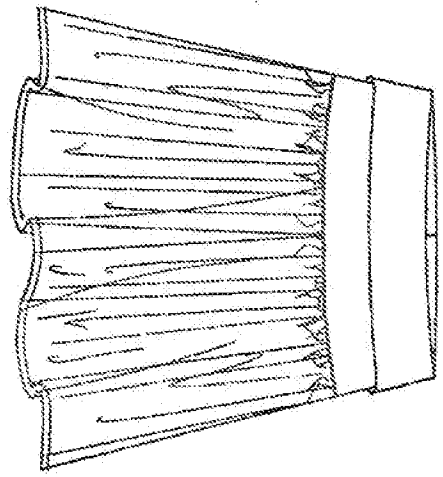
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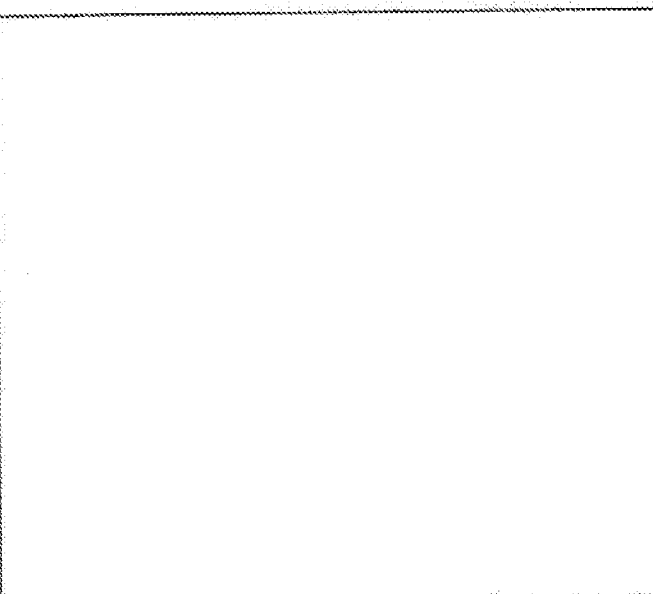
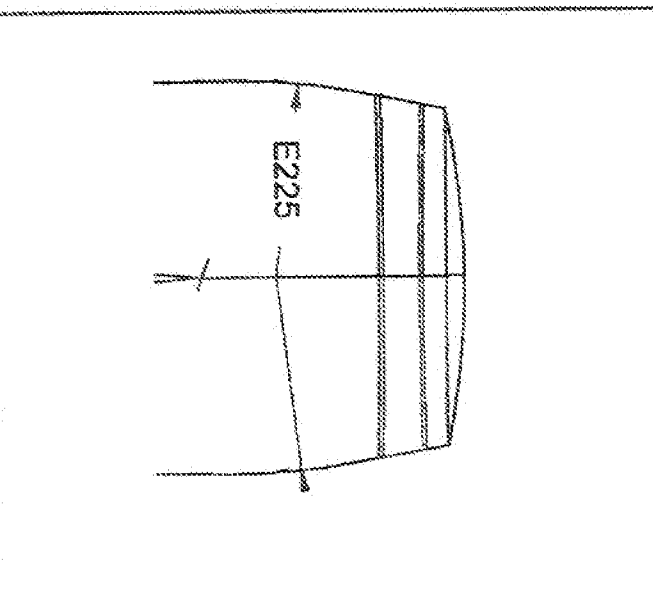
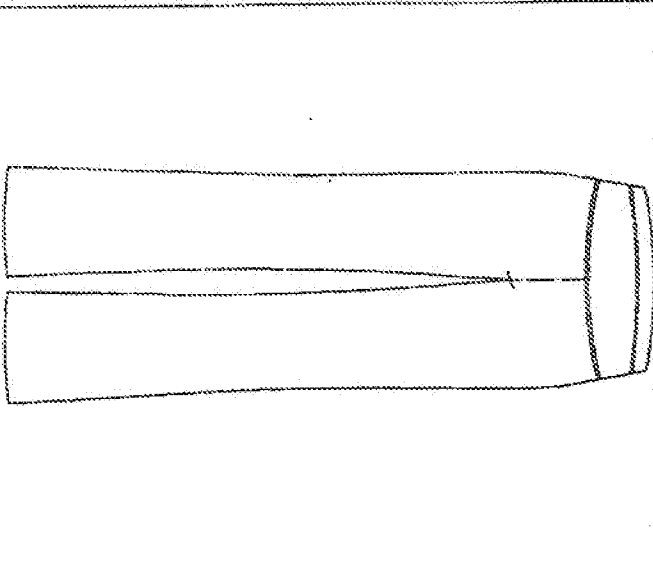
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REISSUE APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

The Applicants submit herewith the following documents in connection with the reissue application of Lisa A. Hendrickson, James H. Gardner, III and Richard Adelman entitled BELLY COVERING GARMENT:

- 1) a Preliminary Amendment;
- 2) an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each of the eight (8) non-US publications;
- 3) an executed Oath and Consent by Assignee to the Filing of the Reissue Application; and
- 6) a copy of the issued patent.

It is respectfully requested that a reissue patent be granted to Destination Maternity Corporation, which is the assignee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the reissue filing fee of \$1572.00 to deposit account 50-2719. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to the same account.

An early and favorable action on the merits of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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(54) **BELLY COVERING GARMENT**

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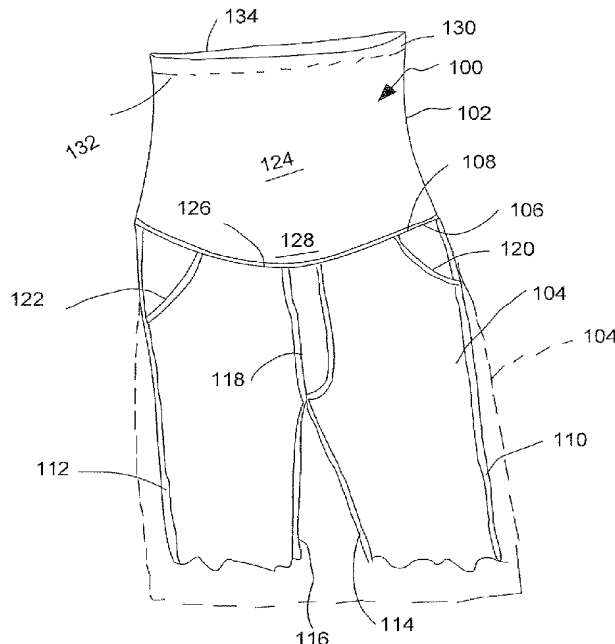
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a garment worn during different stages of pregnancy and different stages of postpartum body changes. A garment upper portion has a belly panel that is expandable to cover and fit over a growing abdomen during different stages of pregnancy, and a garment lower portion having a first torso encircling circumference that recedes downward to make way for expansion of the belly panel. The garment upper portion has a second torso encircling circumference to hold the garment up and in place over the torso.

