

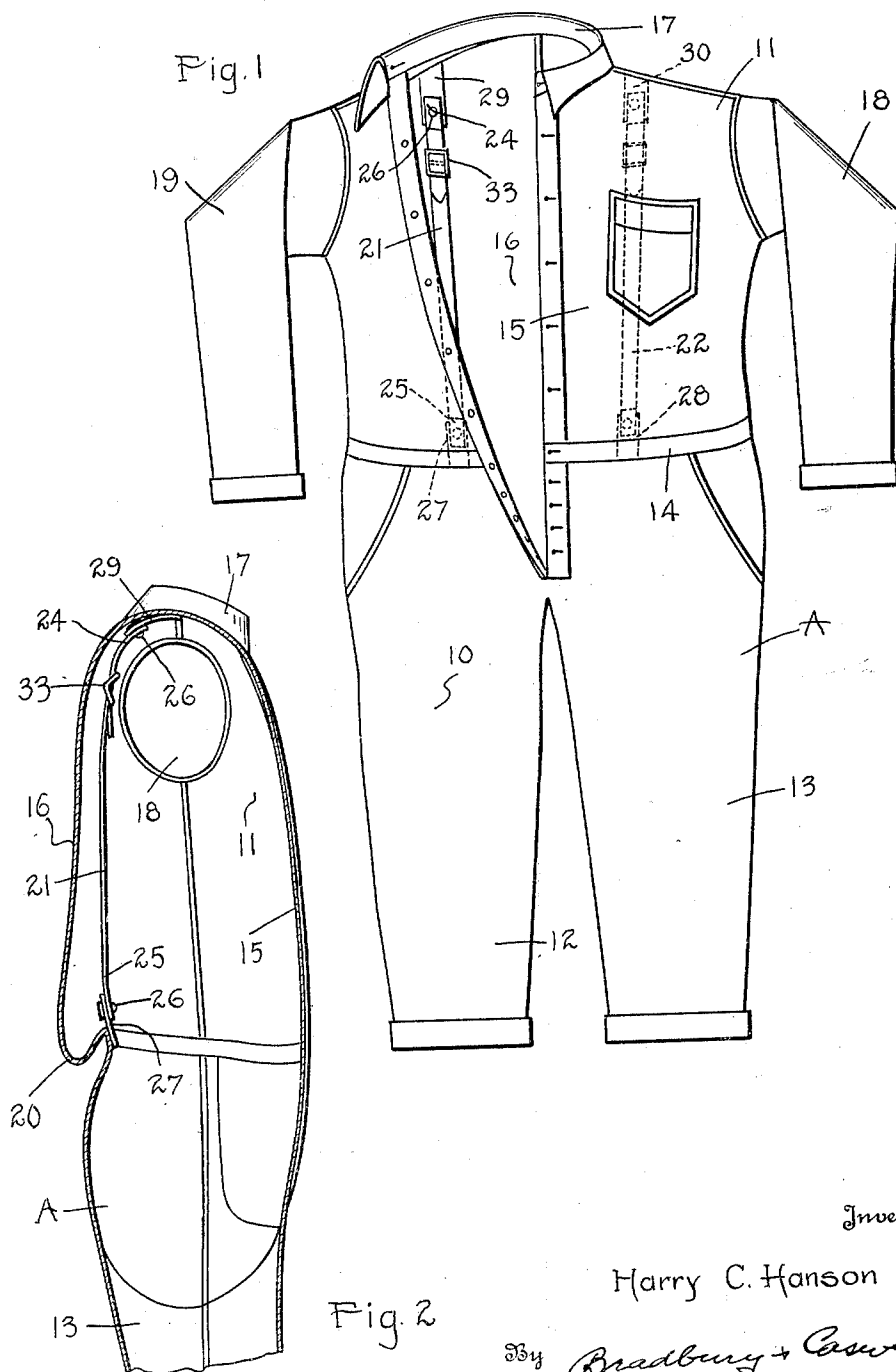
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My invention relates to combination outer garments and particularly to work garments ordinarily known as coveralls, and has for an object thereof to provide a garment which

5 will be comfortable to wear and which may be readily adjusted to fit the wearer after shrinkage, due to washing, or otherwise.

A further object of the invention resides in providing an outer garment having a

10 trouser portion and a coat portion connected together at the waist line, said coat portion being bloused along the back and to further provide inside elastic straps connected to the waist band of the trouser portion at the rear

15 thereof and to the shoulder seams of the coat portion of the garment, whereby the trouser portion at the back may be supported through the medium of said straps independently of the bloused back of the coat portion.

