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GARMENT PROTECTOR.

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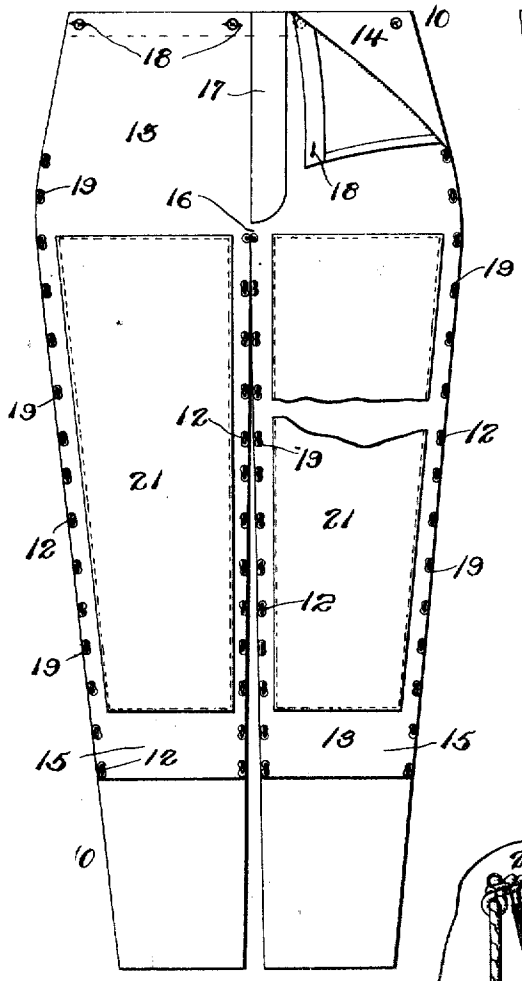


Fig. 1.

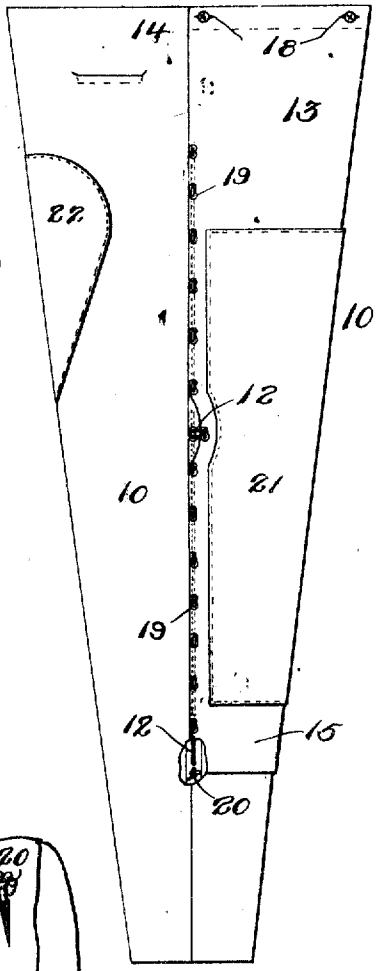


Fig. 2.

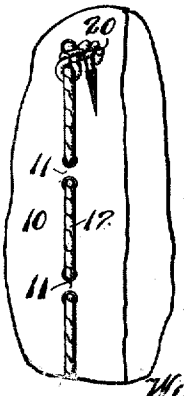


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM LEVI SPENCER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Houston, in the county of Harris and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment protectors and is designed particularly for use with trousers and overalls to protect them from wear and from becoming soiled while in use.

The object of the invention is to provide a protector for the purpose indicated which may be readily attached and detached from the garment and is of such shape and form that when attached, its presence on the garment is not noticeable owing to the fact that it is of the same size, shape and appearance as that portion of the garment which it covers.

Another object of the invention is to provide a protector with detachable means for connecting the same at its outer edges with the garment to be protected and also providing said garment with coöperating means of attachment which render the operation of securing the attachment to the garment a simple and easy one.