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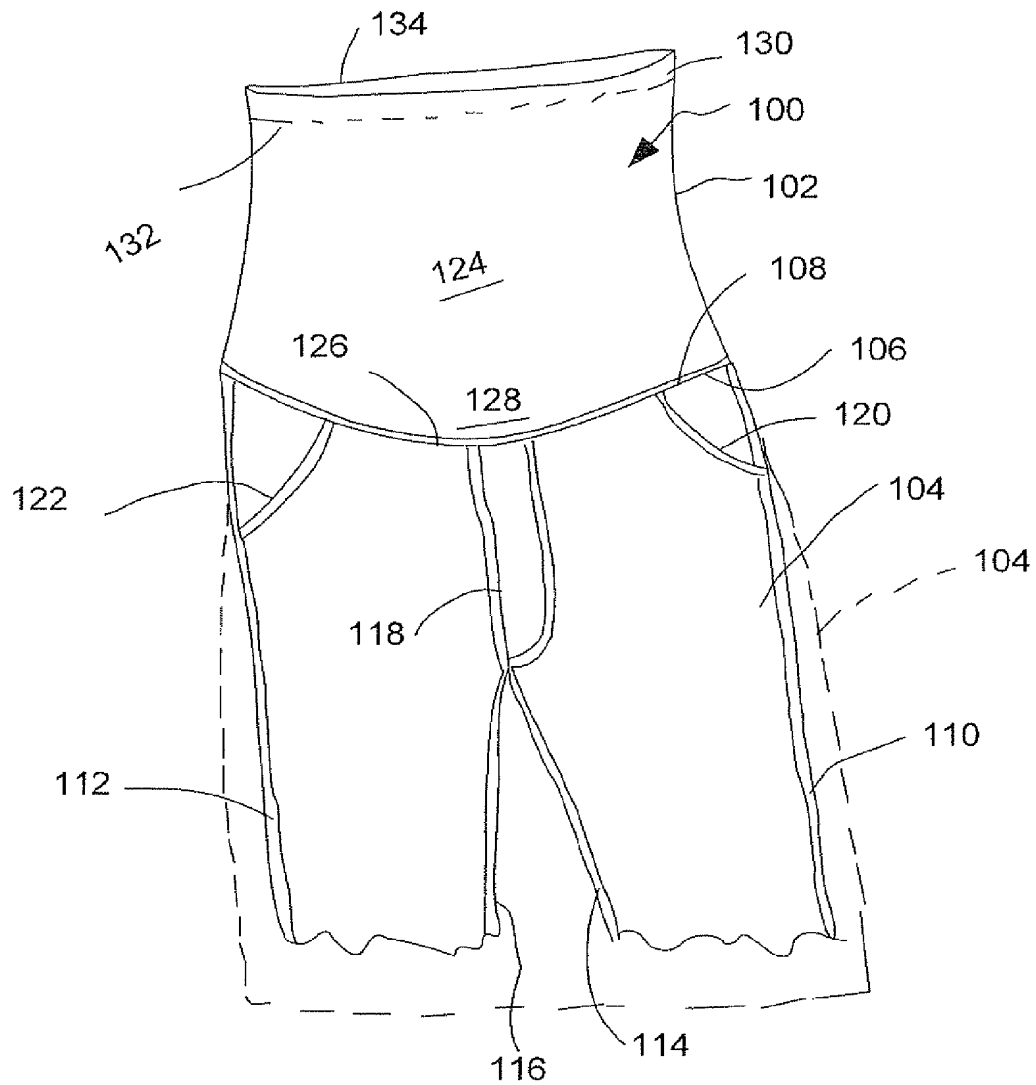


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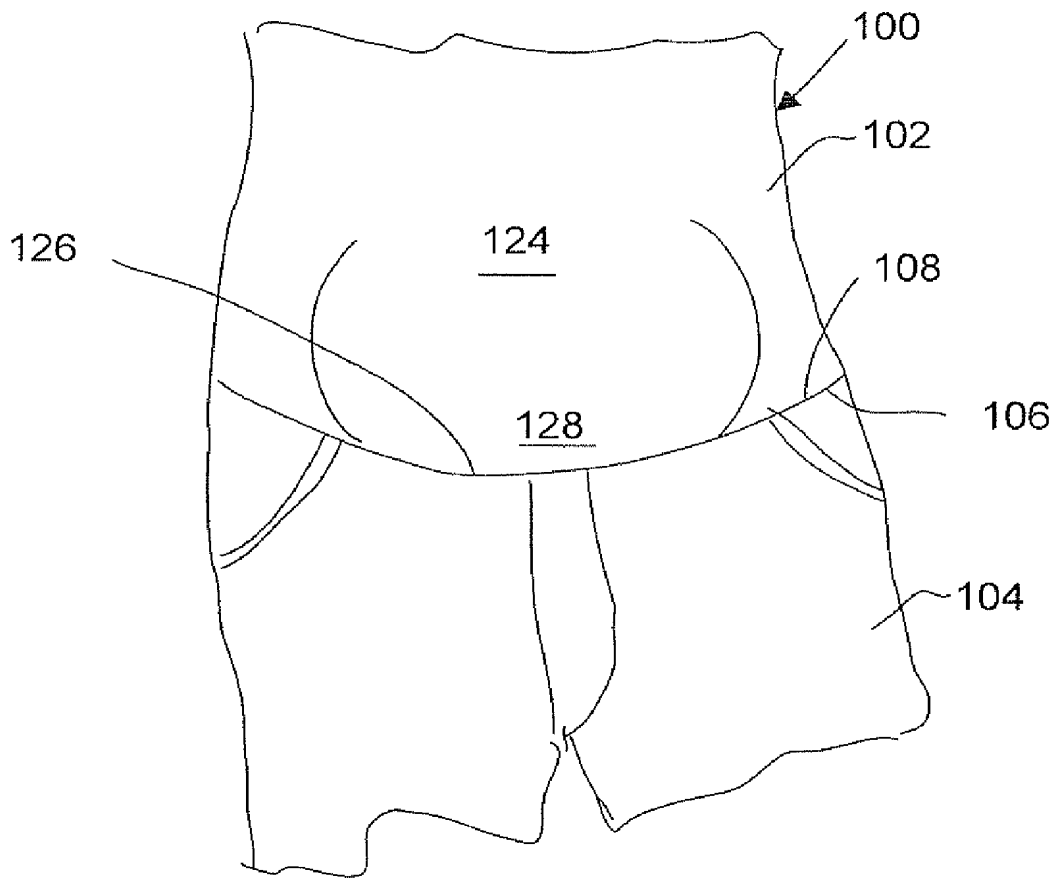