20 With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear in the following description, the invention resides in the novel combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described

25 and claimed.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of an outer garment with a part of the front section of the coat portion of the garment turned back

30 to illustrate the application of my invention thereto.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the garment shown in Fig. 1 with the coat portion closed and illustrating the arrangement of the elastic straps when the garment is placed upon the person of the wearer.

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With the ordinary type of combination outer garments or coveralls, considerable discomfort occurs when the garment is selected at the time of purchase to properly fit the

40 wearer, and an appreciable amount of shrinkage takes place after the garment has been washed. Such shrinkage usually results in that the garment becomes too small to fit the

45 wearer and must usually be discarded, which has had the effect of greatly reducing the demand for a one-piece or combination outer work garment, or the so-called coveralls. My invention remedies this defect by providing the inside elastic straps interposed between the shoulders and waist line of the

50 garment, whereby the back may be fully bloused so that the shrinkage occurring in a garment can be compensated for by said straps, at the same time providing a more comfortable garment in which the wearer may readily bend

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forward without causing the back of the garment to become tightened upon his person and interfere with his freedom of movement or causing a pull upon the neck band so as to effect discomfort at the throat of the wearer.

For the purpose of illustrating the application of my invention, I have shown an outer garment indicated in its entirety at A, which comprises a trouser portion 10 and a coat portion 11. The trouser portion 10 is formed with legs 12 and 13 and is provided at its upper edge with a waist band 14 extending completely around the same. The coat portion 11 is provided with a front 15 and a back 16

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having attached to them a neck band 17 and sleeves 18 and 19. The lower edges of the coat portion 11 are directly secured to the waist band 14, while the front 15 of said coat portion is divided to form a continuation of the fly of the trouser portion permitting of the ready application and attachment of the garment to the person of the wearer.

As best seen in Fig. 2, the back 16 of the coat portion 11 is constructed considerably longer than is the usual practice, so that the same comes fully bloused, as designated at 20, to lie freely upon the back of the wearer when the garment is properly applied.

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Two elastic straps 21 and 22 are provided with extension clasps 23 by means of which the length of the same may be readily adjusted. These straps terminate in ends 24 and 25 which are preferably constructed of a non-elastic material such as leather, and are adapted to receive buttons 26 for attaching the same to the garment. At the waist band 14 of the garment along the interior of the same and at points equally spaced from the medial line of the back of the garment are attached two upwardly extending tabs 27 and 28. These tabs are provided with button holes adapted to receive the buttons 26 on the ends 25 of straps 21 and 22, and serve to detachably connect the lower ends of said

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straps to the waist band 14. In a similar manner two downwardly extending tabs 29 and 30 are attached to the coat portion of the garment at the shoulder seams thereof, which tabs extend downwardly and are formed with button holes adapted to receive buttons 26 on the ends 24 of straps 21 and 22, whereby the upper ends of said straps are detachably secured to the shoulders of the garment.

In the use of the garment, the length of the straps 21 is adjusted through the clasps 23 so that the garment hangs freely and properly

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upon the person of the wearer with the back 16 bloused as indicated at 20. When so disposed, the user may readily bend his back, elongating the straps 21 and taking up the slack in the back 16, which gives freedom of movement to the user and makes the garment particularly comfortable to wear. When it is desired to launder the garment the buttons 26 are unbuttoned from their companion tabs and the straps 21 and 22 removed from the garment, the garment being laundered in the usual manner. By thus removing the straps 21 and 22 and saving them from being subjected to the detrimental action of soaps and other washing compounds, when the garment is cleansed, said straps are capable of service throughout the life of the garment and need not be replaced. Any shrinkage in the material of the garment at the back is compensated for in the amply bloused part of the jacket portion, there being sufficient material in the blouse, even after shrinkage, to provide for due elongation of the jacket portion under conditions tending to tighten the back between shoulders and waist line.

The invention is particularly advantageous in that it provides a simple and effective garment for compensating for shrinkage due to washing and also causes the garment to be exceptionally easy and comfortable to wear.

Changes in the specific form of my invention, as herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

A combination outer garment comprising a trouser portion, a coat portion bloused at the back and connected to said trouser portion at the waist line, two upwardly extending tabs secured inside of the garment at the waist line, one being located on one side and one on the opposite side of the medial line of the back of said garment, downwardly extending tabs secured to the inside of the garment at the shoulder portions thereof, said tabs respectively pairing with one of said first tabs, elastic straps, one for each pair of tabs, the straps having fastening means at the ends thereof and the tabs having fastening means complementing the fastening means of the straps, said straps, when attached to said tabs, serving to support the back of the trouser portion independently of the back of the coat portion.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature to this specification.

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