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Fig. 1.

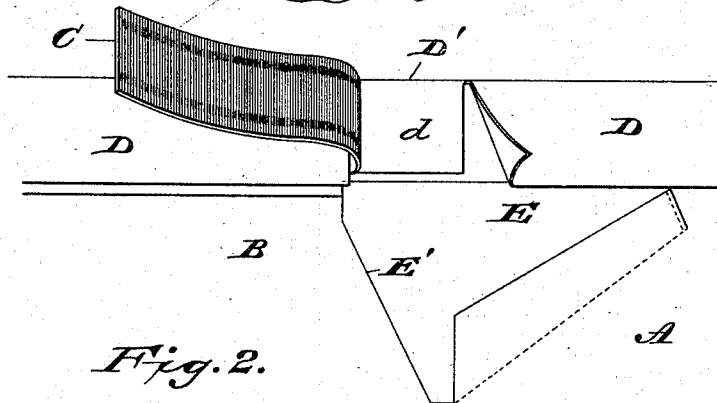
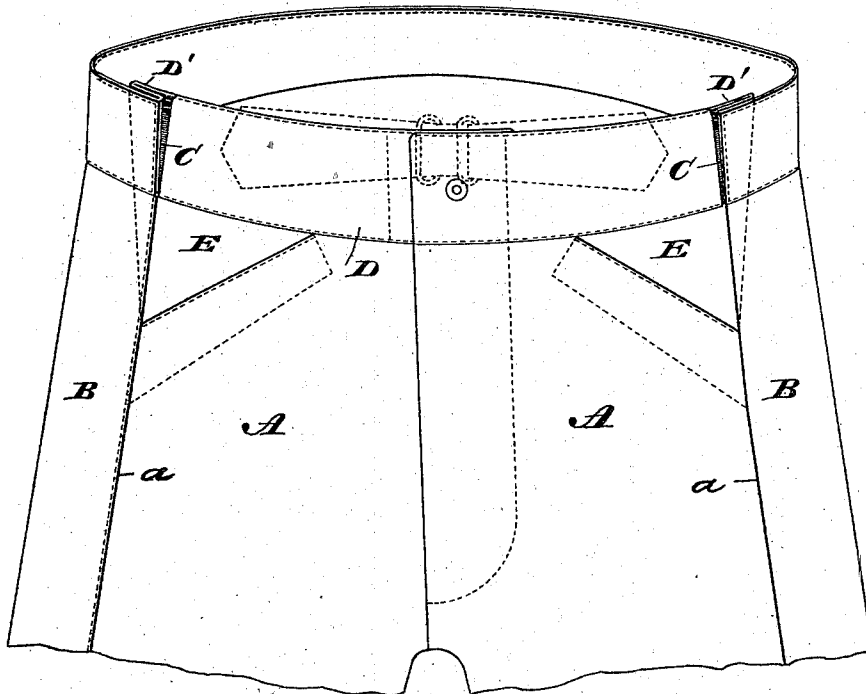


Fig. 2.

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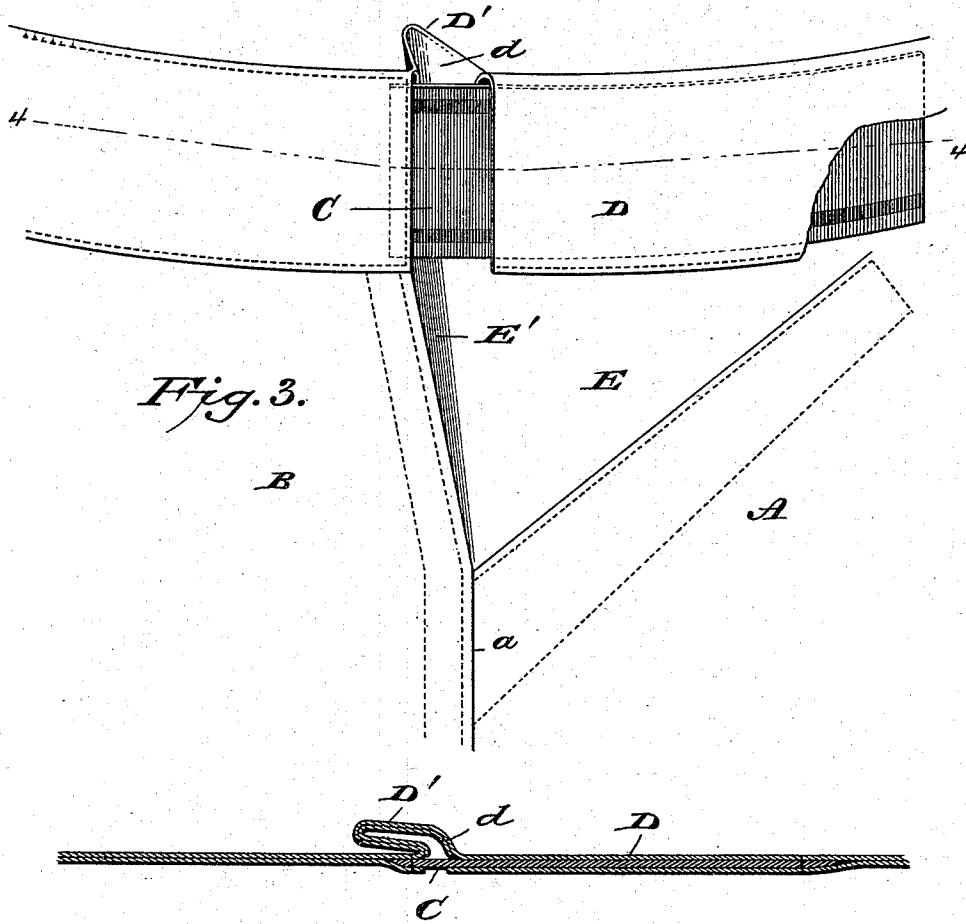