FIG. 1A

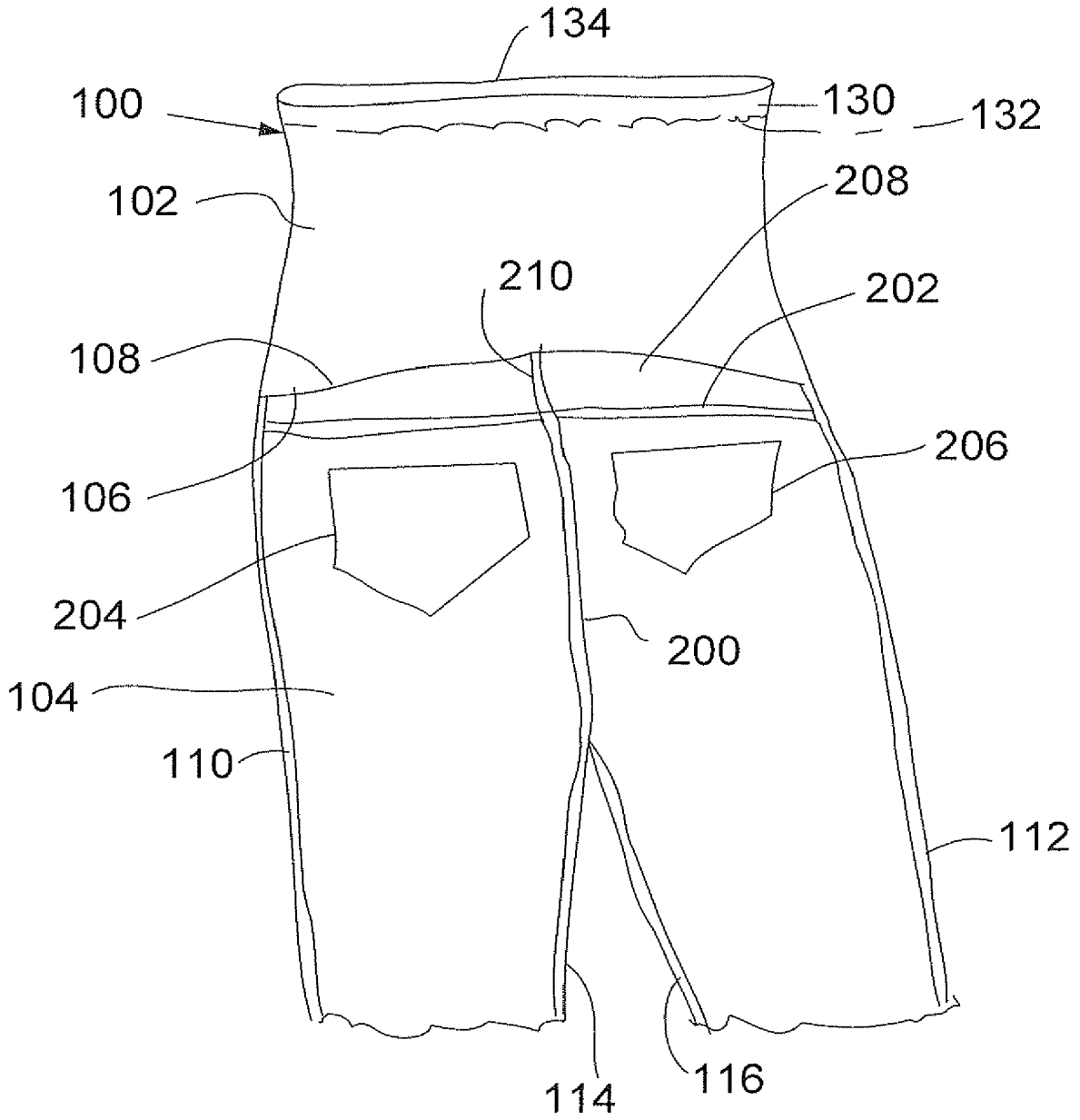


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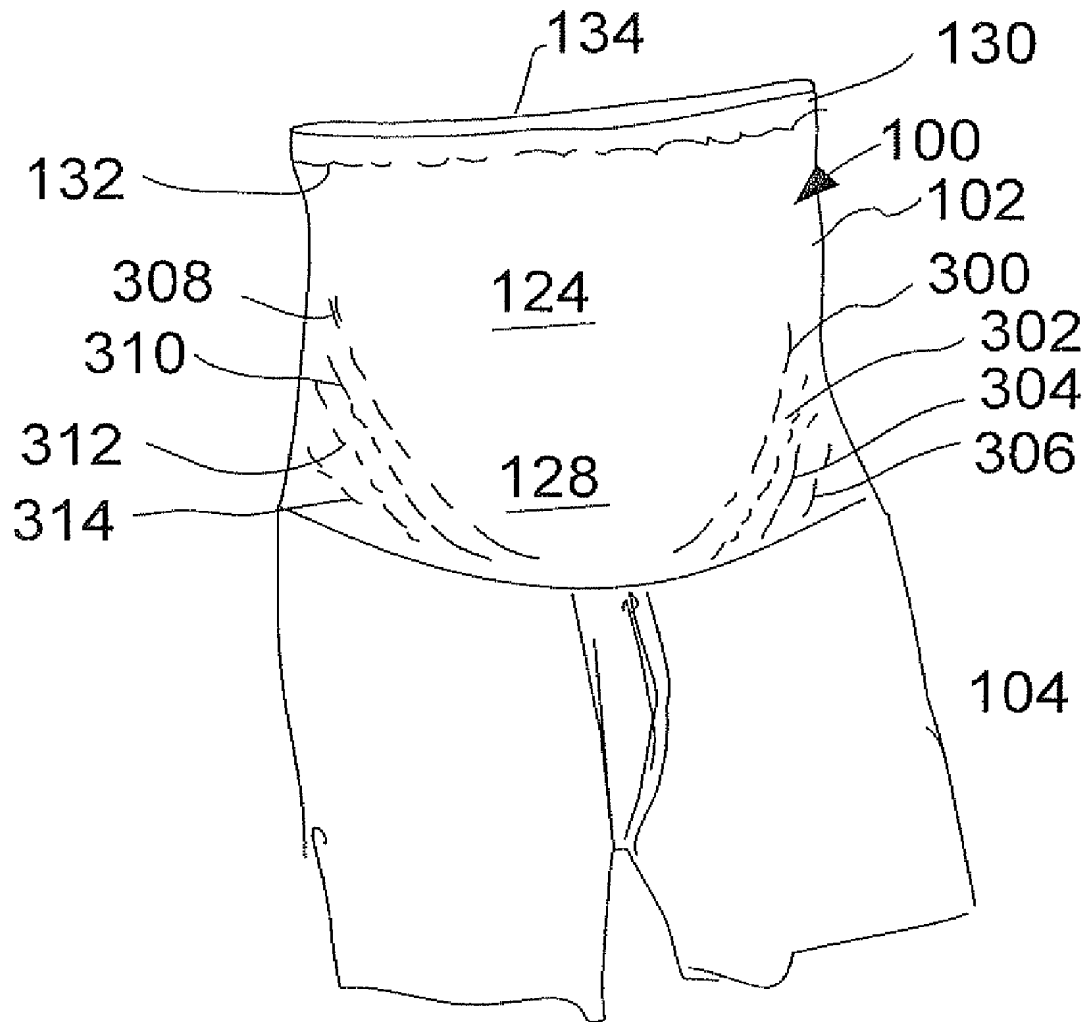


