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Fig. 1.

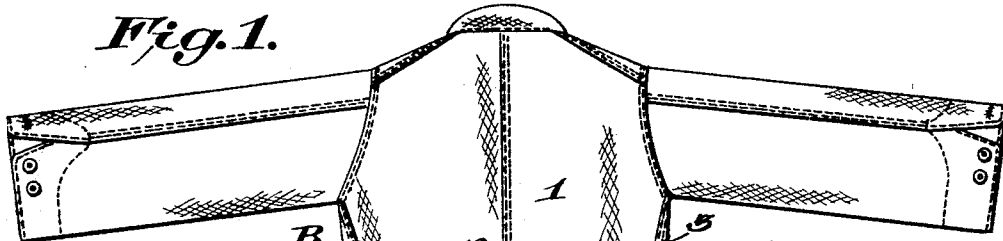


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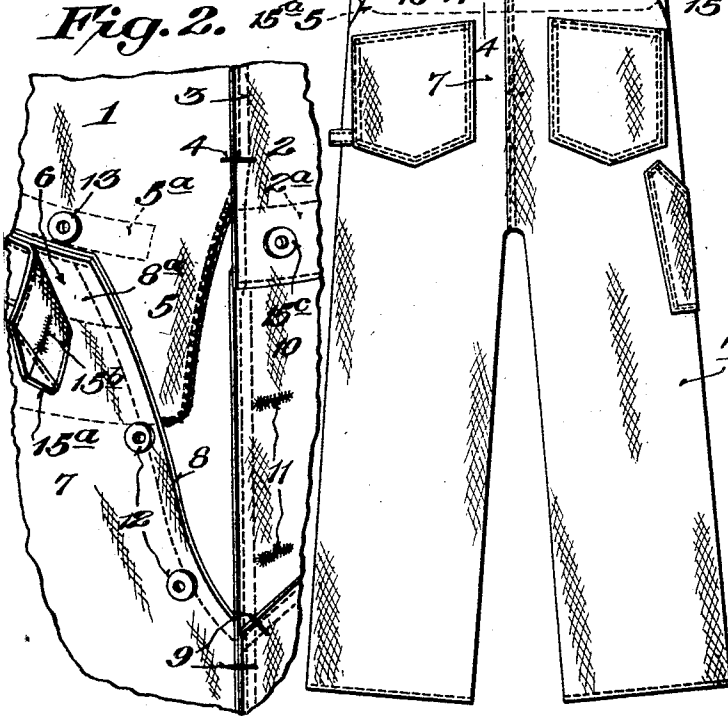


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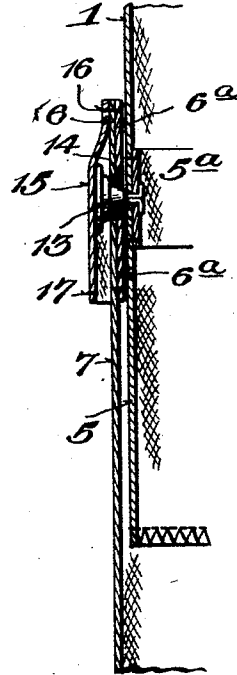


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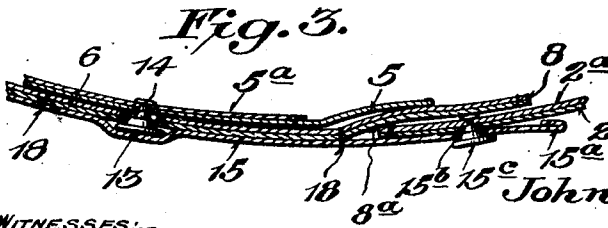
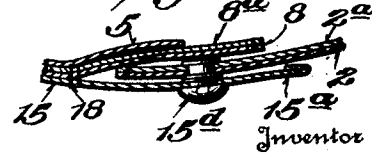


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. ANDERSON, citizen of the United States, residing at Danville, in the county of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in outer garments of the combination blouse and trouser type, more familiarly known as overalls.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a garment of the character referred to having novel features of construction for connecting the upper edge of the seat flap to the blouse or shirt portion in such a way as to effectively conceal the fastenings used for that purpose, and presenting the appearance of a semi-belt which not only improves the appearance of the garment but at the same time provides a neater fit and greater comfort about the waist line, while at the same time also facilitating the detachment of the seat flap from the blouse.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel construction at the sides of the seat flap and the front portion of the garment which gives greater comfort and service to the wearer as well as excluding cold air and making the garment smooth on the exterior side with no gaps or openings to hang on projections and thus tear the garment.

With the above and other objects in view which will more readily appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, illustrated and claimed.

A preferred and practical embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is an elevation of the rear side of a garment embodying the present improvements.

Figure 2 is an enlarged detail perspective view of the side openings, showing a portion of the seat flap blouse flap and front section of the garment.

Figure 3 is a detail sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a detail sectional view illus-

trating the use of a snap fastener instead of a buttonhole type fastener.

Similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawing.

