

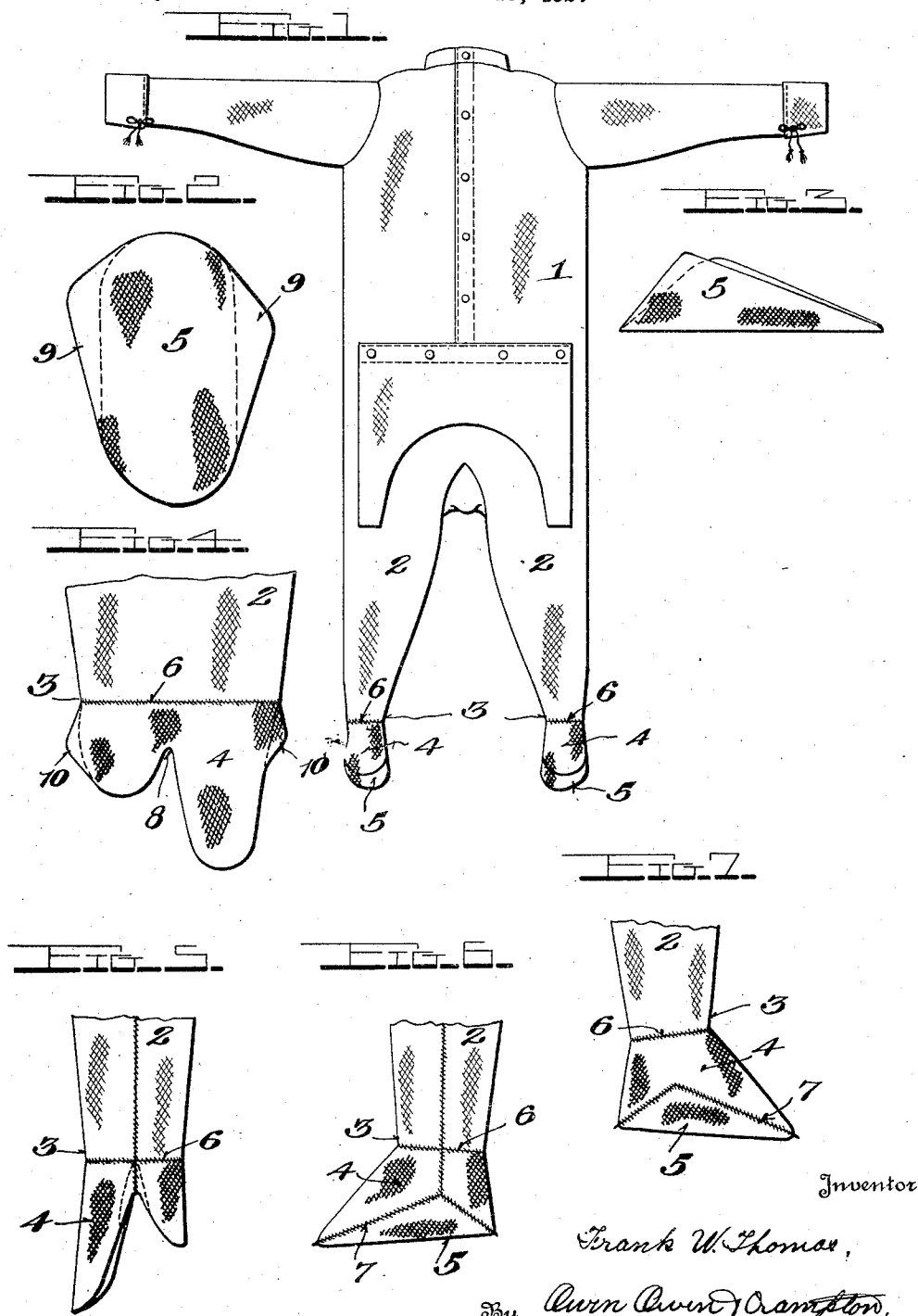
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK W. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Sleeping Garment, which invention is fully set forth in the following specification.

