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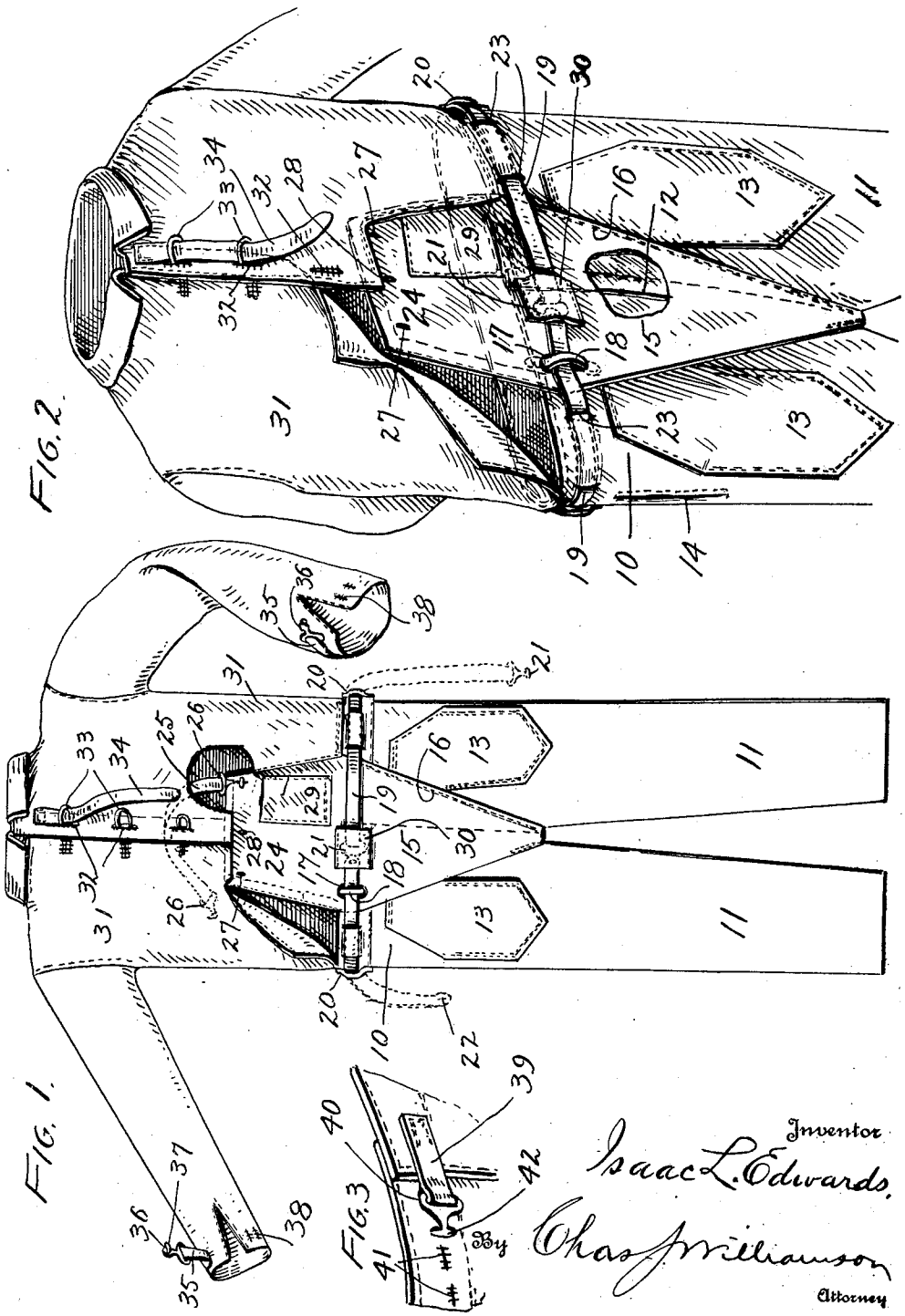


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The object of my invention is to provide a pair of overalls which in the most complete embodiment of my invention will have no buttons with all advantages which absence of buttons affords, which while easily permitting of manipulations that may be called for in putting them on and removing them or while being worn, will be comfortable, sightly in appearance and comfortably supported upon the body and be not costly to manufacture. My invention consists in whatever is described by or is included within the terms or scope of the appended claims.

