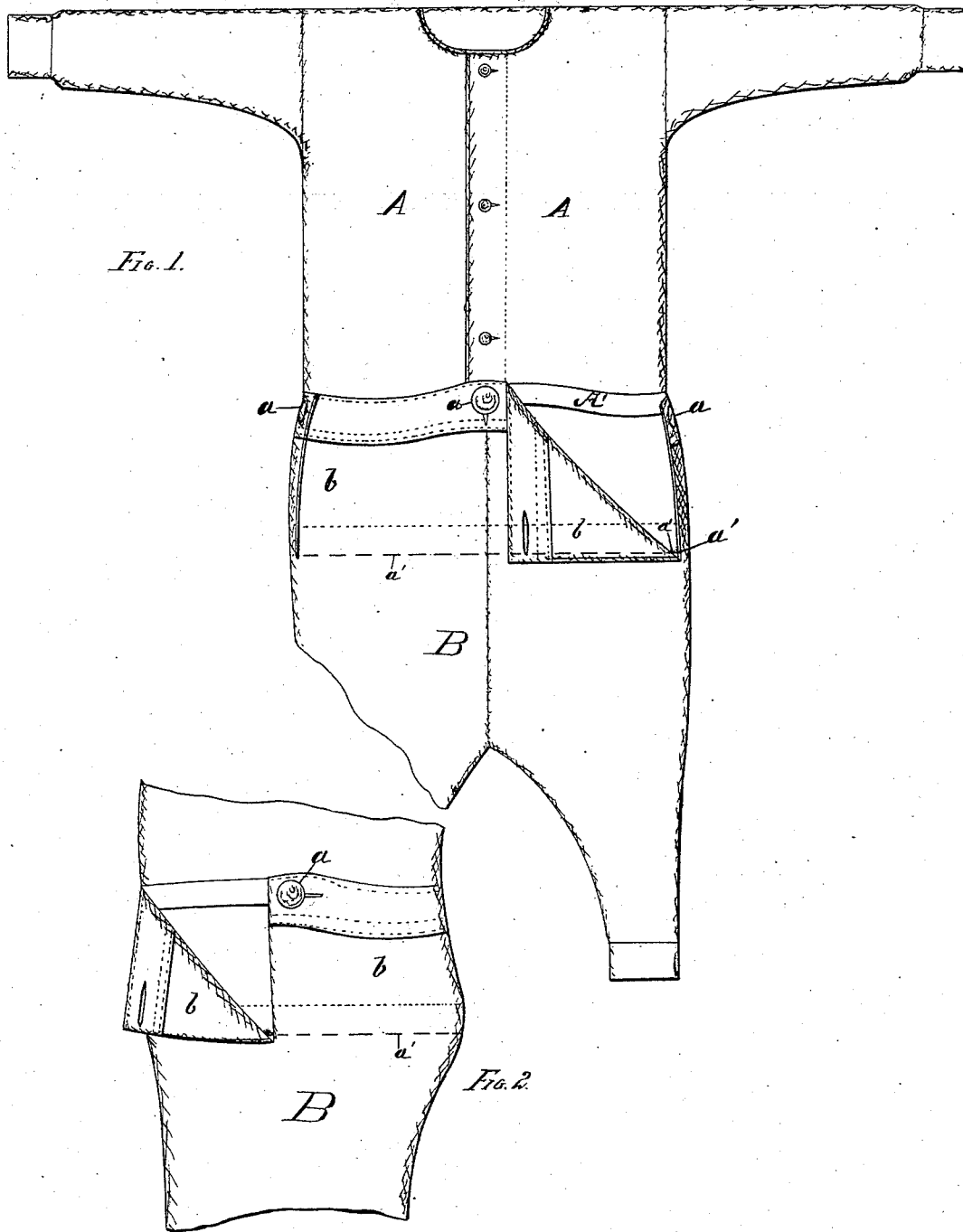


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. HIBBARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook, in the State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Combination-Suits for Children, which is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved combination-suit, one leg being broken away. Fig. 2 is a detailed side view of the middle part of the same suit.

The same letters denote the same parts in both figures.

My invention relates to that class of underwear called "combination" or "union" suits, in which a shirt and drawers are combined, detachably or otherwise, so as to constitute virtually one garment. In these combination-suits the shirt or waist usually has a row of buttons on its lower margin, to which the upper margin of the drawers is attached, the drawers being generally divided at the sides for a short distance, so as to form a front or back flap, or both, which can be let down. In this way the abdomen—that part of the body which most needs protection against sudden lowering of temperature—is frequently exposed to it, the more frequently because clothing of this class is almost exclusively worn by children, who are not only thoughtless themselves, but are often committed to the charge of thoughtless attendants. The object of my invention is to remedy this defect of the suit,

and I do it by extending the shirt so far below the line on which the drawers are attached to it that the abdomen shall always be covered.

In the drawings, A denotes the shirt portion of the combination-suit. At the waist it is surrounded by a band, A', on which is a row of buttons, *a*, to which the upper margin of the drawers portion B of the suit is attached. In combination-suits as heretofore made this band A' is the lower margin of the shirt. I extend the shirt below the band to the line *a'* so far that when the flap *b* of the drawers is turned down the body of the wearer will still be protected, and when the drawers are completely attached to the shirt there will be a broad overlap at the junction. This extension of the shirt is most important at the front, but without any material increase of expense can be continued all the way around.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination-suit consisting of the drawers B, having the reversible front flap, *b*, and the shirt A, having the waistband A', arranged to correspond with the upper margin of the drawers, and provided with buttons, and the front flap, *a'*, extending below the waistband and equal in breadth to the front flap of the drawers, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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