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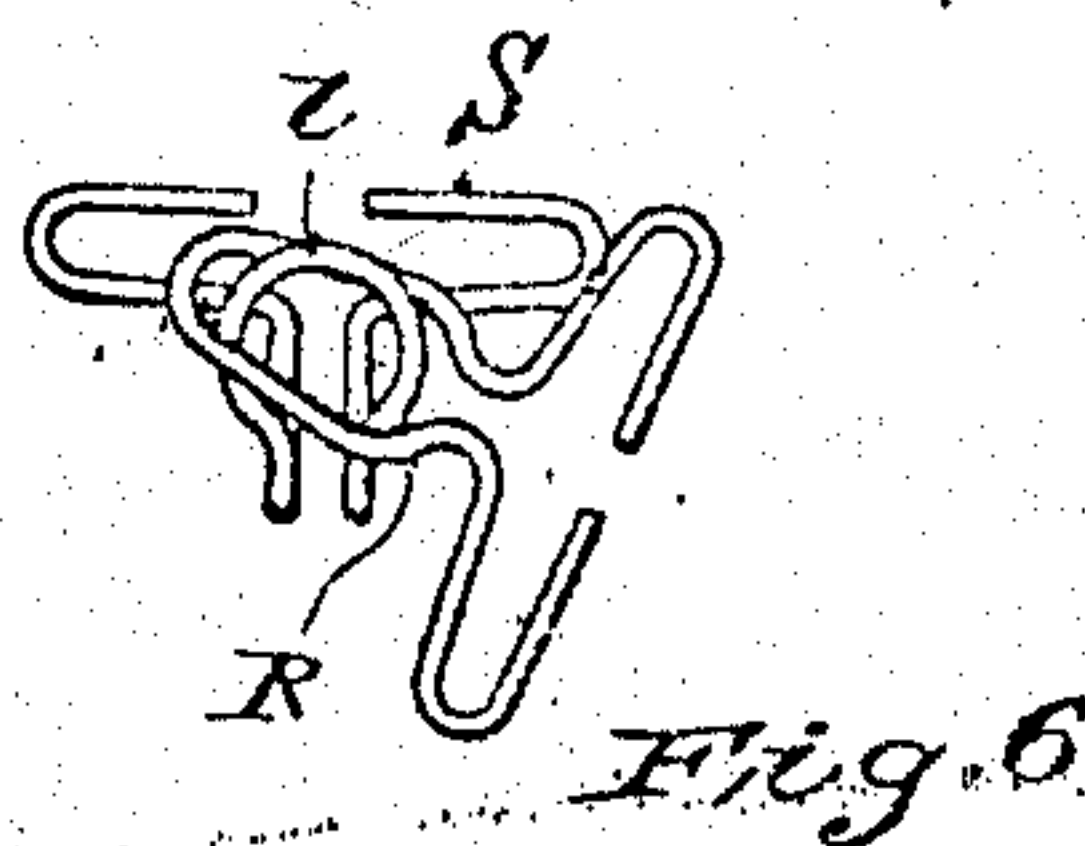