In the annexed drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a pair of overalls embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a detail view in perspective of the waist take-up device for the fly.

My overalls shown in the drawing have the usual general trousers construction, that is to say, a waist portion, 10, and legs, 11, with the customary placket or fly, 12, extending from the crotch to the top of the waist band at the front, there being on each leg at the front a pocket, 13, and at each side a slit, 14, through which the hand may be thrust to enter the pocket of the trousers over which the overalls are worn.

Lying over the front of the overalls when in use and therefore covering the placket, 12, is an apron, 15, which in an upwardly widening form extends from the crotch and is attached to the garment by a line of stitching, 16, at one side only that reaches from the crotch upward to the waist, the upper part, of course, extending above the waist, and such line of stitching being preferably at the left side. The other side is wholly unattached from the bottom to the waist, so that it may be turned wholly sidewise out of the way, as when the overalls are put on or removed and yet by reason of the attachment by the line of stitching at the other side, there is no large loose piece that must be handled or adjusted.

The loose or free side at a point aligning with the waistband has a vertical hole or slit, 17, through which may be passed a loop, 18, attached to the waistband to enable the threading or passage through the projecting portion of the loop of a belt or band, 19, which extends around the waist on the outside with its free ends at the front, but a substantial portion at the back passing through a tunnel, 20, formed by a substantially long strap of cloth or fabric stitched at top and bottom edges to the waist at the back and which besides providing the tunnel for the strap constitutes a very substantial reenforcement at the back and enables the same to withstand bending and twisting of the body. One end of the belt, 19, has a buckle, 21, with a button on its face, while the other end has a button hole, 22, through which the button may be passed when turned to a position parallel with the button hole, 22, the button and button hole when in fastened position being at right angles. The buckle is readily removable from and replaceable on the band, so that for washing purposes the buckle may be removed. As a substantial portion of the length of the belt extends at each side and forward of the tunnel, and therefore, makes supporting means of some sort desirable, I accomplish this by very simple and inexpensive and yet efficient means that comprise two vertical button holed slits, 23, spaced several inches apart through which the belt or band is passed, so that it is in effect laced through the waist band, this being an arrangement which avoids any undue thickening of the waistband as results from the employment of narrow loops stitched thereto, provides a neat trim appearance, and does not impair the strength of the garment at the waist.

It will be seen that when the ends of the band, 19, are buttoned the band extends over the apron at the waist and confines the same snugly thereat.

Above the waistband the apron is prolonged to form a bib, 24, which extends over the chest of the wearer and to the upper edge of such bib at opposite sides is attached a strap or band, 25, that is passed around the back of the neck of the wearer and thereby the bib is supported in position and through the bib and the apron support of the garment is contributed to. The strap, 25, at each end has a buckle, 26, similar to the buckle, 21, each of which cooperates with a button hole, 27, in the bib and besides these two buttonholes there is a button hole, 28, at the middle (these three button holes being all that the garment itself contains) for a watch chain of a watch that may be placed in the pocket, 29, on the front of the bib.

Preferably at the transverse center of the apron is a loop, 30, through which the belt or band is passed. The loop, 30, is made of

such length from end to end as completely to cover the buckle, 26, so that in working about an automobile, for example, its polished surfaces that are important to be protected from scratching or marring will be protected as the buckle will be prevented from coming in contact therewith.

What I have thus far described constitutes a complete pair of overalls with a bib, but an important feature of my invention is the provision of a sleeved blouse or jacket, 31, so that a one-piece garment is provided, the jacket as usual being openable at the front and being possible to be made in one piece with the trousers member of the garment by reason of the loose or free connection of the apron that permits ample opening and looseness of the trousers in putting the garment on and taking it off.

