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Fig. 1.

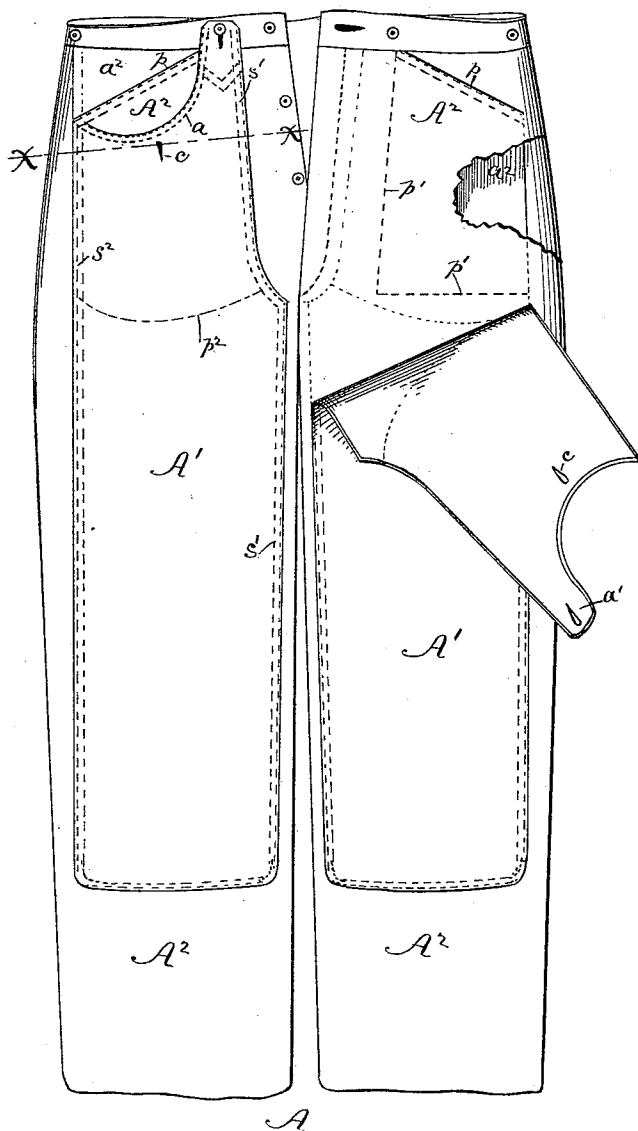


Fig. 2.

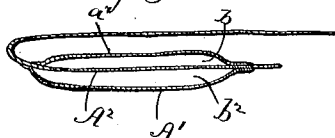
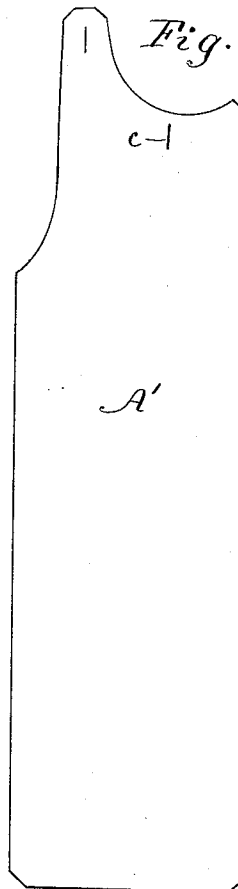


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES ERLANGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Overalls, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to overalls, and has for its object the provision of a re-enforce covering that part of such garments that is subject to great wear and tear.

My invention further contemplates utilizing the upper portion of the re-enforce piece in the formation of a double-cell pocket, all as hereinafter more particularly described, illustrated in the drawings, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, wherein like letters of reference point out similar parts on each figure, Figure 1 is a front view of a pair of overalls embodying my invention, the re-enforce piece on one side being partially detached and folded downwardly to show the underlying construction of the garment, parts being broken away. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detached view of the blank re-enforce piece.

