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BELT STRAP FOR OVERALLS.

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FIG. 1.

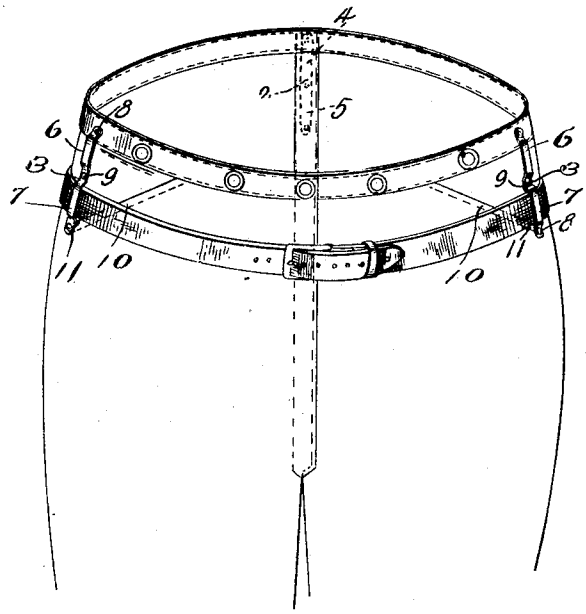
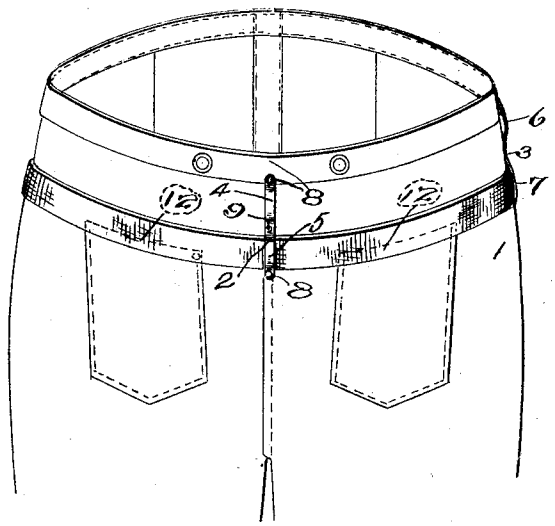


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK E. DAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tacoma, in the county of Pierce and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Straps for Overalls; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in overalls and the principal object of the invention is to provide improved means for holding the belt, said means admitting of several adjustments of the belt.

A further object of the invention is to provide improved means for holding the belt which will allow the belt to act as a closing means for closing the pockets to prevent loss of valuable stones, etc., inasmuch as adaptation is to overalls used in mines.

A still further object of the invention is to provide belt straps on overalls so that parts of the overalls may be held higher on the body than other parts.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings wherein similar reference characters describe certain parts and a convenient application of the invention shown: Figure 1 is a front perspective view of the top portion of the overalls; and Fig. 2 is a rear view of Fig. 1.

The general aim of the present invention is to provide upon ordinary overalls, belt straps, some of which are lower than others and in order to effect a convenient method of manufacturing the belts, the lower loops are placed immediately below the upper loops. The belt may be laced through the several straps to give advantages to be pointed out hereinafter.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the ordinary overalls 1 are provided in back with double belt straps 2 and on the sides with similar double belt straps 3, the double strap 2 having an upper loop 4 and a lower loop 5, while each of the straps 3 has an upper loop 6 and a lower loop 7. As shown particularly, in Fig. 2, the method for making these belts is to provide a strap of any suitable material such as heavy canvas or other suitable material employed for making overalls and in making said strap substantially twice the length of the usual belt strap. The ends of the strap are secured by means of rivets 8 while there are provided auxiliary or additional rivets 9 securing the central portion of the strap to the body of the overall. By this construction, it will be seen that the upper and lower loops are provided by single strips of material.

By referring to Fig. 1, it will be seen that the overalls are provided with front pockets 10, the lower end of which 11 is adjacent the bottom of the lower strap 7 and it will further be noted that there are provided no straps between the two pockets 10 on the front of the overalls. Inasmuch as the opening of the pocket slants upwardly from the bottom of the strap 7, it will be understood that when a belt is laced through the straps as shown in full lines in Fig. 1, the belt will serve to close the pockets 10. By referring to Fig. 2, it will be seen that there are hip pockets 12, the openings of which are made substantially in alinement with the bottom of the lower end of the straps 7, although it will be entirely possible to have the opening of the pockets 12 to extend sufficiently above the bottom of the straps 7 to be closed by the belt.

The drawings show preferably three pairs of straps, but it will be understood that the back of the overalls may be provided with additional straps, if desired, and in certain constructions, it may be desirable to put additional straps on the front of the overalls.

There are several uses to which an overall may be put when made in the manner described herein. Obviously if the overalls are found to be too long when the belt is laced through the upper loops, the belt may be put in the lower loops 7. It will also be understood that when the belt is in the lower loops, the front pockets will be entirely closed so that when a person bends over forwardly, the contents of the pockets 10 will not fall out. In this connection, it may be mentioned that if the strap be laced through the upper back belt strap 4 and through the lower side belt straps 7 that a person wearing the overalls may bend over without losing the contents of the pockets 10 and at the same time the belt will be as high in back as possible so as to make bend-

ing more easy than if the belt were laced through the lower back strap 5. Also when the belt is unbuckled and the overalls are made after the fashion shown in Fig. 1, it will be entirely possible to put different articles in the front pockets when the belt is laced through the lower loop 7 as there are no straps between the pockets 10, and for this reason it is found that the overalls are useful for mining purposes. A further apparent advantage is that it will not be necessary in small stores to keep on hand so large a stock of overalls inasmuch as each of the overalls shown herein can be made to fit persons of two different heights.

I claim:

1. An overall having a plurality of pairs of belt straps, the members of each pair being in vertical alinement.

2. An overall having pockets formed therein, and a plurality of pairs of belt straps, the members of each pair being in vertical alinement, the lower members of each pair being in substantial alinement with the tops of the pockets.

3. In combination, an overall having pockets therein, a plurality of pairs of belt straps, the members of each pair being in vertical alinement and a belt laced through the straps and adapted to close the openings in the pockets.

4. In combination, an overall having a plurality of pockets, a plurality of pairs of belt straps, the members of each pair being in vertical alinement and the lower members of each pair being in alinement with the tops of the pockets, and a belt laced through the belt straps and adapted to close the openings in the pockets.

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

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