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OVERALLS.

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Fig. 1.

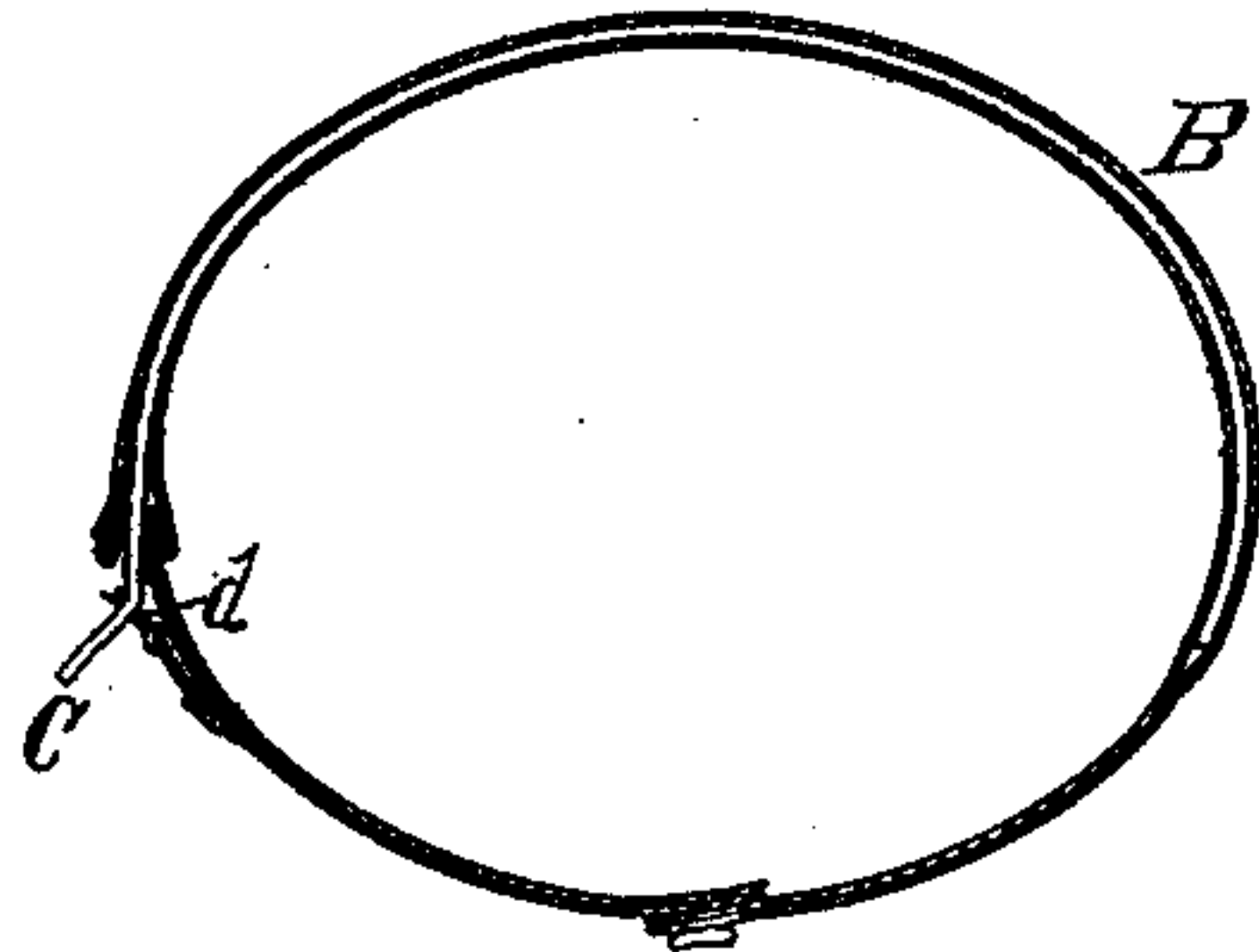


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.

