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Fig. 1.

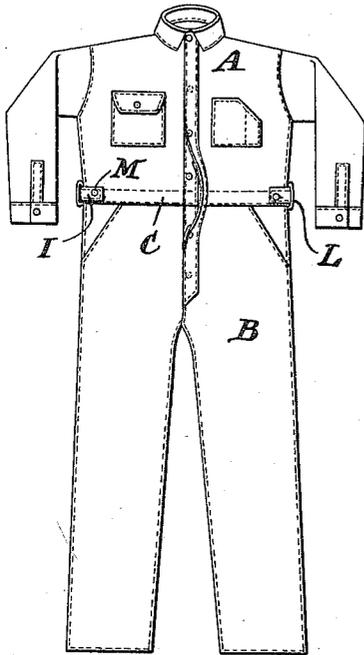


Fig. 2.

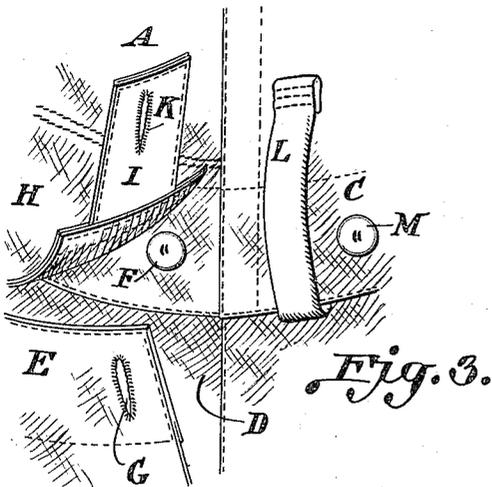
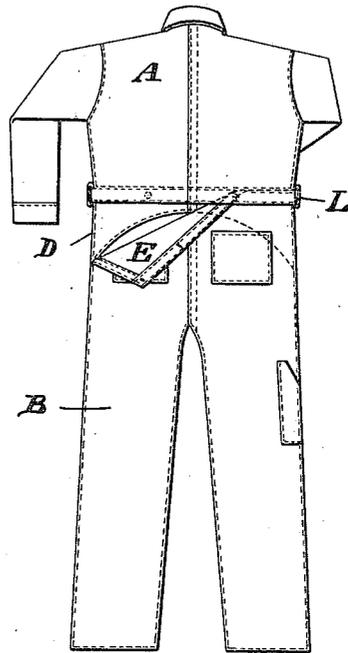


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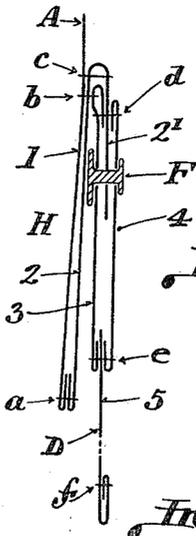


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER L. PENDERGRASS, a citizen of the United States, residing in Mobile, in the county of Mobile and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Union Suits, of which this is a specification.

This invention relates to union garments of the kind known as "cover-alls" and combines in a loose fitting garment a shirt and trousers so as to completely cover other clothing of the wearer. This invention herein disclosed is an improvement upon that illustrated in my prior Patent No. 1,398,443.

An object of this invention is to provide a garment of such character in which the method of fastening the drop seat to the waist band is simplified and improved, and in which the fastening buttons are concealed by a portion of the shirt that extends downwardly thereover. This protects the opening between the shirt and the drop seat against accidental entry of dirt or dust, and gives the garment a much better appearance.

Other objects will be apparent from the following detailed description and the appended claim.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front view of the device.

Figure 2 is a rear view with the drop seat partially lowered.

Figure 3 is a detail view showing the manner of securing the drop seat and the protecting band.

Figure 4 is a diagrammatic sectional view through the rear portion of the shirt and waistband showing the apron and the protecting flap.

The garment consists of a shirt portion A, trousers B, a waist band C, an apron D being formed as an extension of the shirt portion, and a drop seat E. The shirt and trousers are provided with pockets as desired and the waist band, shirt and trousers are all open at front as indicated. These parts may all be as shown in my prior patent above referred to, or may be of any desired construction consistent with the improvement forming the present invention.

A portion 1 of the back of the shirt has a piece of material 2 laid thereon and hemmed thereto at *a*. Another piece of material 3 of suitable length is laid on pieces 1 and 2 and stitched together at *b*. The upper ends of pieces 2 and 3 are folded down and the fold of 2 is stitched to the back 1 of the waist at *c*. Another piece of material 4 is laid on piece 3 with its upper end folded in, and pieces 2, 3 and 4 are stitched together at *d*. The apron D is formed from another piece 5 of material the upper end of which is placed between the lower ends of 3 and 4 and the three pieces stitched together as shown at *e*. The lower edge of the apron D is hemmed as at *f*. This apron has the general form indicated in Figure 2. This apron or curtain is intended to protect or conceal the undergarments when the drop seat is partly opened in any manner.

The parts 3 and 4 form the waistband and are provided where desired with the buttons F. The upper edge of the drop seat E has button holes G which correspond to the buttons F. It is to be noted that when the drop seat is buttoned in place, the protective flap H formed by pieces 1 and 2 falls down over the buttons and the line of juncture between the shirt and the drop seat and conceals the same. It furthermore protects the garment against the accidental entry of any foreign matter at the opening between the shirt and trousers.

To each end of the protective flap H is attached an extension I having a buttonhole K. This extension passes through a loop L and the buttonhole K engages a button M attached to the waistband on the front of the shirt portion. In this manner the protective flap H is caused to act as a semibelt, and holds the parts in working position.

It is obvious that minor changes may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention which is to be regarded as limited only by the scope of the appended claim.

I claim as my invention.

A union garment comprising a shirt and trousers joined, a strip of material attached to the inner face of the shirt at the lower rear edge thereof and having a free edge at

a distance from the shirt edge, a waist band attached to the free edge of said strip and having fastening means, an apron attached to the lower edge of the waist band, the trousers being split at the sides from the waist band downwardly to provide a drop seat, and cooperative fastening means on the upper part of the drop seat, the fastening means being hidden by the lower edge of the shirt.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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