This invention relates more particularly to a one-piece sleeping garment having foot portions to enclose the feet of the wearer.

The objects of the invention are to effect a narrowing of the leg portion at the ankle so as to give a fairly snug fit at this point; and to make the foot portion separate from the leg whereby the foot portion may be die-cut from a heavier grade of material, securing greater accuracy in the dimensions and resulting in a tailor-shaped foot.

The invention will be clear from the following description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing therein,

Fig. 1 is a rear view of a garment depicting the preferred embodiment of the invention; Fig. 2 is a plan of the sole member of a foot portion; Fig. 3 is a side view of the sole member formed up substantially as it would appear in use; Fig. 4 is a view of the lower end portion of a leg of the garment laid out; Fig. 5 is an inner side view of the same in its made-up form; Fig. 6 is an inner side view of the completed foot portion attached to the leg portion, and Fig. 7 is a similar view looking at the outer side thereof.

This invention more particularly relates to improvements on the sleeping garment disclosed by Patent No. 599,995, issued March 1, 1898 to W. Denton, wherein the body and leg portions of the garment were cut from the same piece leaving much waste. This waste is commonly reworked at the mills into the new cotton and wool so that each batch of the newly prepared material consists of a percentage of the waste pieces or "clips," which percentage, however, can only be a certain amount since the addition of the clips to the new cotton and wool deteriorates the strength and quality of the yarn. By the former practice of cutting the garment the quantity of clips exceeded the demand with the result that the surplus had to be disposed of at a great loss.

In accordance with the present invention the leg portions are cut only ankle-

length, thereby reducing the waste material between the leg portions, and the foot portions are made of heavier fabric which permits the use of a larger quantity of clips in the reworking at the mill so that practically all of the clips may be utilized. The use of the heavier fabric gives not only increased wearing quality but also added warmth and permits the use of stronger seams about the sole member. The seam which joins the foot portion to the leg portion, about the ankle, is also doubly strengthened, resulting in a close fitting about the ankle.

A further advantage for having the foot portions of the heavier fabric is that the same may be die-cut from the flat fabric, insuring greater accuracy and a neater, closer fit of the foot over the less accurate operation of the cutting machine employed in cutting out the body of the garment.

Referring more in detail to the drawing, the sleeping garment 1 is provided with the tubular leg portions 2 which are of such length as to extend only to the ankles of the wearer, their lower extremities being reduced or narrowed as at 3, so as to contract the leg portion about the ankle and effect a fairly snug fit at this point.

The foot portion, below the ankle, is preferably made of heavier material because of the additional warmth and increased wearing quality, and is formed in two parts, the upper member 4 and the sole member 5. The upper member is stitched to the lower, narrowed extremity of the respective leg portion, as at 6, the seam extending horizontally about the ankle and, being of less elasticity than the fabric of the garment, will serve as a means for holding the narrowed garment portions snugly about one ankle. The upper and sole members are joined by stitching 7, this seam, like seam 6, being doubly strengthened by reason of the heavier material from which the foot portion is made.

As illustrated in Fig. 4 the blank for the upper 4 is cut in such shape that when folded upon itself will form toe and heel portions with intermediate lateral notches 8. The sole 5 is correspondingly formed with lateral extensions 9 to fit in the notches and be secured thereto by the stitching 7. To provide the necessary fullness in the foot portion, the upper blank is formed with sub-

stantially triangular projections 10 which are stitched together and define the inner notch 8.

What is claimed is:—

- 5 A union sleeping garment having ankle-length leg portions each narrowed downwardly about the ankle to provide for a snug fit, a separate foot portion for each leg portion, each foot portion being narrowed upwardly about the ankle to provide
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for a snug fit, and a substantially non-elastic seam joining the reduced ankle sections of the leg portions to the reduced ankle sections of the respective foot portions whereby the close-fitting ankle sections of the garment will tend to hold the feet of the wearer within the foot portions. 15

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name to this specification.

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