In the drawings, A represents a pair of overalls, which, in carrying out my improvement, are supplied with re-enforces A' upon the front of the legs thereof, extending downwardly over the knee portion and terminating upwardly at or near the waistband, but not attached thereto. The upper edge of the re-enforce may be of any desired shape, but is preferably formed upwardly, with an inverted curve, *a*, which forms the placket of a pocket. The re-enforce has at its upper part an extension-tab, *a'*, which is provided with a button-hole for detachable connection to a suspender-button, whereby the strain on the seams is materially reduced, and by which means are provided for detaching the whole re-enforce from the garment, as hereinafter set forth.

A² is the front part of the leg of the overalls, which leg is connected to the waistband in the usual manner. At its upper portion and under the waistband is attached a piece of fabric, *a*², open at the top, which forms one wall of an ordinary pocket, the aligning portion of the leg-piece A² composing the opposite wall thereof.

The re-enforce A' is attached by rows of stitching *s' s*² to the leg. I do not confine myself to any special line of connecting the re-enforce to the underlying portion of the leg-piece. It may overlap in whole or in part the ordinary inner leg-seams. So, too, when the leg of the overalls is composed of front and rear pieces, in which case an outer leg-seam is necessary, said re-enforce may overlie said outer seam in whole or in part. At its inner edge it is continuously connected by the stitching *s'* to the leg-piece, leaving, however, a free button-holed tab, *a'*. At its opposite edge it is connected to the leg A² by the stitching *s*², which extends up to the pocket-placket, as plainly seen in the drawings.

In the drawings the front of the leg A² is shown as extending up to the oblique stitched edge *p*, disclosing the upper portion of the fabric *a*², which composes the rear wall of a pocket having an opening, *b*, (see Fig. 2,) the overlying portion of the leg-piece A² forming the front wall of said pocket. The limiting-line of the area of said pocket is described by lines of stitching, as shown in dotted lines, *p'*, Fig. 1. Said layers of fabric are covered over up to a given distance with the overlying upper portion of the re-enforce A', which thereby composes the outer layer of an outer pocket, *b*². The re-enforce is shown having its upper edge cut with an inverted curve, *a*, forming the placket of said outer pocket, and preferably provided with suitable fastening device, such as button-hole *c*. The seam *p*² in this case forms the lower limiting-line of said pocket-cell. Thus it will be seen that, besides the functional purpose of the re-enforce A', it, in combination with the underlying laminae of fabric, composes one wall of a double-cell pocket, either one of which, by suitable connections and closures, can be utilized as a safety-pocket.

The main object of the re-enforce piece A' is to strengthen that portion of the garment which is subjected to great wear and tear, especially when worn by miners, mechanics, and laborers. As the re-enforce is connected to the leg-piece only along its edges, when it becomes worn at the knee, as it is very apt to be, it can be removed by simply cutting away the fabric composing said re-enforce at or near the respective seams, or by grasping the tab *a'*

and stripping off said re-enforce, which after the garment is worn away can be readily removed by ripping it from the leg A^2 along the original lines of stitching $s' s^2$, whereby an underlying portion will be presented for future wear, as will plainly be understood.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

- 10 A pair of overalls provided upon the front of each leg with a detachable re-enforce, A' , covering the whole upper surface of each leg-piece A^2 from side to side, and reaching from the waistband down to, over, and beyond the
- 15 knee portion thereof, said re-enforce at one side of its upper edge shaped to conform with the pocket-placket and composing the outer

wall of an upper two cell side pocket, and having at its side adjacent to the upper part of the fork-opening of the garment an upwardly-extending button-holed tab, a' , integral with the fabric composing the re-enforce, said re-enforce sewed flatly upon said leg-front A^2 by vertical rows of stitching $a' a^2$, leaving the intermediate area of the re-enforce loosely overlying the leg-piece A^2 , whereby said re-enforce is adapted to be detached without separation of any of the connections proper of the garment, substantially as described.

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