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PLASTERER'S JACKET.

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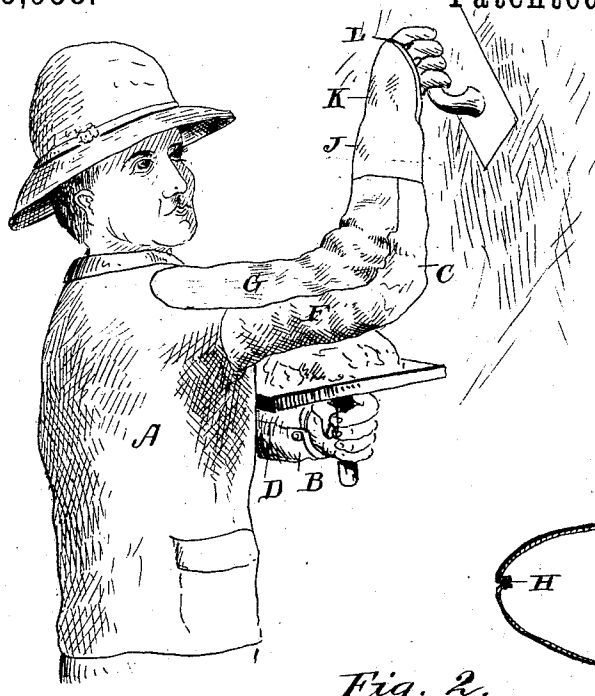


Fig. 1.

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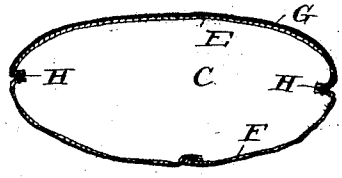


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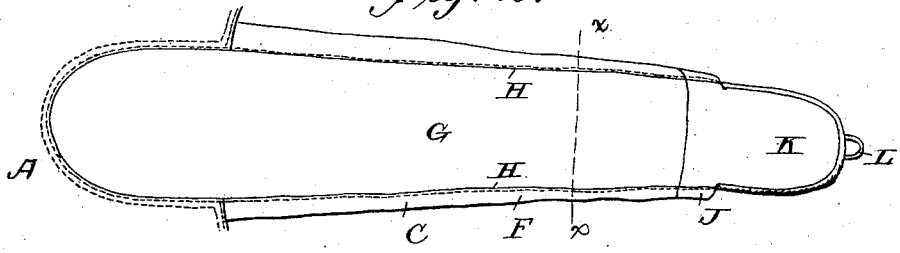


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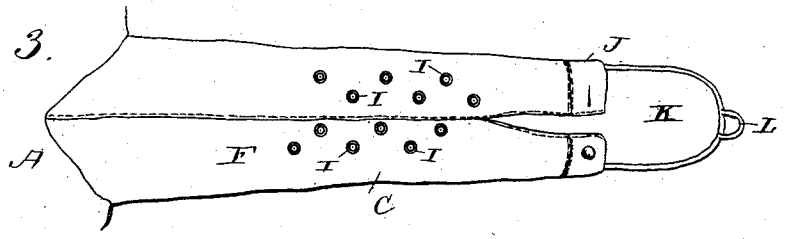
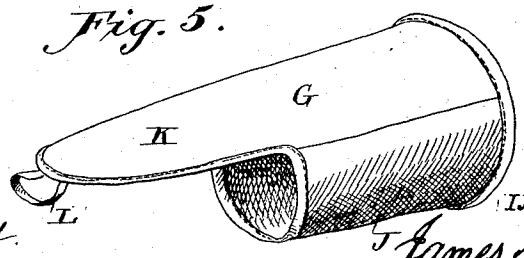


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES SKEFFINGTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Plasterers' Jackets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, 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, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a plasterer's jacket embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a top view of one of the sleeves of the same. Fig. 3 is a view of the under side of the said sleeve. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of the sleeve, taken on the line *x x* in Fig. 2; and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the hand piece or protector, detached.

The same letters refer to the same parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to an improved overshirt or jacket intended and adapted especially for the use of plasterers; and it has for its object to so construct the same as to avoid the constant wetting of the arm, which is one of the fruitful causes of rheumatism and kindred diseases in this class of artisans, and to provide a jacket or overshirt which shall possess superior advantages in point of simplicity, durability, and general efficiency.

With these ends in view the invention consists in the improved construction of the said garment, which will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings hereto annexed, A designates the body of the shirt or jacket, which is of ordinary construction, and B C are the sleeves of the same. The body of the jacket as well as the sleeves is usually made of canvas, Russia duck, or other suitable material, and the left sleeve is usually constructed of a single piece of material, the edges of which are connected by a seam, D, on the under side, although this particular method of construction is not an essential feature of my invention. The right sleeve, C, is constructed of an upper and a lower piece of material, (designated, respectively, by letters E and F,) the upper one of which, E, has applied to its outer side a sheet of india-rubber, G, which may be secured thereto by the application of heat and pressure in any suitable manner; or it may be cemented or otherwise secured thereto. The upper and lower pieces, E and F, of the sleeve C are connected at their edges by the seams H, which also extend through the edges of the india-rubber covering, as will be plainly seen in Fig. 4 of the drawings, and which serve to assist in securing or attaching the said rubber covering in a firm and durable manner. The under side of the sleeve C is provided with a number of openings, I I, provided with ordinary eyelets, for the purpose of preventing the material from being raveled or torn.

The sleeve C is provided with a wristband, J, which is entirely covered with rubber on both its upper and under sides, and is provided with a flap, K, extending from its upper side, as shown, and adapted to cover the back of the hand of the wearer. Said flap is also provided at its outer edge with a loop, L, through which the middle finger of the hand may be inserted, for the purpose of keeping the said flap in its proper position for operation. This wristband may be permanently attached to or form a part of the sleeve; or it may, as shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings hereto annexed, be made separately, and when used be simply tucked under the sleeve, or vice versa.

The operation and advantages of this invention will be readily understood from the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings hereto annexed. In the act of plastering walls, and more especially ceilings, the workman is obliged to hold his right arm for a great portion of the time in a raised position, and the arm naturally receives a great portion of the damp and humid drippings, which, when no protection is afforded save that of ordinary garments of textile material, soon will penetrate and soak the sleeve of such garments, which are thus kept constantly in a more or less moist state, which is greatly detrimental to the general health of the wearer, and which is known to be a frequent cause of rheumatic attacks, whereby the workmen are incapacitated from labor, frequently for considerable periods. By my improvement the upper side of the right sleeve, which is the part that

is particularly exposed, is made thoroughly water-proof by the application of the india-rubber sheathing. The wrist and the back of the hand are likewise protected. The openings in the under side of the sleeve are for the purpose of ventilation, and will admit air freely, so that my improved garment may be worn without the slightest discomfort. The eyelets with which the said ventilating-openings are provided will prevent the material from raveling or tearing, thus adding to the durability of the garment.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

As an article of manufacture, a plasterer's jacket having the right sleeve constructed with an impervious top guard or shield, G, overlapping the shoulder, said sleeve having a series of ventilating-apertures, I, on each side of the seam on the under side of said sleeve, as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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