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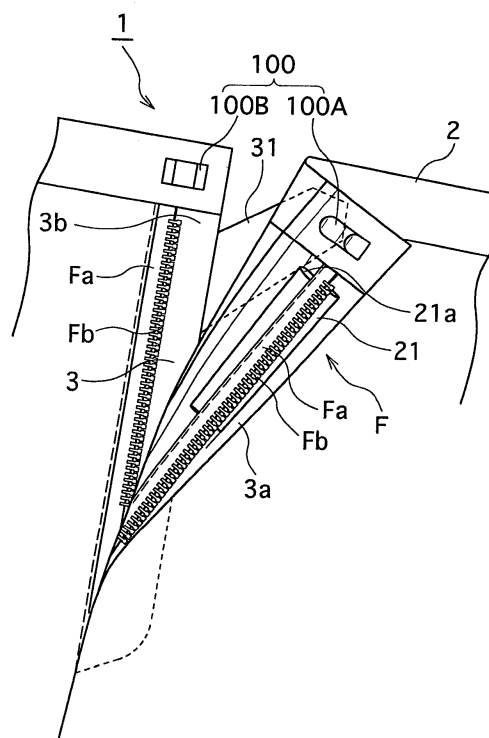
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(54) **Hook assembly used for waist-adjusting mechanism of garment and garment having waist-adjusting mechanism**

(57) A front center opening (3) can be opened and closed by a zip fastener (F). A hook assembly (100) joins upper ends of the front center opening in a separable way and adjusts a waist size of pants within a fixed range. An adjusting cloth (21) is sewed between one of fastener tapes (Fa) of the zip fastener and an outer cloth (3a) of the front center opening (3). The adjusting cloth (21) has an overlap to provide an extra length on the waist size of the pants. The hook assembly (100) adjusts the waist size of the pants so as to fit a waist size of a user. The overlap of the adjusting cloth (21) is extended in a specified manner so as to adjust a size of the pants corresponding to a portion lower than the waist of the user.

FIG.23





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