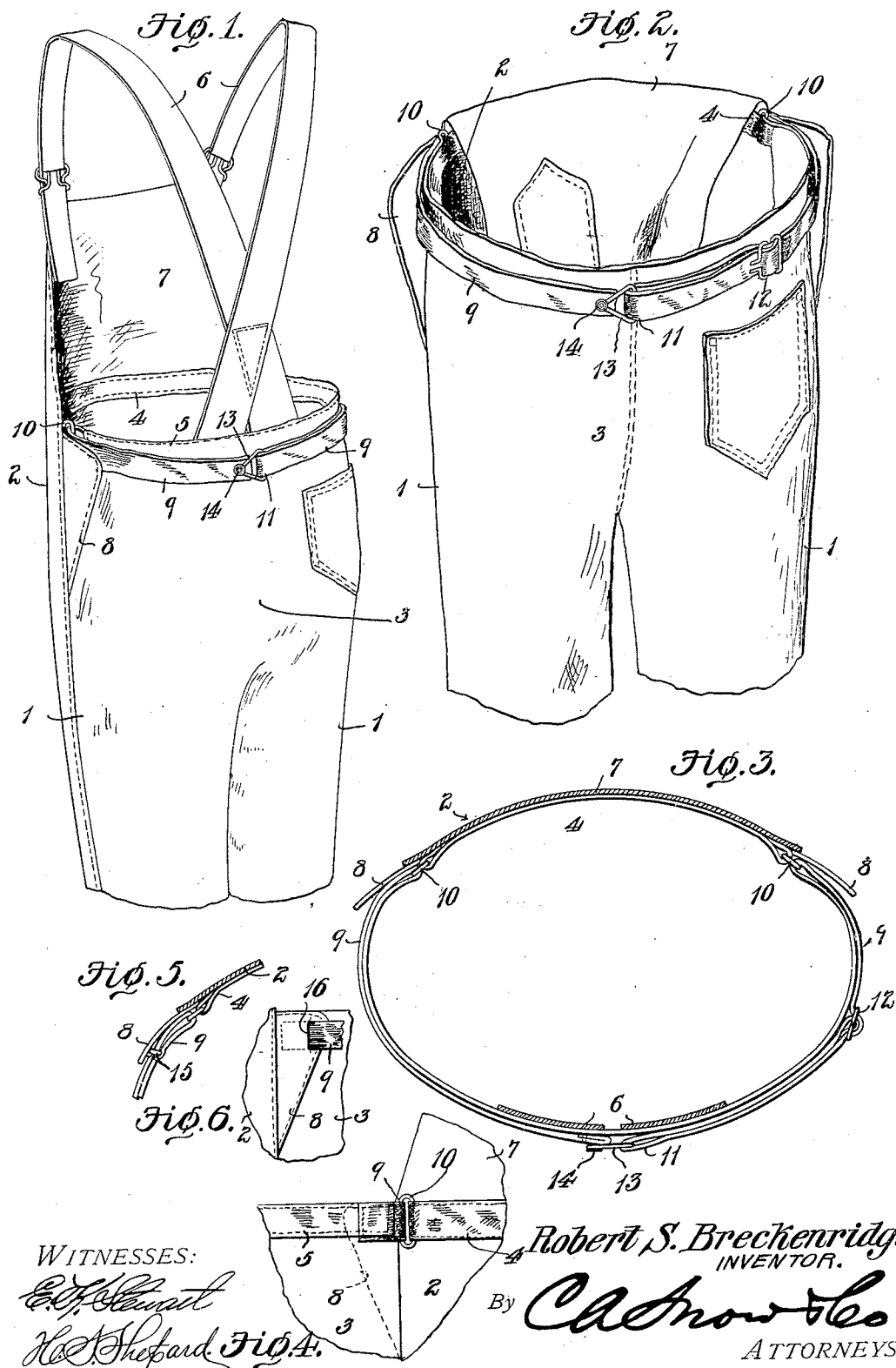


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT S. BRECKENRIDGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Latrobe, in the county of Westmoreland and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Overalls, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to men's garments, such as trousers, and is particularly adapted to overalls for the purpose of effectually maintaining the hip-openings closed in a simple and convenient manner. It is also proposed to have the means for closing the hip-openings operate as a belt around the waist of the wearer to maintain a snug fit of the overalls and to constitute a support therefor whenever it is desired to dispense with the shoulder-straps or suspenders.

With these and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim, it being understood that changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details may be made within the scope of the claim without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a rear perspective view of a pair of overalls embodying the features of the present invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail perspective view showing the apron turned in. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken through the waist portion of the overalls. Fig. 4 is a detail fragmentary view from the inside of the overalls looking at one of the hip-openings. Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view illustrating a modification. Fig. 6 is a fragmentary elevation illustrating another modification of the manner of holding the hip-flap closed.

Like characters of reference designate corresponding parts in all of the figures of the drawings.

The present overalls include legs 1, which terminate at their upper ends in a front 2 and a back or seat 3. The top edge of the front is provided with a waistband 4, and another waistband 5 is provided at the top of the seat. Suitable shoulder-straps or suspenders 6 are employed for the support of the overalls, and whenever desired an apron 7 of the usual or any approved type may be car-

ried by the front. It will of course be understood that the front and seat are separated by hip-openings in the usual manner, and for the purpose of covering these openings each upright edge of the front of the overalls is provided with a rearwardly-directed flap 8, extending the full vertical length of the opening and overlapping the hip portion of the seat, as best shown in Figs. 1 and 4 of the drawings.

To each end of the waistband 5 of the seat there is secured by stitching or otherwise a strap or belt 9, which is designed to be passed through a loop 10, preferably of metal, secured to the adjacent end of the waistband 4. These straps or belts are designed to be passed rearwardly around the waist of the wearer and connected in any suitable manner across the back thereof. The embodiment of the invention as disclosed in the accompanying drawings shows one of the straps of suitable length with its free end portion folded back upon itself to produce a loop 11, which is adjustable by means of a sliding buckle 12 of any appropriate construction. A suitable hook 13 is carried by the loop 11 and is designed to engage a button 14 upon the free end of the other belt member. By adjustment of the sliding buckle 12 the belt may be made to fit as tight as desired. It will now be understood that when the belt has been adjusted the hip-openings between the front and seat will be closed by reason of the fact that the adjacent edges of the front and seat will be drawn into close proximity, and the flaps will lie across the same. The present belt arrangement does not in any manner interfere with the suspenders and the apron, as will be readily understood by reference to Fig. 1 of the drawings, and when it is desired to dispense with the apron and the suspenders these elements may be tucked in, as shown in Fig. 2, in which event the belt forms the sole support of the overalls. In some instances, as shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings, it may be desirable to employ a loop 15 upon the inner side of each flap 8 adjacent its free rear edge for the reception of the adjacent belt 9, whereby the free edge of the flap will be closely confined against the hip portion of the seat in a very simple and efficient manner. In place of the link or loop 15 the flap 8 may be provided with a slit 16, constituting a loop through which the belt 9

may be passed, as shown in Fig. 6 of the drawings.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

5 A garment comprising a front and back separated by hip-openings, flaps carried by the hip portions of the front and overlapping the hip portions of the back to close the hip-
10 openings, loops secured to the hip portions of the front and concealed behind the flaps, loops secured to the inner sides of the flaps adjacent their rear ends so as to be concealed, and straps secured to the hip portions

of the back and extending forward behind the flaps to the first-mentioned loops and 15 then backward behind the flaps and through said separate loops, said straps having fastening means for their rear ends.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in 20 the presence of two witnesses.

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