FIG. 3



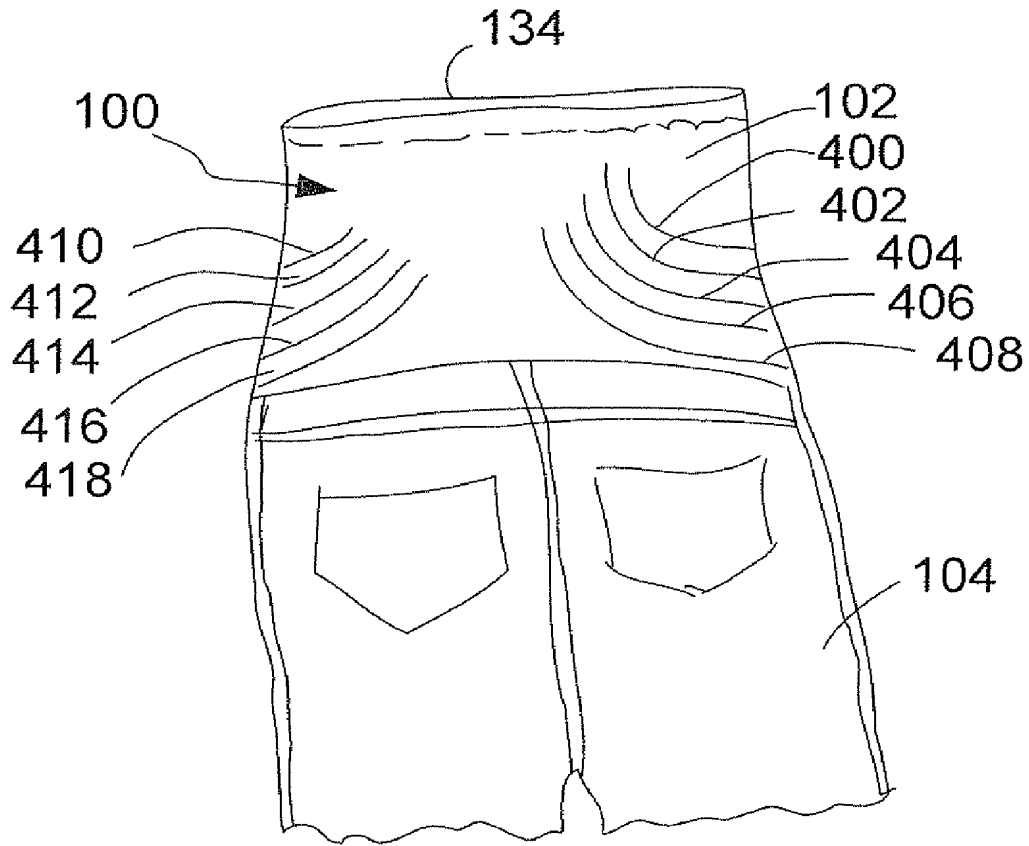


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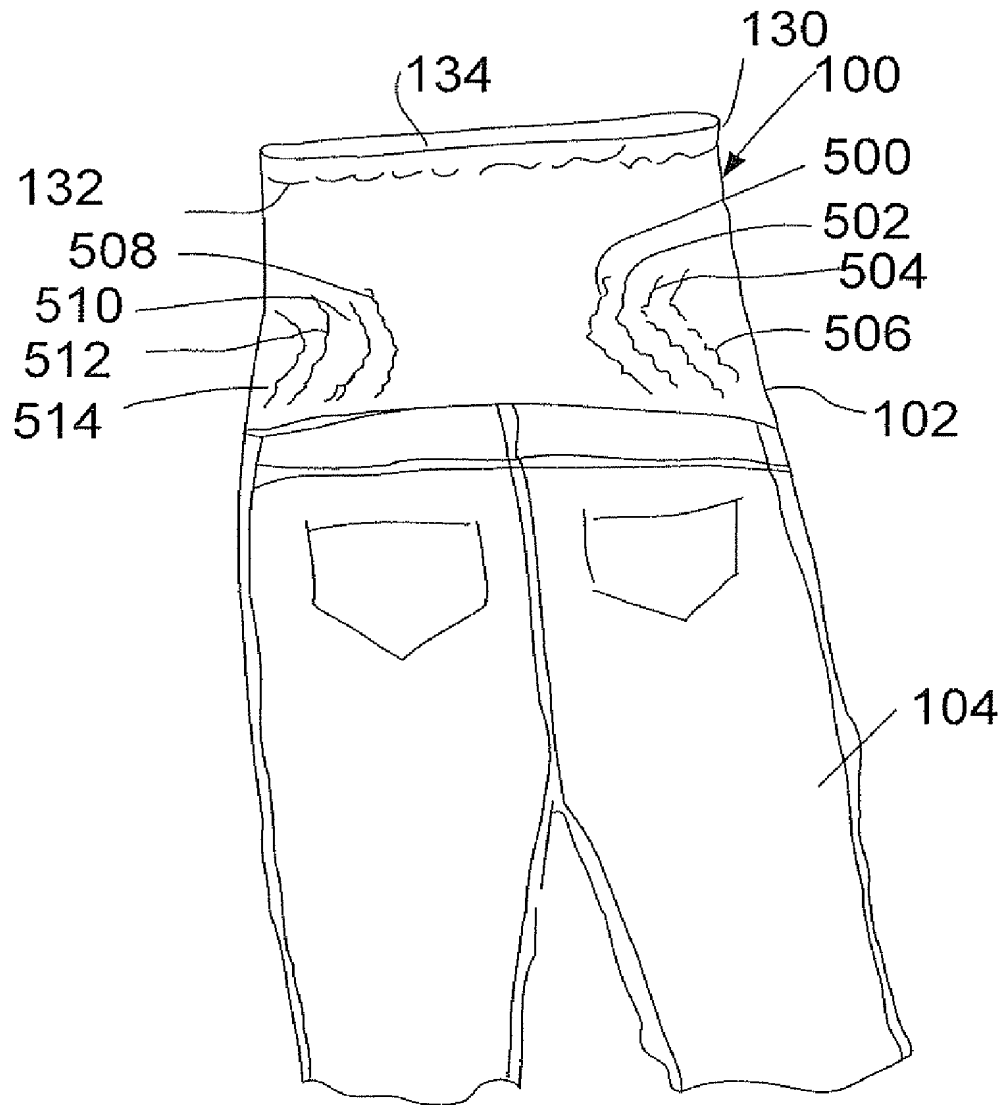


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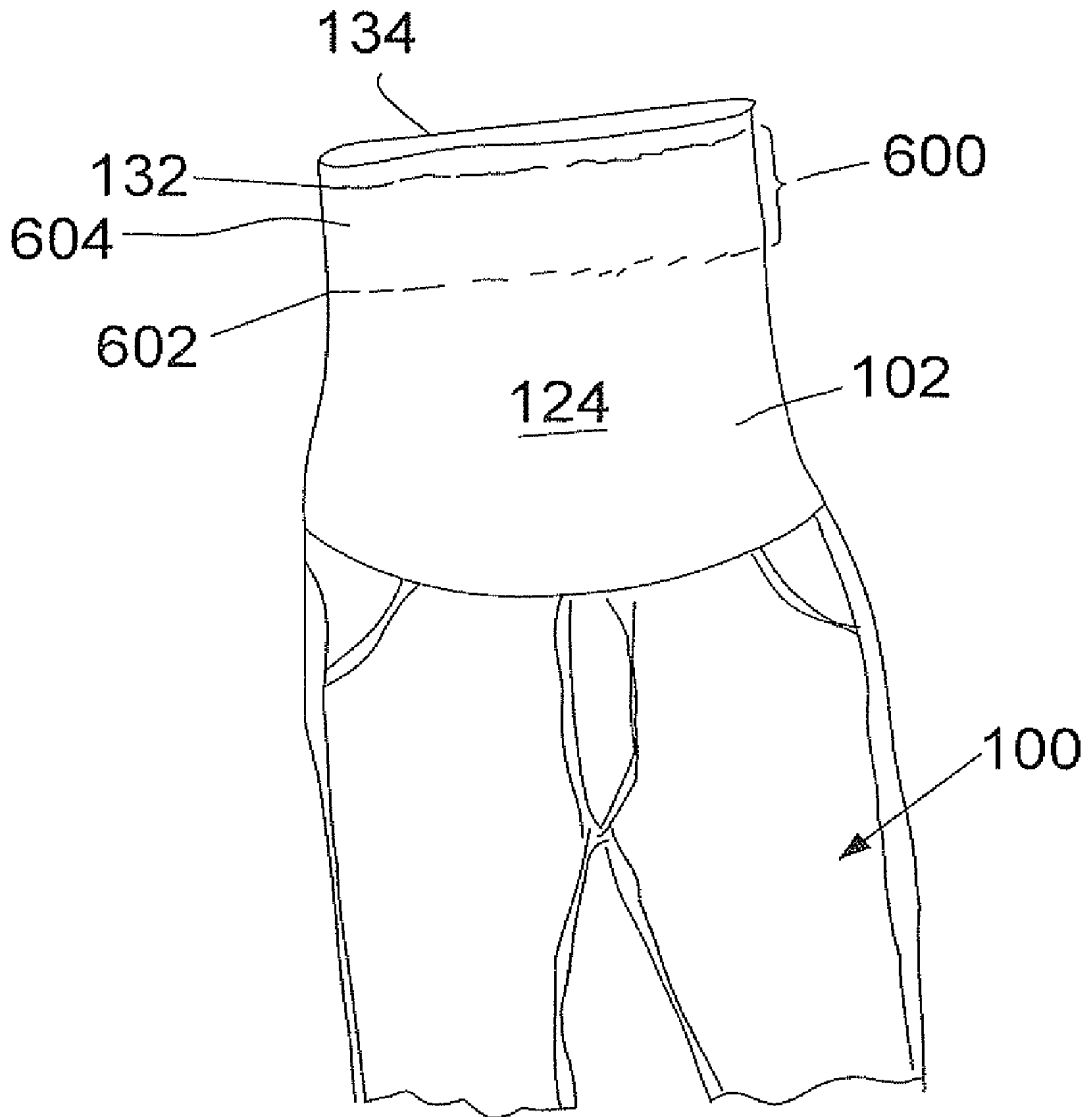


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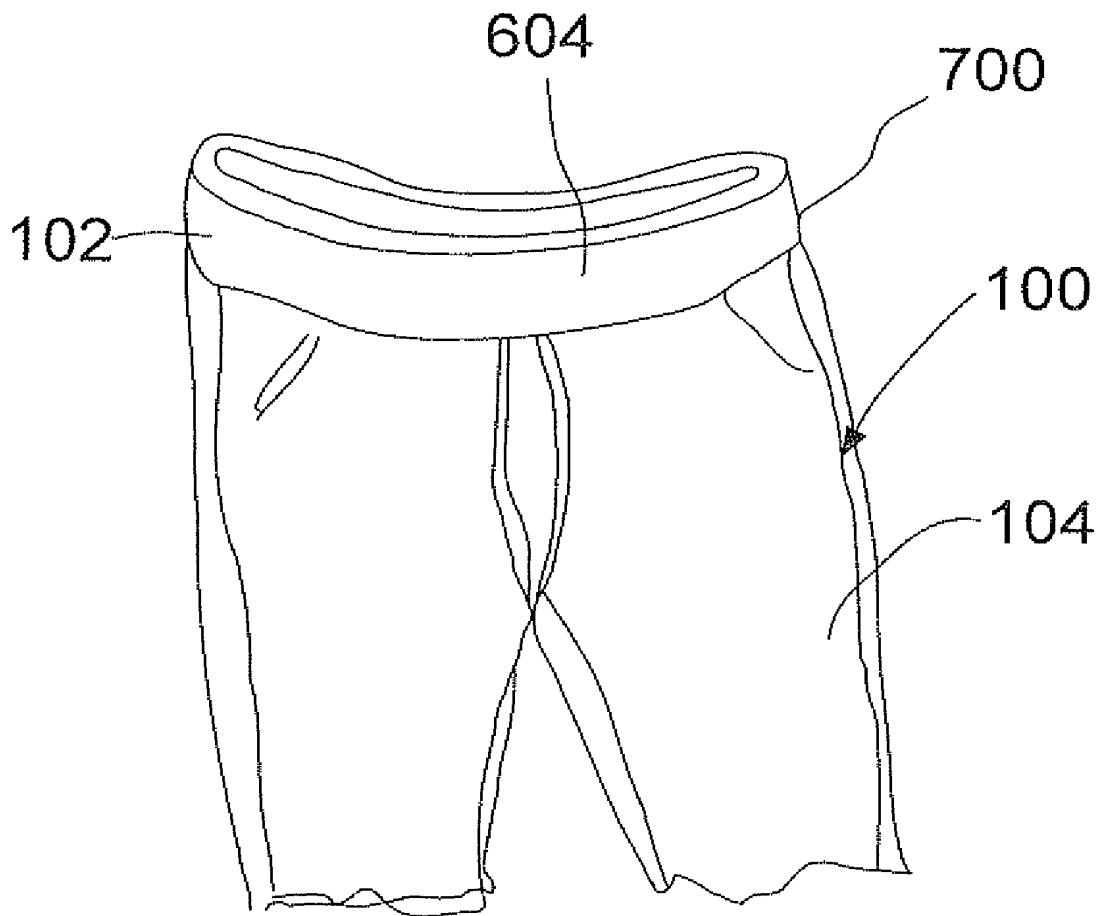