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL JULIUS RAIFFEISEN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Sedalia, in the county of Pettis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overalls, Pants, and Drawers; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide an elastic waistband for overalls, pants, and drawers, the elastics being located at the upper ends of the side seams and above the pockets of the garment, the pocket-facings being extended for the purpose of permitting expansion of the waistband by forming a fold adjacent to the outer side seams of the garment.

In carrying out the invention the usual pattern for making garments of this character is employed, and the pocket-facings are extended to provide folding portions or gussets for the upper part of the garment adjacent to the outer side seams, the waistband being constructed to form receptacles which receive the elastics, said elastics being located at the upper ends of the outer side seams to bring the stretch or expansion of the waistband at the proper points, the receptacles or housings for the elastics being above the pockets proper, as will be hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the upper part of a garment constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a view showing a part of the waistband and one of the pocket-facings, the parts being expanded. Fig. 3 is a similar view with the parts only partially expanded. Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4 4 of Fig. 3, the parts being contracted, the extension of the pocket-facing being folded upon itself.

A designates the fore part of the garment, and B the back part, said parts being stitched

to each other in the usual manner and presenting outside seams *a a*. The part B is provided with the customary straps and buckle, forming an adjustment for the upper part of the garment, and the fore part A has the usual fly or front opening, as well as corner-pockets with facings E.

The facings E of the pockets of the garment are each provided at their rear edges with an integral extension E', which will form a fold at this point, and it is stitched at its outer edge to the back part B and at its upper edge to the waistband D. The waistband or material of which the same is made is folded over or doubled and then stitched to the upper ends of the parts A and B, the outer strip or section of the waistband being slit on a line with the rear edge of the pocket-facing E. The flap *d* so formed is stitched to the upper edge of said facing and to the rear part of the waistband, this arrangement forming a gusset D', which is integral with the facing E. This arrangement also provides receptacles or housings in the waistband at each side of the gusset D', and within these housings are placed the ends of an elastic strip C, the forward part of said elastic strip being extended to near the fly or front opening of the garment to give the desired stretch or expansion. After the ends of the elastic strip are placed in the housings they are stitched therein in the usual manner. It will be noted that this construction is duplicated on the other side of the garment.

In a garment constructed as herein shown and described the expansion of the waistband is at the sides and is limited adjacent to the outer side seams by the folds E' and D'; and when the said waistband is contracted the gussets fold upon the inner side of the garment, as shown in Fig. 1. An approximate adjustment of the waistband can be taken up in the usual manner by the ordinary buckle and straps at the rear, and with this arrangement it is not necessary to support the garment by suspenders, as the elasticity of the waistband will be sufficient for the purpose.

I prefer to make the pocket-facing E, with its extension E', in a single piece, though it

is obvious the same result could be obtained by making it in two pieces, but such a pattern would cause additional work without any change in results.

5 It will be noted that, as before stated, the elasticity is placed at the sides of the garment where the strain comes in bending, thus causing the garment to give in an easy manner over the hips.

10 What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A pair of overalls, pants or trousers having front and rear sections or parts A and B, a pocket and a pocket-facing E having extension E' which extends from the rear or lower edge of the pocket-opening to the waistband; together with an extensible waistband partially separated at a point above the extension E' of the pocket-facing, the inner portion of the waistband being adapted to fold

as shown at D', substantially as shown and for the purpose set forth.

2. A pair of overalls, pants or trousers, made up of front and rear sections or parts A and B, and waistband D, a pocket-facing E having an extension E' at its rear edge which extends from the pocket-flap to the waistband, the waistband being doubled upon itself to present inner and outer strips or sections, the outer strip being slit to present a flap on a line with the extension E', housings on each side of said flap, and an elastic strip C secured at its ends in said housings, substantially as shown.

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

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