The jacket as to the blouse and sleeve and collar parts is of conventional or standard construction, excepting portions which in the ordinary jacket would overlap the bib are removed to avoid the double thickness that would otherwise exist at this point which might be objectionable, each side of the jacket at the front being cut-away to expose the bib, and the portion of the jacket at the same side of the bib where the line of stitching, 21, joins the apron to the trousers is stitched to the edge of the bib to connect the jacket at that point, and at the waist the jacket and trousers are stitched together, except at the front at the free side of the apron, so as to allow the ready opening of the jacket for putting on and taking off the garment. The sides of the jacket at the front above the bib overlap and the outer lap is provided with a vertical row of button holes, 32, and the underlap for each button hole has a loop 33, adapted to be passed through an adjacent buttonhole at the outside thereof, and through the projecting portions of the loops a strap, 34, attached at one end above the topmost button hole may be laced or threaded, and thus, the jacket held together without the employment of any buttons.

It is desirable to draw the cuff or wrist band of each sleeve close upon the wrist of the wearer, and I accomplish that by providing at each wrist a strap, 35, attached at one side of the wrist placket, and attach to its free end a removable buckle, 36, having like the buckle, 21, a button, 37, for engagement with a button hole, 38, at the other side of the placket. The buckles, 37, are removable for laundering the garment.

As a securing and take-up device for the waist at the placket or fly, I use a strap, 39, buckle, 40, removably attached thereto, and preferably several button holes, 41, for engagement with the buckle button, 42, these being similar to the corresponding members used at the sleeve wrists and elsewhere in the garment, and thus providing for attaching or securing means which involve no buttons whatever that are attached permanently to the garment, nor any other metal members which are attached to the garment whose presence are objectionable for one reason or another for laundering the garment.

What I claim is:

1. A trousers form garment having a fly and an apron extending from the crotch upward and adapted to cover the fly and permanently attached on one side beginning with the crotch upward to the waist and being loose or free from the crotch upward at the other side, and means for confining the apron at the free side to the waist of the garment.

2. A trousers form garment having a fly and an apron extending from the crotch upward and adapted to cover the fly and permanently attached on one side beginning with the crotch upward to the waist and being loose or free from the crotch upward at the other side, means for confining the apron at the free side to the waist of the garment, said apron being extended above the waist to form a bib, and a jacket attached at the waist and to one side of the bib.

3. A trousers form garment having a fly and an apron extending from the crotch upward and adapted to cover the fly and permanently attached on one side beginning with the crotch upward to the waist and being loose or free from the crotch upward at the other side, means for confining the apron at the free side to the waist of the garment, said apron being extended above the waist to form a bib, and a jacket attached at the waist and to one side of the bib, the jacket having above the bib overlapping portions and means to secure the overlapping portions together the jacket overlapping only the marginal portions of the bib at top and sides.

4. A trousers form garment having a fly and an apron extending from the crotch upward and adapted to cover the fly and permanently attached on one side beginning with the crotch upward to the waist and being loose or free from the crotch upward at the other side, means for confining the apron at the free side to the waist of the garment, and a belt extending about the waist, the free ends of the belt being at the front, said means for confining the free side of the apron comprising a loop at the waist, a hole in the apron through which the loop projects and through which said belt is laced and means for securing together the free ends of the belt.

5. A trousers form garment having a fly and an apron extending from the crotch upward and adapted to cover the fly and permanently attached on one side beginning with the crotch upward to the waist and being loose or free from the crotch upward at

the other side, means for confining the apron at the free side to the waist of the garment, and a belt extending about the waist, the free ends of the belt being at the front, said means for confining the free side of the apron comprising a loop at the waist, a hole in the apron through which the loop projects and through which said belt is placed and means for securing together the free ends of the belt, the waist having spaced holes through which said belt may be laced.

6. A trousers form garment having a fly and an apron extending from the crotch upward and adapted to cover the fly, a belt at the waist with free ends at the front of the garment passing over the apron and adapted to confine the apron, and means to connect the free ends of the belt comprising a button device carried by one end, and a button hole and a loop on the apron adapted to cover said button device.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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