Another object of the invention is to provide a protector that is easily attached to a garment, inconspicuous in appearance and that will lengthen the life of said garment by protecting it from wear and dirt, said protector when soiled or worn being removable and may be washed or repaired with much greater ease than the garment itself.

A further object of the invention is to provide a removable protector for a garment to protect said garment from the usual soiling and wear incident to ordinary work and further to add a reinforcement to the protector for giving additional strength to the same, protection from undue wear and freedom from soiling when subjected to unusual exposure, said reinforcement being removable, so that a new piece may be applied in place of one that has become soiled or badly worn.

Other objects not hereinbefore specifically mentioned will be set forth in full in the following description and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front view of a pair of trousers or overalls with the protector attached thereto.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, and

Fig. 3 is a detail view illustrating the preferred means of securing the protector to the garment.

Referring to the drawing by numerals, 10 indicates a pair of trousers or overalls which differ from similar garments now worn by having a plurality of attaching devices 11 extending up the side seams thereof both inner and outer seams being thus supplied. These attaching devices 11 may be one member of the well-known snapping connection or as illustrated in the drawings, double eyelets through which a lacing cord 12 is passed as shown in Fig. 3 and its ends tied to prevent withdrawal thereof.

The protector 13 is preferably formed of a material similar to that of the garment and cut by the same pattern and made up in practically the same way, so that it presents to all appearances a portion of such garment. The protector covers preferably only the front of the trousers or overalls and for the best service extends from the waist-band 14 to a point midway between the knees and the bottom of the garment. The protector as shown consists of two portions 15, the size and shape of a front breadth of each leg of the trousers or overalls connected at the top in the usual manner at the crotch 16 and having a fly-connection 17 exactly resembling that of the trousers or overalls. At the top, button holes 18 are formed to secure the protector to the buttons on the front of the trousers. The edges of the two leg portions 15 of the protector are provided with a number of fastening devices 19 which may be one member of the well-known snap connection or as shown in the drawing, double eyelets secured close to the edges of the protector in position and spaced to coöperate with like connections 11 at the seam of the trousers or overalls 10.

This protector is applied to the front of the trousers by fastening the button holes 18 to the buttons on the waist-band of the trousers and in this position, the leg portions 15 of the protector will overlie the front of the trouser legs, the inner and outer edges of each portion 15 being in line with the inner and outer seams in said leg and the double eyelets 19 on the protector will be

opposite similar double eyelets 11 at the leg seams. A lacing cord 12 is now threaded through the eyelets 11 and 19 at each seam to connect the edge of the protector to such seam, the lacing cord being threaded longitudinally back and forth through the eyelets and each end secured by forming a knot 20 therein.

The protector as stated being made of the same material as the garment to which it is applied, may be worn freely and indiscriminately where such garments are worn as it is inconspicuous and made like the front of a pair of trousers or overalls and being secured at the seams of the garment by unnoticeable fastenings, the wearer does not present the appearance of wearing protecting means for the clothing.

Additional wearing qualities may be given the protector 13 by reinforcing strips 21 sewed to the front thereof at such parts as will be subjected to the greatest amount of wear, or where they are most liable to be soiled. These reinforcing strips when worn through or torn can be ripped off and the protector used without them or new reinforcing strips applied in their place. By this means, protectors are kept clean and free from wear for a great length of time and the garments with which they are used given increased life.

Protection is given the rear of the trousers by means of a patch seat 22 stitched thereon. This may not always be necessary as only those who sit a great deal require such protection.

I claim:—

A garment protector made of the same material and same size as the portion of a garment to be protected and having button holes at the top edge thereof, a row of eyelets secured along each side edge of the protector, combined with a garment to be protected having like eyelets similarly disposed adjacent the seams of the part to be protected, and a lacing string threaded in the eyelets of the protector and the garment.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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