FIG. 7

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**BELLY COVERING GARMENT**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED  
APPLICATION

The present application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 11/756,242, filed May 31, 2007 now U.S. Pat. No. 7,814,575.

## FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a garment worn during different stages of pregnancy and different stages of postpartum body changes.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Garments intended to cover a wearer's body below the abdomen or belly during various stages of pregnancy have been manufactured as knits or woven fabrics. Some of the knits or woven fabric garments are constructed with an elastic belt or waist band which caused discomfort when tightened about the body. Some of the garments have stretchable fabric panels sewn into place with sewn seams. Such garments cause discomfort due to the presence of the sewn seams, urged by elastic stretching of the panels pressing against the torso. Moreover, women have complained that such garments are difficult to keep in place, as they gradually slip downward while they are being worn.

Denim jeans or trousers have been recycled by removing the waistband at the front of the jeans and replacing the same with an elastic band that cradles a growing abdomen. Alternatively, denim jeans or trousers are manufactured without a waistband at the front so that a separate band can be attached at the front.

Accordingly, a need exists for a garment that covers and fits a growing abdomen during different stages of pregnancy. Such a garment is required to stay up, and desirably would fit comfortably while being worn. Moreover, such a garment would stay up when worn over different body types.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A purpose of the invention is to provide a garment that adapts to cover and fit a growing abdomen during pregnancy, wherein the garment stays up when worn.

A garment comprises a garment upper portion and a garment lower portion. The garment upper portion has a belly panel that is expansible to cover and fit over a growing abdomen during different stages of pregnancy. The garment lower portion has a first torso encircling circumference that recedes downward to make way for expansion of the belly panel. The garment upper portion has a second torso encircling circumference to hold the garment up and in place over the torso.

An embodiment of the garment is adjustable to encircle different body types. Another embodiment of the invention provides a garment that fits comfortably while being worn.

An embodiment of the garment comprises an adjustable torso encircling circumference that is adjustable in girth to encircle different body types.

An embodiment of the upper portion of the garment comprises a seamless tubular elastic fabric to stretch elastically and fit different body types.

An embodiment of the abdomen covering area comprises an elastic fabric.

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An embodiment of the abdomen covering area comprises an elastic fabric that is contractible elastically to cover an abdomen during different stages of postpartum body changes.

According to an embodiment of the invention, an expandible tubular upper portion of the garment is seamless to fit comfortably while being worn.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a front view of a garment according to the present invention.

FIG. 1A is a view similar to FIG. 1, and discloses a body panel covering a growing abdomen.

FIG. 2 is a view of a backside portion of the garment disclosed by FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is view of a front portion of another embodiment of a garment.

FIG. 4 is view of a backside portion of another embodiment of a garment.

FIG. 5 is a view of a backside portion of yet another embodiment of a garment.

FIG. 6 is front view of a portion of another embodiment of a garment.

FIG. 7 is front view of a portion of yet another embodiment of a garment.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

FIG. 1 discloses a garment **100** for encircling a lower torso portion of a wearer of the garment **100**. The garment **100** comprises a garment upper portion **102** and a garment lower portion **104**. A lower end perimeter **106** of the garment upper portion **102** is attached to a corresponding upper end perimeter **108** of the garment lower portion **104**. The garment lower portion **104** comprises, for example, a pair of trousers, such as, denim jeans. Alternatively, the garment lower portion **104** comprises a skirt depicted in FIG. 1 in phantom outline.

With reference to FIGS. 1 and 2, each leg of the pair of trousers is constructed with sewn seams. Outer side seams **110**, **112** extend continuously from top to bottom of the trousers, or garment lower portion **104**. Further, each leg is constructed with inner side seams **114**, **116** joining a front center seam **118** of the trousers and a back side, curved center seam **200**, FIG. 2, of the trousers. For example, the front center seam **106** defines a sewn "zipper less" fly front. The back side of the trousers, FIG. 2, is sewn with a back side perimeter seam **202** extending horizontally across the back side of the trousers from the outer side seams **110**, **112** to the back side center seam **200**. If pockets are desired, the legs of the trousers are constructed, for example, with a front pockets **120**, **122** and back pockets **204**, **206**.

FIG. 2 discloses an embodiment of the trousers, or garment lower portion **104**, having a partial waistband **208** joining and extending from the side seams **110**, **112** of the trousers and extending across a back side of the trousers or garment lower portion **104**. The waistband **208** is sewn onto the perimeter seam **202** on the back side. The waistband **208** tapers toward the side seams **110**, **112** and widens across the back side, and has a center seam **210** to shape the waistband **208** with a curvature above a wearer's pelvis, and for torso coverage especially when sitting or bending.

In FIG. 1, the garment upper portion **102** has a belly panel **124** to provide an abdomen covering area. The belly panel **124** is expansible, for example, when made of a stretchable fabric, to cover and fit over a growing abdomen during different stages of pregnancy, FIG. 1A. The belly panel **124** has a bottom portion **128** that projects downward with a parabolic

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shape, especially when covering a growing abdomen, FIG. 1A. The perimeter **108** of the garment lower portion **104** provides a first torso encircling circumference **126** that recedes downward with a parabolic shape adjacent to and below the bottom portion **128** of the belly panel **124** to make way for expansion of the belly panel **124** when covering a growing abdomen during various stages of pregnancy. The parabolic shape includes a shallow curvature, or, alternatively includes a more pronounced curvature. The belly panel **124** extends at least partially under the abdomen of the garment wearer to meet and join the bottom portion **128** of the belly panel **124** with the parabolic receding circumference **126** of the garment lower portion **104**.

According to an embodiment of the invention, at least the belly panel **124** comprises a stretchable fabric that is woven or knitted with elastic, stretchable strands. The stretchable fabric is expansible by stretching elastically to cover and fit over the growing abdomen, FIG. 1A. Further, the stretchable fabric is contractible elastically to cover a shrinking abdomen during different stages of postpartum body changes. The belly panel **124** also has foreseeable alternative functions, for example, to cover an abdomen during different stages of torso weight gains and losses, or to fit over respective torsos of different body types.

In FIGS. 1 and 2, the garment upper portion has a top tubular perimeter hem **130** made by folding over a top edge margin of the stretchable fabric, and either tubular knitting or sewing the folded fabric to the inside surface of the fabric, and to create a top perimeter knitted hem stitch **132** as disclosed in FIG. 1. The perimeter of the garment upper portion **102** has a torso encircling circumference **134** to hold the garment **100** up and in place over the torso. Advantageously, the entire garment **100** is held up and in place. An embodiment of the garment upper portion **102** comprises stretchable fabric to adjust the girth of the second torso encircling circumference **134** in conformance with different body types. According to an embodiment of the invention, the torso encircling circumference **134** extends along the upper end of the belly panel **124**. In FIG. 1A, the belly panel **124** extends at least somewhat above the maximum girth of the abdomen, even during a later stage of pregnancy, such that the belly panel **124** positions the torso encircling circumference **134** at least somewhat above the location of maximum girth to resist slipping down over the abdomen.