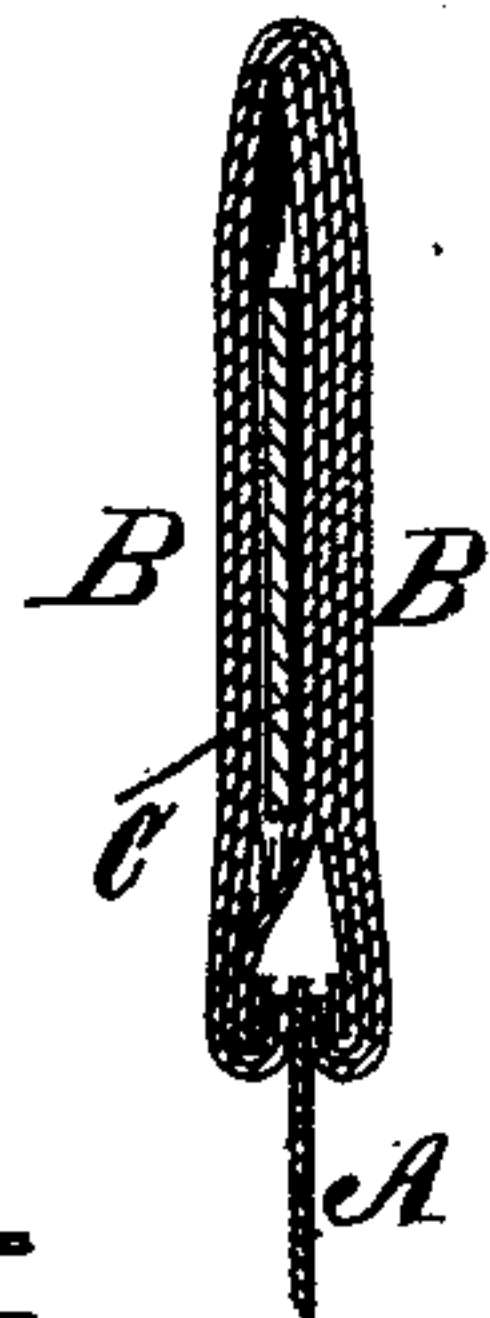


Fig. 6.

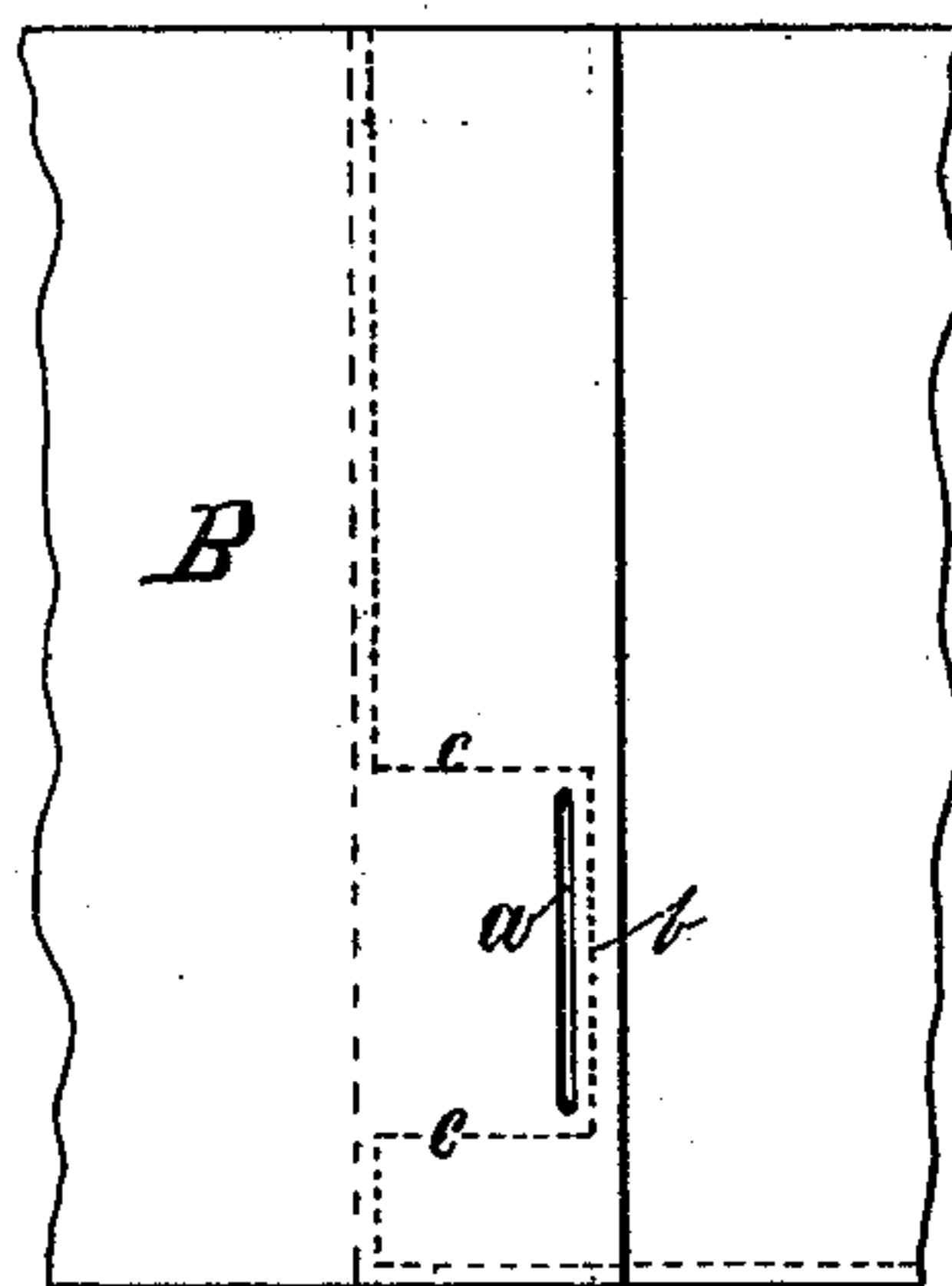
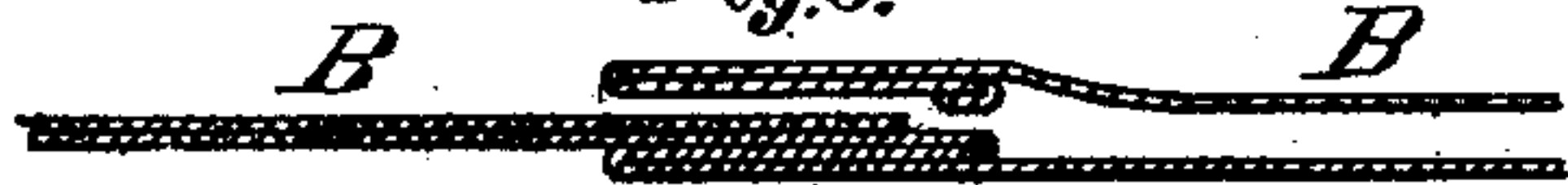


