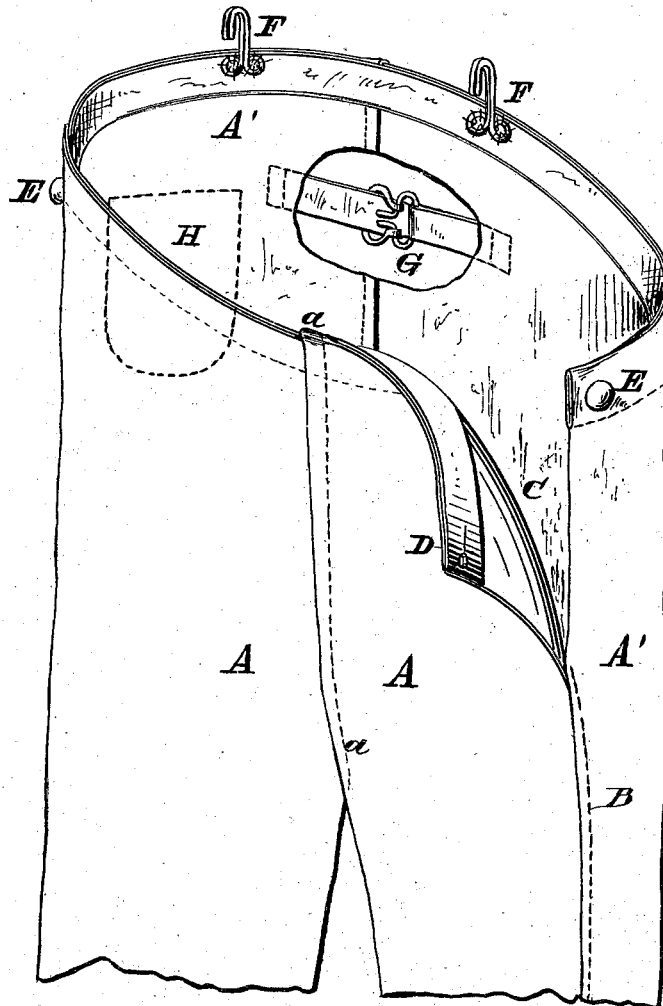


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IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALLS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH L. SEELBACH, of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overalls; and I do hereby declare that the following description of my said invention, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, forms a full, clear, and exact specification, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has special reference to overalls; and it consists in the peculiar arrangement of parts and details of construction, as hereinafter first fully set forth and described, and then pointed out in the claim.

In the drawing already mentioned, the figure is a perspective view of my improved overalls.

The object of my said invention is the production of cheap, but nevertheless most substantial, serviceable, and convenient overalls, which can be manufactured at small cost and sold in the market at a very low figure, so as not to strain the financial condition of the poorer class of mechanics and laborers, who are the chief buyers and consumers of such garments.

Heretofore overalls have been made in every conceivable form and shape, and provided with multitudinous means and devices for strapping, buckling, lacing, &c., the same so as to confine the garment to the wearer's body. All such devices, many of which, although serviceable, are more or less expensive or complicated and do not give general satisfaction.

It is, furthermore, a well-known fact that mechanics coming in close proximity to machinery in motion are most apt to be caught by means of the loosely-fitting garment, the pockets, or other exteriorly-attached parts thereof, when the same are placed in the front part of the garment, it being settled beyond a doubt that workmen are generally more in danger from machinery when such pockets are in front, affording a ready opportunity of being caught, and often resulting in seriously, if not fatally, injuring the wearer.

Overalls, as a general rule, are also made very much like a bag, so as to be large enough

to fit variously-sized persons, and to enable them to readily put on the garment, particularly in that class of overalls having the usual fly-slit and front buttoned or otherwise fastened; and this ill-fitting and much-abused garment generally is the cause of such accidents as happen to their unfortunate wearer.

My overalls, which are especially designed to overcome these objections, are cut from properly-designed patterns in the shape of a well-fitting pair of pants, and are composed of the front and rear parts, A A', and produce a perfect fit. These parts are sewed together in the usual manner, except that the front seam, *a a*, is continued up to the edge of the waist, instead of leaving the usual fly-slit, and that the side seams, B, stop short of the said top edge a sufficient distance to produce the side slits, C. In this manner the garment is arranged to separate on diametrically-opposite points, and affords an opening for the entry of the wearer's limbs and body as large as the nature of the garment admits, and larger than any other overalls having the usual fly-slit in front, already mentioned.

The fore part of the body of my overalls has simply two button-holes, D, (one on each side,) to engage with buttons E on the rear part; and the rear part is furthermore provided with several hooks, F, to engage the edge of the waistband of the wearer's pants, said hooks forming the only but ready means of attachment of the overalls to the pants.

On the rear part of the body is provided the usual buckle-pieces G, by means of which adjustment of the garment is made, to adapt the same to the difference in size of the wearer in different seasons of the year, said buckle being, as a rule, not designed to make a large pair of overalls fit a slim person.

The usual pocket or pockets H in my overalls are attached to the rear part of the body A', so as to be out of the way and present no opportunity of being caught therein.

It will now be readily observed that when the garment is made in various sizes, so as to fit the wearer as nice a fit as a pair of well-designed pants, the overalls, when buttoned, will fit the wearer's body snugly and sufficiently tight without interfering with perfect

freedom of motion, and that the putting on and removal of the garment are readily and quickly accomplished.

A further advantage of this construction is that free access to the pockets in the pantaloons can be had without unbuttoning a single button, entrance to said pockets being had through side slits, C, which are directly over said pants-pockets.

Heretofore overalls have been made with shoulder-straps having perforations, where-with engage hooks fixed to the waistband of said overalls. This arrangement is more expensive than mine, because it requires separate shoulder-straps, which, on overalls, are also objectionable on account of their liability to slip or catch in running machinery, which objections are avoided in my overalls, where the hooks are placed on the rear part of the waistband and engage the corresponding part of the waistband of the wearer's pants.

Having thus fully described my invention, I

claim as new and desire to secure to me by a Patent of the United States—

As an improved article of manufacture, a pair of overalls composed of the four parts, A A', having the front seam, *a a*, extending to the upper edge of the waist, and the side seams, B, reaching to within a suitable distance of said edge to afford the slits C, said parts being secured together by the button-holes D and buttons E, and the garment adapted to be attached to the wearer's pants by the hooks F, fixed to the rear parts, A A', engaging the upper edge of the waistband of said pants, as and for the use and purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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