As will be observed from the drawings the present garment includes a body portion B and a lower trouser portion T, the former having a rear blouse section 1 connected to the front section 2 as indicated by the stitching 3 down to the point 4 where a substantial thread tack is provided to prevent tearing or ripping along the seam 3 while the flap or tail portion 5 of the back section is continued downwardly below the waist line of the garment thereby to lie beneath and be concealed by the upper edge 6 of a seat flap designated generally as 7.

The seat flap is provided with the free side edge portions 8 which are permanently connected as shown at 9 by strong thread tacks with the front medial portion 10 of the garment. As will be observed from Figure 2, the said portion 10 is provided with buttonholes 11 for receiving the buttons 12 carried by the seat flap 7, the said flap extending beneath the front portion 10 for the full length of its edge 8 so that its upper edge 8^a will lie beneath the belt portion 2^a of the body B, thereby providing a close fitting seam which effectively excludes air and presents no hinderance to the wearer in the respect that a part which would otherwise snag or catch on to articles is eliminated.

Referring again to the blouse section 1 and the flap 5 thereof, it may be pointed out that the upper edge of the flap is substantially in line with the portion 2^a of the front, and is provided on its underside with a fastening anchor strip 5^a for facilitating the attachment of buttons or other fastenings 13 which are adapted to cooperate with buttonholes 14 on the reinforced semi-belt forming portion 6 of the flap (see Fig. 4). The said portion 6 of the flap 7 is reinforced at its inner side with a strip of reinforced fabric 6^a, while the outer side thereof is provided with a cover strip 15 which is stitched to the upper edge of the flap as indicated at 16, while the lower edge 17 thereof is left free thereby to provide a pocket for concealing the fastening 13 as will be clearly apparent from Figures 1, 3 and 4. To insure that the belt strip 15 remains in proper position, and to also reinforce the same, vertical

rows of stitching 18 are provided between the buttonhole positions thereby, in effect, dividing the rear semi-belt portion into a plurality of pockets.

5 Another feature of the belt strip 15 which is of much practical importance is that the ends 15^a thereof are left free or loose from the portion 8^a of the seat flap, and extend beyond the edge 8 thereof so that the buttonhole 15^b will be allowed to receive the button 15^c on the portion 2^a of the garment. In other words, the belt strip 15 which is carried by the upper edge of the seat flap, has free end portions which extend around the sides of the garment to connect with suitable fastenings on the sides of the garment thereby to provide a true semi-belt appearance on the back of the garment and between the blouse and trouser portions thereof.

20 As will be observed from Figure 5, fastenings of the snap fastener type may be used in place of fastenings of the button and button hole type. In each instance, however, the structural features and characteristics of the garment previously referred to will be preserved, namely the feature of providing a belt portion carried by the upper edge of the seat flap and the novel tight fitting side joint between the seat flap and the front of the garment.

30 From the foregoing it will be apparent that the present construction provides a seat flap for a combination blouse and trouser garment wherein a semi-belt portion is carried at the upper edge of the flap rather than on the lower edge of the blouse, thereby presenting more nearly the appearance of a belt at the back of the garment, and also greatly facilitating the unfastening of the flap from the blouse. Furthermore, the ends of the belt strip 15 being left loose from the flap a short distance from the ends not only permits them to button down on the top of the front part of the garment, but allows the back part to slip under the front. This joint also provides a wider opening for the seat flap. The arrangement between the seat flap and the blouse flap which permits the latter to have a substantial overlap beneath the seat flap makes a comfortable and neat connection between these two parts of the garment.

55 Without further description it is thought that the features and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, and it will of course be understood that changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit of the invention or scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A combination outer garment of the class described including blouse and trouser portions, the rear section of the blouse portion having a free flap portion at the waist line of the garment, fastenings carried by said flap portion, a seat flap formed on the trouser portion and disconnected from the front of the garment at the sides, and said seat flap carrying a belt portion at its upper edge adapted to detachably connect with the fastenings on the blouse flap, and said belt portion including a belt strip stitched at its upper edge to the upper edge of the seat flap and the lower edge thereof being free to provide a fastening concealing mask, and the ends of said belt strip being free and extending beyond the side edges of the seat flap, and means for fastening said free ends of the belt strip to the outer face of the garment while the edge of the seat flap passes beneath the front edge of the garment.

2. A combination outer garment of the class described including blouse and trouser portions, a blouse flap formed from the rear section of the blouse and a seat flap formed from the rear section of the trouser portion, said blouse flap providing a skirt portion adapted to overlap and lie beneath the upper edge of the seat flap, the side edge portions of the seat flap being adapted to lie beneath the adjacent side edges of the front section of the trouser portion, fastenings for connecting the blouse and trouser flaps, and a belt strip carried by the upper edge of the seat flap for concealing the fastenings and having free end portions extending beyond the side edge portions of the seat flap, and means for fastening said free end portions of the belt strip to the front section of the blouse.

3. In a combination outer garment of the character described, a drop-seat flap portion having the side edges thereof formed to pass beneath the adjacent edge of the front portion of the garment, thereby to provide a smooth joint between the sides of the flap and the body of the garment, means for fastening the upper edge of the seat flap to the outer side of the upper portion of the garment, and a belt carried by the upper edge of the seat flap and having free terminal portions adapted to overlie the outer surface of the side edge portions of the front of the garment beneath which the side edge portions of the seat flap are secured.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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