An embodiment of the garment upper portion **102** comprises a tubular structure to encircle a torso of a wearer of the garment **100**. The tubular structure comprises a stretchable fabric woven or knitted with elastic, stretchable strands. The belly panel **124** comprises a portion of the stretchable fabric. The tubular structure is adaptable to cover and fit different body types by being elastically expansible and contractible. Different body types have different muscle mass distributions and spinal columns of different curvatures, which make the tubular structure conform to the different body types by expanding and contracting in different locations and amounts when worn by the different body types. The tubular structure is elastically expansible to widen the tubular girth at selected locations and amounts where needed to fit a body type, and is elastically contractible to narrow the tubular girth at selected locations and amounts where needed to fit the body type.

In FIGS. 1 and 2, the tubular structure is shaped and formed as a one-sheet hyperboloid cylinder to fit a body type having a tapered torso that tapers approximately from shoulder to waist. The perimeter profile of the one-sheet hyperboloid cylinder has hyperbolic shaped sides. Alternatively, the tubular structure is shaped and formed as a straight-sided cylinder,

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for example, as disclosed in FIG. 6. The perimeter profile of the straight sided cylinder has substantially straight sides.

Preferably, the stretchable fabric is woven or knitted to form a continuous, seamless tubular structure, such that the garment **100** is comfortable to wear due to the absence of seams that would tend to press against the torso.

FIG. 3 discloses an alternative embodiment in which the garment upper portion **102** is provided with belly cradling support in the form of a series of sewn stitches or knitted tension at **300**, **302**, **304**, **306**, **308**, **310**, **312**, and **314** in the belly panel **124**. The knitted tension or stitches extend along multiple stitch paths grouped in an elliptical pattern that curves so as to cradle a curved growing abdomen, FIG. 1A, during various stages of pregnancy.

FIG. 4 discloses an alternative embodiment in which the backside of the garment upper portion **102** is provided with spinal column and back support for a wearer of the garment, in the form of a series of sewn supporting stitches or knitted tension at **400**, **402**, **404**, **406**, **408**, **410**, **412**, **414**, **416**, **418** in the fabric, wherein the supporting knitted tension or stitches stiffen the fabric at the backside of the garment upper portion **102** to provide spinal and back support of the wearer of the garment **100**. For example, the series of supporting stitches are arranged along multiple stitch paths grouped in a hyperbolic pattern or other curved pattern along an axis extending substantially vertically along a spinal supporting section of the fabric. FIG. 5 discloses an alternative pattern of supporting stitches **500**, **502**, **504**, **506**, **508**, **510**, **512**, **514** in the fabric, wherein the supporting stitches are arranged along multiple stitch paths. For example, the stitch paths are shown as being grouped in a truncated, v-shaped pattern.

FIG. 6 discloses the garment upper portion **102** comprising a fabric woven or knitted to form a tubular structure, wherein the fabric of the tubular structure is doubled back on itself downward from the top circumference **134** thereof to form a double-layer tubular structure **600** that extends downward at least for a portion of the garment upper portion **102**. The layers of the double-layer tubular structure **600** are sewn together with a tubular perimeter drop stitch **602**. The layers are further sewn with a top, tubular perimeter hem stitch **132** as described in FIG. 1. In an alternative embodiment disclosed by FIG. 6, the fabric is doubled back over an inner tubular layer of stretchable fabric **604**, shown in phantom outline by and between the stitches **132**, **602**, that is flatly layered and sewn in between the two tubular layers of the double layer fabric. The three tubular layers are sewn together with the top, tubular perimeter drop stitch **602** and the top, tubular perimeter hem stitch **132** as described in FIG. 1. The inner layer **604** of stretchable fabric provides the belly panel **124** with the capability for resilient expansion. In another embodiment, the double layer fabric comprises a stretch fabric woven or knitted with elastically stretchable and contractible yarns, providing the belly panel with the capability for resilient expansion.

FIG. 7 discloses that the garment **100** of FIG. 6 is convertible to comprise a bottom garment without a top, the garment upper portion **102** is foldable toward the garment lower portion **104** to provide a folded band **700** on the garment lower portion **104**, which is to be worn solely as a garment bottom **104** having the folded band **700**, and having no top. Each of the other embodiments of the garment **100** is similarly convertible by adding the stretchable fabric **604** to the upper garment portion **102** of the other embodiment of the garment **100**, and folding the garment upper portion **102** toward the garment lower portion **104** to provide a folded band **700** on the garment lower portion **104** of the other embodiment of the garment **100**.

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This description of the exemplary embodiments is intended to be read in connection with the accompanying drawings, which are to be considered part of the entire written description. In the description, relative terms such as "lower," "upper," "horizontal," "vertical," "above," "below," "up," "down," "top" and "bottom" as well as derivatives thereof (e.g., "horizontally," "downwardly," "upwardly," etc.) should be construed to refer to the orientation as then described or as shown in the drawing under discussion. These relative terms are for convenience of description and do not require that the apparatus be constructed or operated in a particular orientation. Terms concerning attachments, coupling and the like, such as "connected" and "interconnected," refer to a relationship wherein structures are secured or attached to one another either directly or indirectly through intervening structures, as well as both movable or rigid attachments or relationships, unless expressly described otherwise.

Although the invention has been described in terms of exemplary embodiments, it is not limited thereto. Rather, the appended claims should be construed broadly, to include other variants and embodiments of the invention, which may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the scope and range of equivalents of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A garment portion having an attached belly panel portion comprising:

an expansible belly panel adapted to substantially cover a wearer's entire belly region, said belly region comprising an area beginning just beneath the wearer's breast area and extending over the wearer's abdomen to a lower abdomen region beneath the wearer's belly, said belly panel comprising:

an upper edge portion defining a first encircling circumference about a wearer's torso that is at or above the wearer's upper abdomen region, and

a lower edge portion spaced from the upper edge portion and defining a second encircling circumference about the wearer's lower abdomen region;

and

a garment lower portion, in communication with the lower edge portion, having a torso encircling circumference that recedes downward to make way for expansion of the belly panel.

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2. The garment portion of claim 1, further comprising a pair of trousers attached to said lower edge portion.

3. The garment portion of claim 2, wherein said trousers comprise denim jeans.

4. The garment portion of claim 3, wherein said denim jeans comprise one or more pockets and a sewn zipperless fly front.

5. The garment portion of claim 1, further comprising a skirt attached to said lower edge portion.

6. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein said belly panel is adapted to cover the wearer's belly region during different stages of weight gains and losses.

7. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein said belly panel is adapted to substantially cover and fit over different body types.

8. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is elastically expansible and contractible.

9. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is seamless to fit comfortably while being worn.

10. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is foldable to comprise a folded band.

11. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is woven or knitted with elastic, stretchable strands.

12. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein a top edge margin of the belly panel is folded over and sewn or knitted to an inside of the belly panel fabric.

13. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel comprises a double layer tubular structure.

14. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel further comprises a partial waistband extending across a back side of the lower edge portion and extending down into side seams of an article of clothing connected thereto.

15. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel further comprises one or more belly-cradling stitches or knitted tension to cradle the wearer's abdomen region.

16. The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the lower edge portion is configured to extend downward with a parabolic shape to accommodate the wearer's expanding belly region.

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REISSUE APPLICATION OATH AND CONSENT BY THE ASSIGNEE  
(Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.172)

I, Ronald J. Masciantonio, a citizen of the United States, am the Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Destination Maternity Corporation ("DMC"), and as such, am authorized to act on behalf of DMC.

To the best of my knowledge and understanding, DMC is the sole assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 7,900,276 (the '276 Patent), issued on March 8, 2011.

Documentary evidence of a chain of title of the '276 Patent from the original owners to DMC is recorded in the assignment records of the US Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 019670, Frame 0495 which shows an assignment from the inventors to Mothers Work, Inc., and at Reel 023390, Frame 0079 which shows an assignment from Mothers Work, Inc. to Destination Maternity Corporation.

