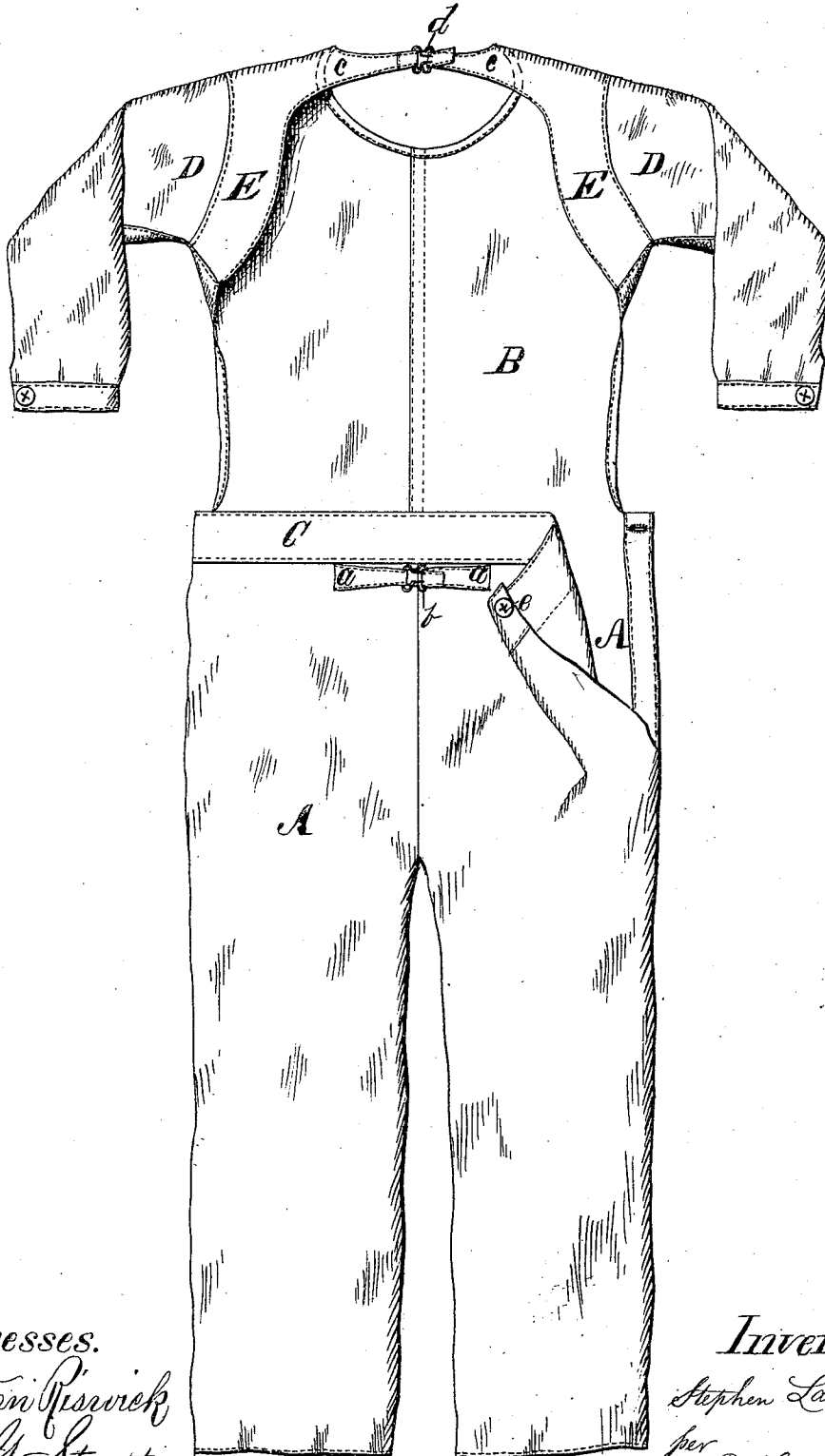


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IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALLS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN LASKEY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overalls; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, 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, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a rear view of a pair of overalls to which my improvement has been applied.

Heretofore overalls have been made in which a breast-piece and neck-band have been combined with the overalls; but such afforded no protection to the shirt-sleeves.

A regular "jumper," or blouse, has also been combined with the overalls; but such is too warm in summer time, and, besides, is too costly, and too difficult to put on and off.

My improvement remedies all these troubles, and at the same time yields all the advantages of the combined blouse and overall, and of the apron or breast overall.

My improvement consists in constructing the garment without a back, but with a breast-piece, provided with a pair of sleeves, the upper portions of which are formed with strap-pieces, whereby, through the aid of a buckle or other suitable fastening device, the sleeves are held firmly in place at the back of the wearer.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my improvement, I will describe it in detail.

A represents the pantaloon portion of the overall, and B the breast-piece.

The leg portions of the front of the garment and the breast-piece B are represented as being cut out together—that is, the front part of one leg and one-half of the breast in one part, and the front part of the other leg and the other half of the breast in another—but the breast and pantaloon part may be cut out separately, and afterward stitched together, if desired, although I prefer to cut them out together.

The rear portion of the pantaloon part is represented as being provided with a waist-band, C; but it may be merely a hem, turned down. It is also provided with adjusting-straps *a a* and buckle *b*.

The breast-piece B is cut out at the sides, in the ordinary way of making a blouse, for the reception of sleeves D D, yoke-pieces E E being arranged at the back—one on each side—for this purpose, and which serve to connect the top of the breast-piece at the shoulder with the same piece below the arm, thereby forming the necessary connection for setting in the sleeves. These pieces E may have any required shape given to them, and are terminated at their upper ends with projecting lugs or straps *c*, by means of which and a buckle, *d*, they are secured together, and thus serve to keep the sleeves and breast-piece B in place around the back of the neck of the wearer.

The garment is represented as being openable at the side, to enable it to be put off and on with ease.

To put the garment on, the button *e* at the side is unbuttoned; the pantaloon part A is then drawn on; the arms D D are in turn drawn on, and the straps *c c* then buckled around the neck, and the button *e* at the side then buttoned up, and the operation is complete.

In taking the garment off, the reverse operation takes place.

Instead of straps *c c* and buckle *d*, a strong piece of elastic cloth may be used; but I prefer the former.

Having described my improvement, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An overall, consisting of the pantaloon part A, breast-piece B, and sleeves D D, constructed and arranged for operation substantially as set forth.

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

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