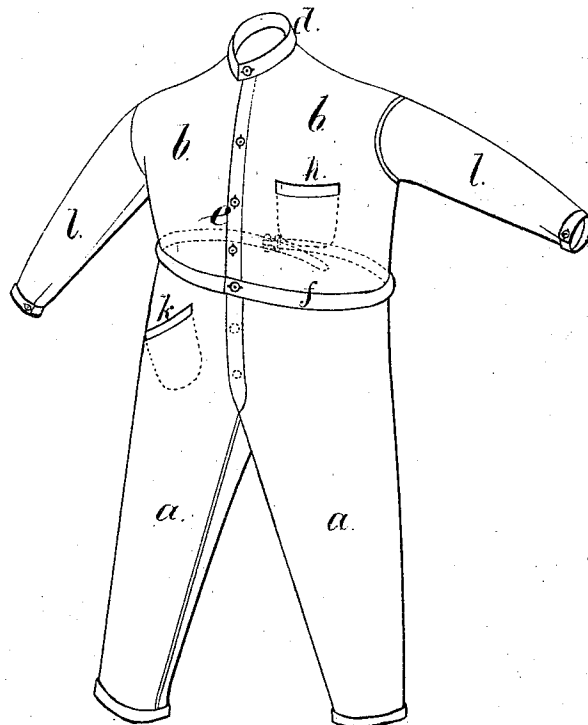


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IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALLS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY F. WOODWARD, of the city and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Workmen's Overalls, of which the following is a specification:

It is usual to manufacture overalls with a waistband at the upper end, the garment itself extending only to the waist. A shirt or jacket is generally worn in addition, and hence with painters and other workmen that have to reach around in different directions with the hands, the jacket works up and the overalls descend at the waist, so that there is often an open space where cold can easily reach the body, and persons are liable to catch cold or other diseases incident to exposure of this portion of the body.

Children's night-garments have been made with an opening down the back, the waist and drawers being connected together; but a garment of this character is not adapted to workmen, either in appearance or for convenience, because the fastenings are not easily accessible, and are liable to be broken by the movements of the body.

My improvement relates to overalls made of drawers and jacket combined, and of two main sections united at the back, opened down the front, and provided with fastenings and a waistband and pockets.

By this construction the entire person is covered with the overall, freedom of movement to the arms and legs is allowed for, the undergarments are kept clean, and the body is protected from cold, especially around the waist.

In the drawing I have represented by a perspective view the said improved overall.

The legs *a* and body *b* are made of suitable

flexible material, usually of heavy cotton goods. The same is cut out and joined by seams so as to fit the person. I make the entire garment, except the sleeves, of two main sections, the fabric running from the neck-band *d* to the bottom of the leg portions or drawers *a*, and extending from the front connecting-bands or hems *e* around to the central seam that unites these two main sections at the back; thereby the overalls are not liable to injury because the seams are not exposed to strain. The waistband *f* is preferably sewed to the fabric at the front and loose at the back, and provided with a buckle. This waistband serves to gather the garment about the person at the waist, and painters can carry a dusting-brush in the band at the back.

I prefer buttons and button-holes for fastening the garment together down the front. The pockets *h* and *k* are inserted at each side of the front opening. The sleeves *l* are of the character used in workmen's jackets.

The overall made in this manner is a new and very useful article of manufacture.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, the workman's overalls made with the drawers and jackets of two main sections, each extending from the shoulders to the bottoms of the drawers without any seam at the waist, and united at the back and open down the front and provided with pockets and a waistband or strap, as set forth.

Signed by me this 31st day of March, 1874.

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