To the best of my knowledge and understanding, the inventors listed below to be the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in the '276 Patent, for which a reissue patent is sought, on the invention entitled BELLY COVERING GARMENT, the specification of which is attached hereto together with a Preliminary Amendment that includes newly added claims:

1. Lisa A. Hendrickson, a citizen of the United States, residing at 791 Cornwallis Drive, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054;
2. James H. Gardner, III, a citizen of the United States, residing at 1329 Squire Drive, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002; and



3. Richard Adelman, a citizen of the United States, residing at 5 Sunfish Point, Greensboro, North Carolina 27455.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by the newly added claims referred to above.

By this declaration, DMC, assignee of the '276 Patent, hereby consents to the filing of the present application for the reissue of U.S. Patent No. 7,900,276.


To the best of my knowledge and understanding, the original '276 Patent to be wholly or partly inoperative by the reason of the patentee claiming less than it had the right to claim. For instance, the issued claims of the '276 Patent fail to explicitly recite including cradling stitches or knitted tension in a belly panel for cradling a curved abdomen. All errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of this declaration arose without deceptive intent.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of Application Serial No. 11/756,242, filed May 31, 2007, now U.S. Patent No. 7,814,575, which was pending at the time of the filing of the application resulting in the '267 Patent, for which a reissue patent is now sought.

Direct all communications about the application to the address associated with Customer No. 035811. Direct all telephone calls regarding the application to Richard L. Cruz at 215-656-2446.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

  
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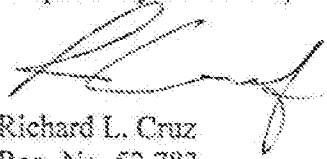
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**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims of the '276 Patent as indicated below:

1. (Original) A garment portion having an attached belly panel portion comprising: an expansible belly panel adapted to substantially cover a wearer's entire belly region, said belly region comprising an area beginning just beneath the wearer's breast area and extending over the wearer's abdomen to a lower abdomen region beneath the wearer's belly, said belly panel comprising: an upper edge portion defining a first encircling circumference about a wearer's torso that is at or above the wearer's upper abdomen region, and a lower edge portion spaced from the upper edge portion and defining a second encircling circumference about the wearer's lower abdomen region; and a garment lower portion, in communication with the lower edge portion, having a torso encircling circumference that recedes downward to make way for expansion of the belly panel.

2. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, further comprising a pair of trousers attached to said lower edge portion.

3. (Original) The garment portion of claim 2, wherein said trousers comprise denim jeans.

4. (Original) The garment portion of claim 3, wherein said denim jeans comprise one or more pockets and a sewn zipperless fly front.

5. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, further comprising a skirt attached to said lower edge portion.

6. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein said belly panel is adapted to cover the wearer's belly region during different stages of weight gains and losses.

7. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein said belly panel is adapted to substantially cover and fit over different body types.

8. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is elastically expansible and contractible.

9. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is seamless to fit comfortably while being worn.

10. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is foldable to comprise a folded band.

11. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is woven or knitted with elastic, stretchable strands.

12. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein a top edge margin of the belly panel is folded over and sewn or knitted to an inside of the belly panel fabric.

13. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel comprises a double layer tubular structure.

14. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel further comprises a partial waistband extending across a back side of the lower edge portion and extending down into side seams of an article of clothing connected thereto.

15. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel further comprises one or more belly-cradling stitches or knitted tension to cradle the wearer's abdomen region.

16. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the lower edge portion is configured to extend downward with a parabolic shape to accommodate the wearer's expanding belly region.

17. (New) The garment portion of claim 15, wherein the stitches or knitted tension extend along multiple paths arranged in an elliptical pattern that curves, so as to cradle a curved abdomen.

18. (New) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel further comprises a series of stitches or knitted tension in a backside of the belly panel to provide spinal and back support against the wearer.

19. (New) The garment portion of claim 18, wherein the series of stitches or knitted tension extends along a pattern of multiple stitch paths.

20. (New) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel defines a tubular structure that is shaped and formed as a hyperboloid cylinder to fit a body type having a tapered torso.

21. (New) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel defines a tubular structure that is shaped and formed as a straight-sided cylinder to fit a body type having a correspondingly shaped torso.

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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(j))		

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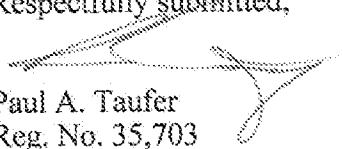
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AS	"BOM Fall 2003" - Sketch and measurements of Old Navy Bootcut Jean w/Panel Non-Stretch pant, Style # 200963-00, Old Navy Women's Maternity, Fall 2003.	
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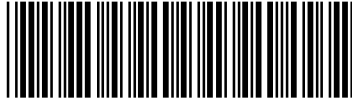
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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 13/161,169	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HENDRICKSON ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> GLORIA HALE	<b>Art Unit</b> 3765	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                      2b)  This action is non-final.
- 3)  An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on \_\_\_\_\_; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
- 4)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 5)  Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 5a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 6)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 7)  Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 9)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 10)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 11)  The drawing(s) filed on 15 June 2011 is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 12)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 13)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a)  All    b)  Some \*    c)  None of:
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because it fails to identify at least one proper error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. See 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) and MPEP § 1414.

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because the error which is relied upon to support the reissue application is not an error upon which a reissue can be based. See 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) and MPEP § 1414.

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective (see 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414) because of the following:

Because it did not identify the specific claim which is defective. Applicant has only broadly listed unclaimed features. However, they did not state as to which claims were in error.

Claims 1-21 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

However, the claims, as best understood, have been examined on their merits.

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***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 18 the "series of stitches or knitted tension" are not in the backside of the "belly panel" but are in the "backside of the garment". The original specification and claims them in the backside of the garment and not in the backside of the belly panel as now claimed. It appears this could be a typographical error and not a content error.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

For the same reasons as outlined above because the presently claimed subject matter was not in the original specification and claims. The stitches or tension are in the backside of the garment not the belly panel as now claimed.

### ***Double Patenting***

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the “right to exclude” granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-21 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-29 of copending Application No. 13/161138. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they claim the same pant garment with the belly panel structure as claimed in claims 1-29.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Applicant is notified that any subsequent amendment to the specification and/or claims must comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b). In addition, when any substantive amendment is filed in the reissue application, which amendment otherwise places the reissue application in condition for allowance, a supplemental oath/declaration will be required. See MPEP § 1414.01.

Claims 1-21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action in addition to the filing of the corrected and proper declaration/oath and Terminal Disclaimer as outlined above.



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None of the cited references, alone or in combination, disclose the garment with the belly panel that has an upper edge portion located as claimed in claim 1.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GLORIA HALE whose telephone number is (571)272-4984. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KHOA HUYNH can be reached on 571-272-4888. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Gloria Hale/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3765

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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*	B US-4,280,229	07-1981	Stein, Paul	2/221
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Art Unit	: 3765	Customer No. 035811
Examiner	: Gloria M. Hale	
Serial No.	: 13/161,169	Docket No.: DMC-10-1220CON1-RE
Filed	: June 15, 2011	
Inventor	: Lisa A. Hendrickson	
	: James H. Gardner, III	
	: Richard Adelman	Confirmation No.: 4878
Title	: BELLY COVERING	
	: GARMENT	Date: January 5, 2012

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 27, 2011, the Applicants hereby simultaneously submit a Supplemental Reissue Application Oath and Consent by the Assignee and a Terminal Disclaimer. Entry into the Official Record is respectfully requested.

In addition, the Applicants hereby amend the Application as follows:

Remarks

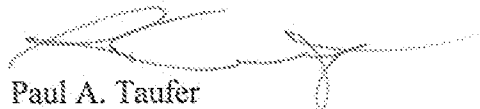
Claims 1-21 are pending. Claim 18 has been amended solely to correct a typographical error; and as a result, no new matter has been added as a result of this amendment. Further, since this amendment clarifies the subject matter being claimed, the Applicants submit that the rejection of Claims 18 and 19 under 35 USC 112 is now moot, and respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

As noted above, a Supplemental Reissue Application Oath and Consent by the Assignee is simultaneously submitted herewith. As a result, withdraw of the rejection of Claims 1-21 under 35 USC 251 is respectfully requested.

In response to the Double Patenting rejection, the Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdraw of this rejection is also respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE APPLICATION OATH AND**  
**CONSENT BY THE ASSIGNEE**  
**(Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.172)**

I, Ronald J. Masciantonio, a citizen of the United States, am the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Destination Maternity Corporation ("DMC"), and as such, am authorized to act on behalf of DMC.