Fig. 5.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALLS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE R. EAGER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overalls and other garments; 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 drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a cross-section through a waistband of a pair of overalls to which my improvement has been applied; and Fig. 2, an edge view of the piece of cloth from which the hollow waistband is made, showing how it is first folded preparatory to being stitched, as represented in Fig. 6. Fig. 3 represents the same strip as folded and stitched in Fig. 2, folded together lengthwise, with the strap interposed between, and showing the end of the strap projecting through the opening cut on the inner upper fold, to illustrate the method of its passing from the hollow to the outside of the waistband. Fig. 4 shows a vertical section through the waistband, and a portion of the upper part of the body of the garment, taken at the point the adjusting-strap issues from the hollow waistband, the strap being shown in place. Fig. 5 represents a view similar to that shown in Fig. 3, with the adjusting-strap removed.

As heretofore made, the hollow waistbands of garments provided with a strap or straps for the adjustment of the garment, have been made of two separate and distinct pieces of cloth where one strap is used, and of three separate pieces where two straps are used.

From this mode of making the waistband much trouble is experienced in the ripping out of the waistband at the point where the strap passes from the inside to the outside of the band, and it is also difficult or troublesome to put together and stitch in making.

To remedy these troubles is the object of my invention, which consists in a new and improved mode of making the opening in the waistband, by means of which the latter can

be made of a single piece of cloth, and yet afford a stronger exit for the strap, and be more easily made, and at much less cost, and which I effect by a simple folding of the cloth where but one strap is used, and then cutting a slit in the cloth for the passage of the strap; and where two straps are used, by putting an additional folding at the proper point and making another slit for the passage of the other strap in precisely the same way.

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

In the drawing, the improvement is represented as being applied to a pair of overalls, and for the accommodation of a single strap; but it is as applicable to blouses, overshirts, pants, drawers, and other garments having an adjustable waistband, and also to those where they are provided with two adjusting-straps.

A, Fig. 4, represents the body of the garment; B, the waistband, and C the adjusting-strap, which, at its inner end, is fastened to the inside of the hollow waistband on the side opposite to that at which it issues from the waistband, as shown in Fig. 1. Where two straps are used the other is fastened in the same way, the one to the inner and the other to the outer side of the waistband, the two passing each other.

In making the waistband B, a single piece of cloth of suitable length and width is taken and folded in the manner shown in Fig. 2, and then stitched, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 6. A slit, *a*, is then made beyond the line of stitches *b*, and between the end lines *c c* of stitches, as shown in the same figure. This is all that is necessary to do where but one strap is used. If two are intended to be used, then at the proper point a similar fold and slit are made after it has been stitched, in the same manner. The end of the strap or straps C are then stitched in, as in Fig. 1, and the free end or ends of the strap or straps passed through the slit or slits *a*, and the waistband is ready to be folded, as in Fig. 3, and secured to the garment in the ordinary way, after which the buckle *d*, by which the strap is adjusted, is secured to the waistband,



and the button-hole worked in, and the affair is completed.

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

A hollow waistband of a single piece of cloth, folded, stitched, and slit in the manner and for the purposes substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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