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Fig. 3.

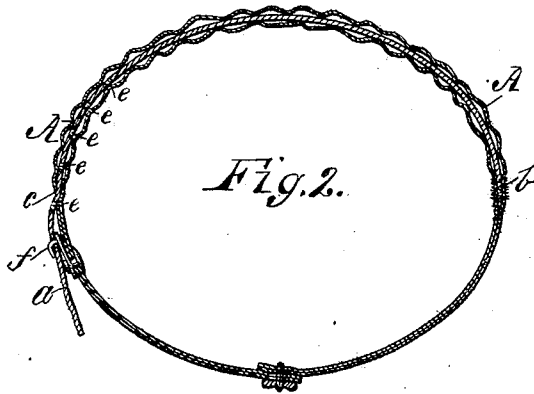
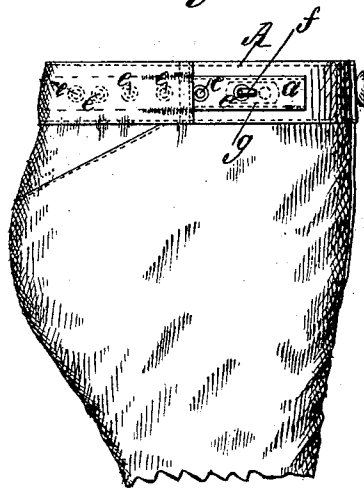


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALLS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE R. EAGER, of Newton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overalls and other garments; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a pair of overalls having my improvement applied thereto, the legs of the garment being torn off; and Fig. 2 a transverse section of the same through the waistband. Fig. 3 represents a side elevation of the strap-hook detached from the garment.

My invention relates to a new and improved mode of adjusting the waistband of garments, such as blouses, overshirts, pants, drawers, overalls, &c., to persons having different-sized waists.

My improvement consists in constructing the garment with a hollow waistband, and arranging therein a strap provided with a series of holes, worked in the usual manner of button-holes, or armed or protected with eyelets or grommets, to be used in connection with a hook, firmly secured to the garment at a suitable distance from the opening, through which the strap is brought out from the hollow of the waistband, whereby to hold the strap when adjusted.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now describe it in detail.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the hollow waistband of a pair of overalls, the hollow of which, in this case, is represented as extending only through the rear portion of the band, but which may be made to extend all round, or even for a less distance than the half of the band, but the first is deemed the better plan. Into this hollow is inserted one end of a strap, *a*, which is carried to the end of the hollow, and there fastened by being sewed or riveted fast to the waistband, as shown at *b*. The other end of strap *a* is left protruding from an opening, *c*, in the waist-

band. This end of the strap is provided with a series of openings, *e*, at suitable intervals apart in the line of the length of the strap. These openings may be protected in the usual way of working button-holes, or they may be armed with eyelets or grommets. At a short distance from opening *c* a metallic hook, *f*, is riveted or otherwise secured to the waistband, like that shown in Fig. 3. This hook may be made of any suitable size and construction, as, for instance, like the ordinary large-sized hook of the so-called hook-and-eye pattern; but the one before referred to answers an excellent purpose.

In adjusting the garment to the wearer all that is necessary to do is to draw on the strap until the garment is sufficiently tight, and then passing the opening *e* nearest the hook over the latter, and the operation is complete.

Instead of using a single series of openings, *e*, and a single hook, two or three series of openings, and two or three hooks, may be used, in which case all the hooks may be secured to the same base-plate *g*, that all may be fastened to the garment by a single rivet. In this case the different series of openings should all be arranged in a line with each other across strap *a*; or, two or more series of openings, *e*, may be made in the strap, neither being in the same line with the other across the strap, for use in connection with a single hook, in order to give a closer adjustment of the strap to the wearer. By this plan the strap would not be weakened so much as it would be if the same number of openings were arranged in the same longitudinal line.

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

The combination, in a garment provided with a hollow waistband, of a strap having one or more series of openings, *e*, arranged to operate, substantially as described, with a hook or hooks, *f*, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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