To the best of my knowledge and understanding, DMC is the sole assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 7,900,276 (the '276 Patent), issued on March 8, 2011.

Documentary evidence of a chain of title of the '276 Patent from the original owners to DMC is recorded in the assignment records of the US Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 019670, Frame 0495 which shows an assignment from the inventors to Mothers Work, Inc., and at Reel 023390, Frame 0079 which shows an assignment from Mothers Work, Inc. to Destination Maternity Corporation.

To the best of my knowledge and understanding, the inventors listed below to be the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in the '276 Patent, for which a reissue patent is sought, on the invention entitled BELLY COVERING GARMENT, the specification of which is attached hereto together with a Preliminary Amendment that includes newly added claims:

1. Lisa A. Hendrickson, a citizen of the United States, residing at 791 Cornwallis Drive, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054;
2. James H. Gardner, III, a citizen of the United States, residing at 1329 Squire Drive, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002; and
3. Richard Adelman, a citizen of the United States, residing at 5 Sunfish Point, Greensboro, North Carolina 27455.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by the newly added claims referred to above.

By this declaration, DMC, assignee of the '276 Patent, hereby consents to the filing of the present application for the reissue of U.S. Patent No. 7,900,276.

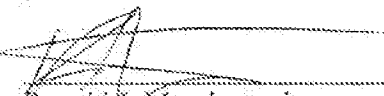
To the best of my knowledge and understanding, the original '276 Patent to be wholly or partly inoperative by the reason of the patentee claiming less than it had the right to claim. In particular, issued Claims 2 – 16 of the '276 Patent fail to explicitly recite features such as a series of stitches or knitted tension in a backside of the claimed garment portion to provide spinal and back support. New Claims 17 – 21 have been added to correct such errors. All errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of this declaration arose without deceptive intent.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of Application Serial No. 11/756,242, filed May 31, 2007, now U.S. Patent No. 7,814,575, which was pending at the time of the filing of the application resulting in the '267 Patent, for which a reissue patent is now sought.

Direct all communications about the application to the address associated with Customer No. 035811. Direct all telephone calls regarding the application to Richard L. Cruz at 215-656-2446.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

  
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Ronald J. Masciantonio,  
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## Electronic Patent Application Fee Transmittal

<b>Application Number:</b>	13161169			
<b>Filing Date:</b>	15-Jun-2011			
<b>Title of Invention:</b>	Belly Covering Garment			
<b>First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:</b>	Lisa A. Hendrickson			
<b>Filer:</b>	Paul A. Taufer/Nancy Nunez			
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<b>Customer Number:</b>	35811
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In re Application of Lisa A. Hendrickson, et al.  
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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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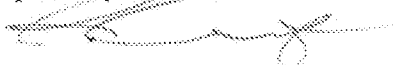
Sir:  
 A response to the outstanding official action in the above-identified application is enclosed.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.
- This is a Petition for an Extension of Time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render this submission timely.
- No additional fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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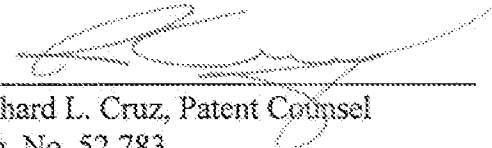
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### In the Claims

1. (Original) A garment portion having an attached belly panel portion comprising: an expansible belly panel adapted to substantially cover a wearer's entire belly region, said belly region comprising an area beginning just beneath the wearer's breast area and extending over the wearer's abdomen to a lower abdomen region beneath the wearer's belly, said belly panel comprising: an upper edge portion defining a first encircling circumference about a wearer's torso that is at or above the wearer's upper abdomen region, and a lower edge portion spaced from the upper edge portion and defining a second encircling circumference about the wearer's lower abdomen region; and a garment lower portion, in communication with the lower edge portion, having a torso encircling circumference that recedes downward to make way for expansion of the belly panel.

2. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, further comprising a pair of trousers attached to said lower edge portion.

3. (Original) The garment portion of claim 2, wherein said trousers comprise denim jeans.

4. (Original) The garment portion of claim 3, wherein said denim jeans comprise one or more pockets and a sewn zipperless fly front.

5. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, further comprising a skirt attached to said lower edge portion.

6. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein said belly panel is adapted to cover the wearer's belly region during different stages of weight gains and losses.

7. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein said belly panel is adapted to substantially cover and fit over different body types.

8. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is elastically expansible and contractible.

9. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is seamless to fit comfortably while being worn.

10. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is foldable to comprise a folded band.

11. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel is woven or knitted with elastic, stretchable strands.

12. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein a top edge margin of the belly panel is folded over and sewn or knitted to an inside of the belly panel fabric.

13. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel comprises a double layer tubular structure.

14. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel further comprises a partial waistband extending across a back side of the lower edge portion and extending down into side seams of an article of clothing connected thereto.

15. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel further comprises one or more belly-cradling stitches or knitted tension to cradle the wearer's abdomen region.

16. (Original) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the lower edge portion is configured to extend downward with a parabolic shape to accommodate the wearer's expanding belly region.


17. (Previously Presented) The garment portion of claim 15, wherein the stitches or knitted tension extend along multiple paths arranged in an elliptical pattern that curves, so as to cradle a curved abdomen.

18. (Currently Amended) The garment portion of claim 1, ~~wherein the belly panel further comprises~~comprising a series of stitches or knitted tension in a backside of the ~~belly panel garment~~portion to provide spinal and back support against the wearer.

19. (Previously Presented) The garment portion of claim 18, wherein the series of stitches or knitted tension extends along a pattern of multiple stitch paths.

20. (Previously Presented) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel defines a tubular structure that is shaped and formed as a hyperboloid cylinder to fit a body type having a tapered torso.

21. (Previously Presented) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel defines a tubular structure that is shaped and formed as a straight-sided cylinder to fit a body type having a correspondingly shaped torso.

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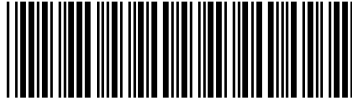
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13/161,169	HENDRICKSON ET AL.	
<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
GLORIA HALE	3765	

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- 1.  This communication is responsive to 1-5-12 Amendment/Oath & T.D..
  - 2.  An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on \_\_\_\_\_; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
  - 3.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
  - 4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- 3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 12-5-11
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- 8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

/Gloria Hale/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3765

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace claims 17-21 with the following underlined claims:

17. (Previously Presented) The garment portion of claim 15, wherein the stitches or knitted tension extend along multiple paths arranged in an elliptical pattern that curves, so as to cradle a curved abdomen.

18. (Currently Amended) The garment portion of claim 1, further comprising a series of stitches or knitted tension in a backside of the garment portion to provide spinal and back support against the wearer.

19. (Previously Presented) The garment portion of claim 18, wherein the series of stitches or knitted tension extends along a pattern of multiple stitch paths.

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20. (Previously Presented) The garment portions of claim 1, wherein the belly panel defines a tubular structure that is shaped and formed as a hyperboloid cylinder to fit a body type having a tapered torso.

21 (Previously Presented) The garment portion of claim 1, wherein the belly panel defines a tubular structure that is shaped and formed as straight-sided cylinder to fit a body type having a correspondingly shaped torso.

/GLORIA HALE/

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<b>APPLICANTS</b> Lisa A. Hendrickson, Mount Laurel, NJ; James H. Gardner III, Ambler, PA; Richard Adelman, Greensboro, NC; <b>** CONTINUING DATA *****</b> This application is a REI of 12/117,004 05/08/2008 PAT 7,900,276 which is a CON of 11/756,242 05/31/2007 PAT 7,814,575 <b>** FOREIGN APPLICATIONS *****</b> <b>** IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED **</b> 06/20/2011					
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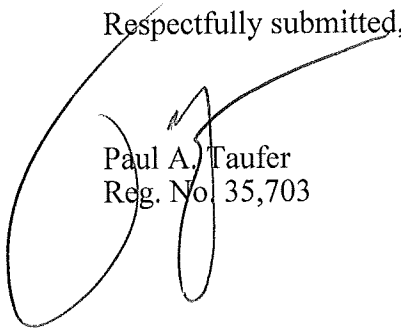
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