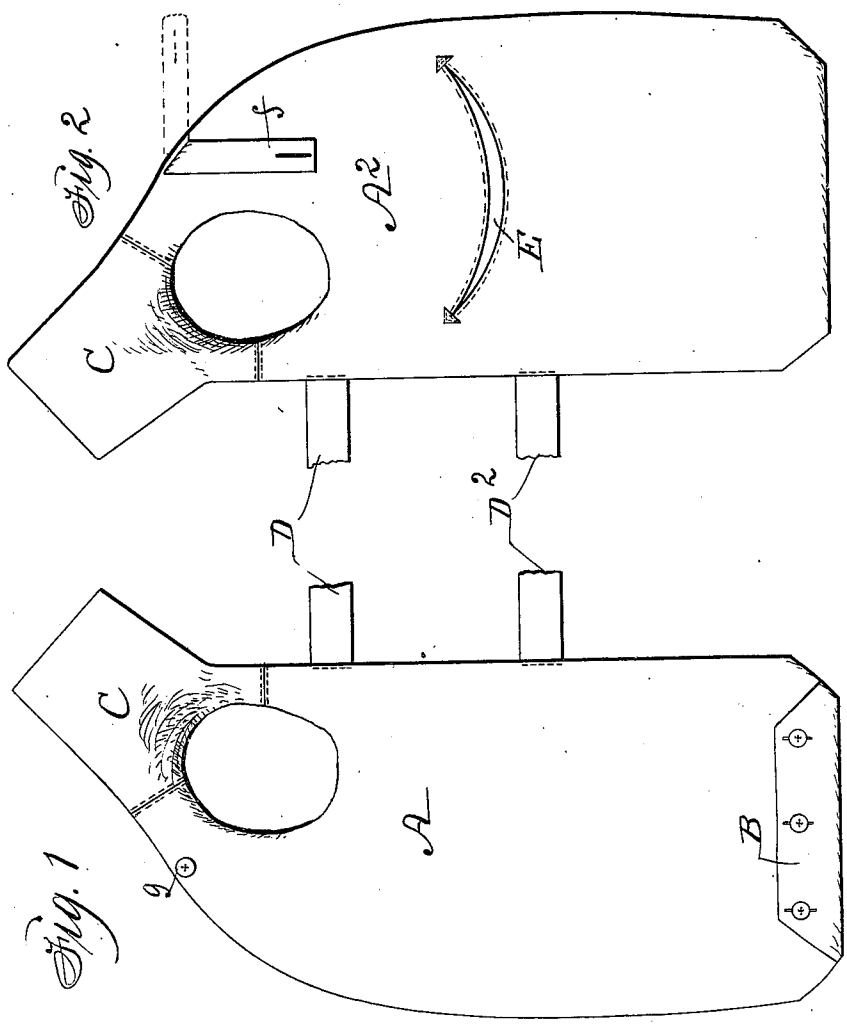
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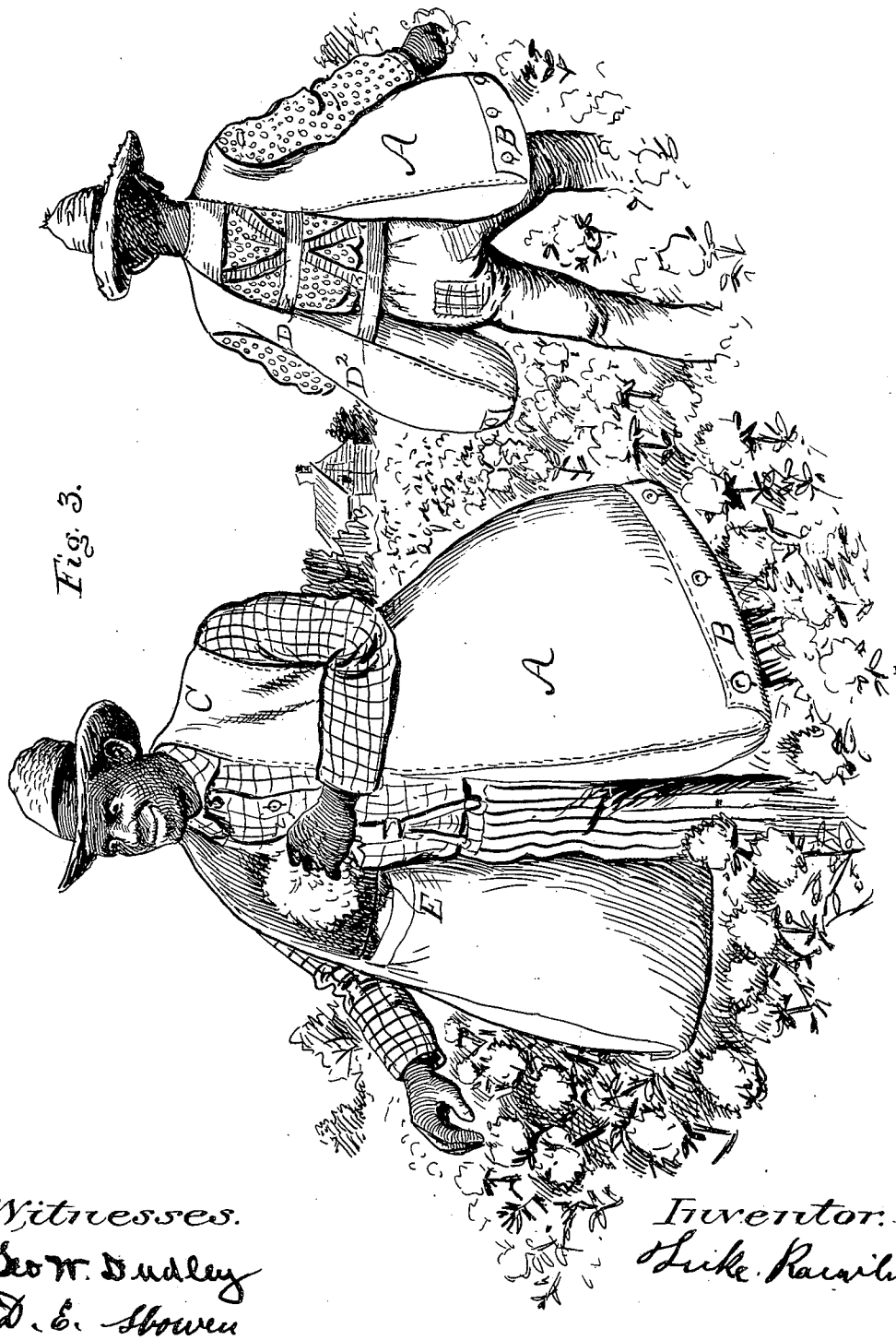


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUKE RAWLINGS, a citizen of the United States, residing in Dallas township, Taylor county, State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful device for the purpose of depositing and carrying cotton while picking in the field by the individual while picking the same, of which the following is a specification.

My said invention enables the cotton-pickers to carry the cotton in an easy and convenient manner and leaves both hands free to work with.

The following is a description of my invention—the cotton-carrier.

My object is to facilitate gathering cotton from plants in the field by hand and to accumulate and carry it on a person advantageously in such a manner that the cotton can be readily delivered in bulk from the picker into a bag or other suitable receptacle preparatory to baling.

My invention consists in a pair of large pockets adapted to be jointly suspended from a person's shoulders in such a manner that the open tops of the pockets will be conveniently accessible to the person's hands, as required for filling in handfuls of cotton successively as it is picked from the plants, and also adapted to be readily opened and closed at their bottoms, as required to facilitate emptying the cotton from the pockets direct into a larger receptacle.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows the outside of one of the pockets and means for connecting the two pockets, as required to produce armholes and a yoke, so that the complete device can be carried by the operator in the manner that a coat is worn. Fig. 2 shows the inside of the same pocket and portions of the lateral extensions at the back and the yoke at the top required for connecting the two mating pockets. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing my invention applied as required for practical use.

The letter A designates one of the mating parts of the complete carrier that has at its bottom an extension or flap B, that is provided with buttonholes adapting it to be doubled upward and detachably fastened to the outside part of the overlying portions of the pocket, as required for closing the bottom of the pocket. A^2 is the same part, showing the inside and the opening E at the top of the pocket, preferably curved downward, as shown, and reinforced at the ends of the opening by means of stay-pieces stitched or riveted to the fabric. The tops of the two mating parts are shaped similar to the fronts of a coat, and a yoke C, preferably complete in one piece, is sewed to their tops, as required to connect them and to produce armholes.

D and D^2 are lateral extensions or straps fixed to the edges of the back portions of the outer and inner parts A and A^2, as required to permanently connect the two pockets in such a manner that the back of the person using the carrier will not be covered and heated thereby, but exposed to the breezes of the atmosphere, as required to keep cool and comfortable while laboring to gather cotton into the pockets.

For detachably connecting the top portions and fronts of the two mating parts the one is provided with a strap *f*, that has a buttonhole at its free end adapted to admit a button *g*, that is fastened in a corresponding position to the other part, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

I am aware that a hunting-jacket has had buttons and buttonholes in its lower portion adapting it to be doubled upward to produce a pocket; but my manner of constructing two mating parts to produce a single capacious pocket in each part that extends from the front edge to the rear edge of each part and open at the central part on the inside and provided with a flap and buttons and buttonholes at its bottom for opening and closing the bottom is greatly advantageous for the purposes it is intended for in that large quantities of cotton can be stuffed between the overlying parts that compose the pockets adapted to be suspended from a person's shoulders.

In practical use the carrier is placed on a person, as shown in Fig. 3, and when the pockets are filled their bottoms can be readily opened to press the cotton down through and out into some larger receptacle, as required to accumulate and pack the cotton for the market.

Having thus described the construction of my invention and the manner of using it, the utility thereof will be readily understood by

persons familiar with the art to which it pertains.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A cotton-carrier comprising two mating parts composed of overlying pieces of textile fabric fixed together at their edges to produce pockets that are open at their central parts on the inside and open at their bottoms, flaps having buttonholes extended from their lower edges and adapted to be doubled upward and fastened to fixed buttons to close the bottoms, the two mating parts connected at their tops by means of a yoke, and armholes provided at the top portions of said mating parts, the said mating parts being connected at their back edges, as shown and described, to be used in the manner set forth, for the purposes stated.

Done this 18th day of May, A. D. 1899.

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In presence of—
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