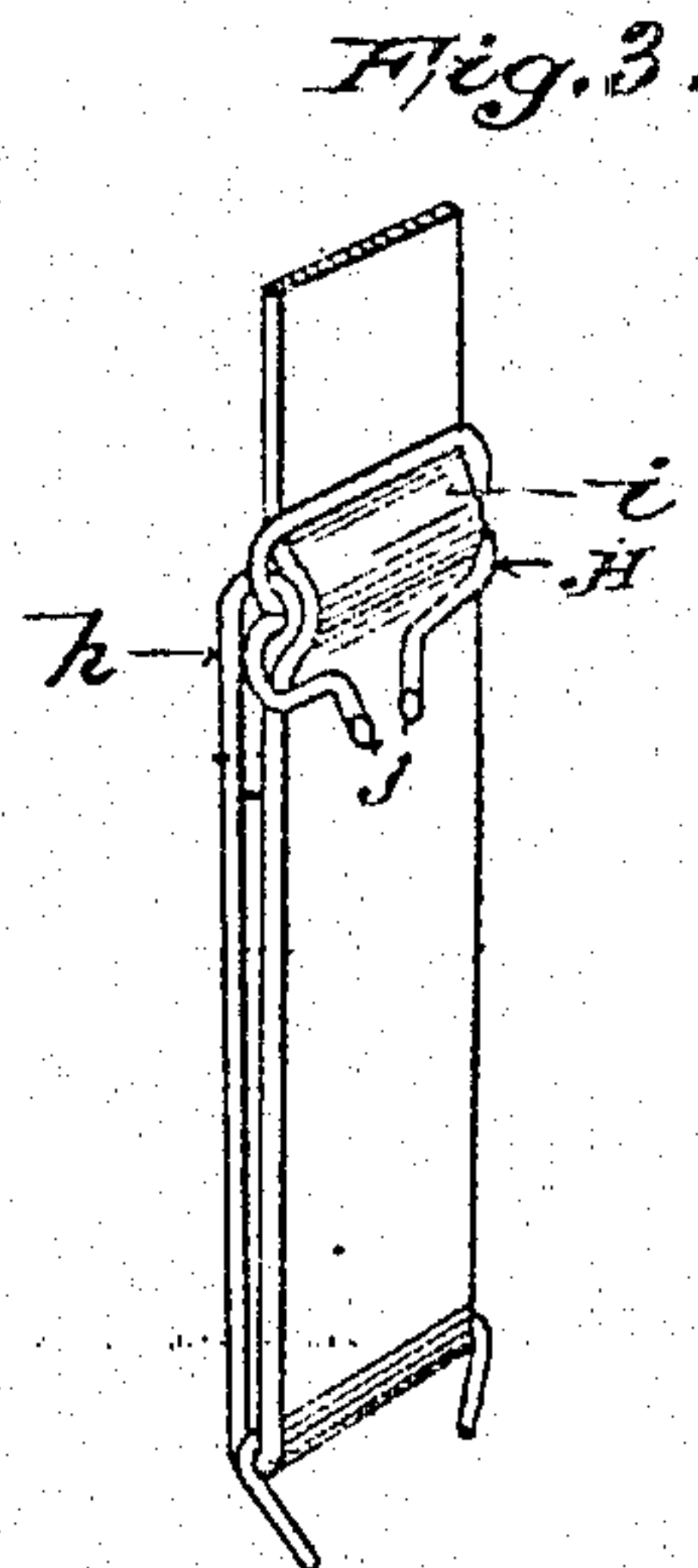
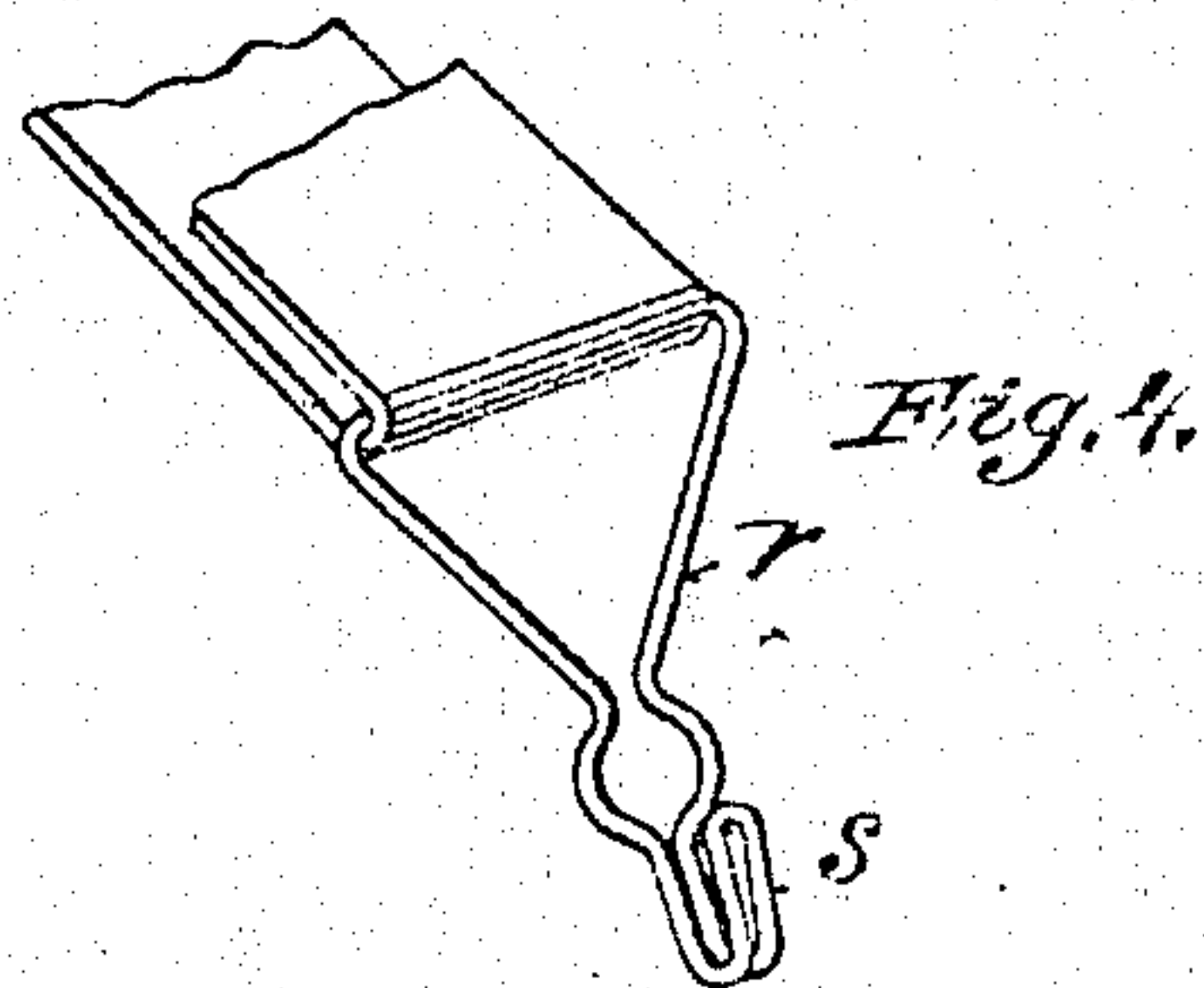
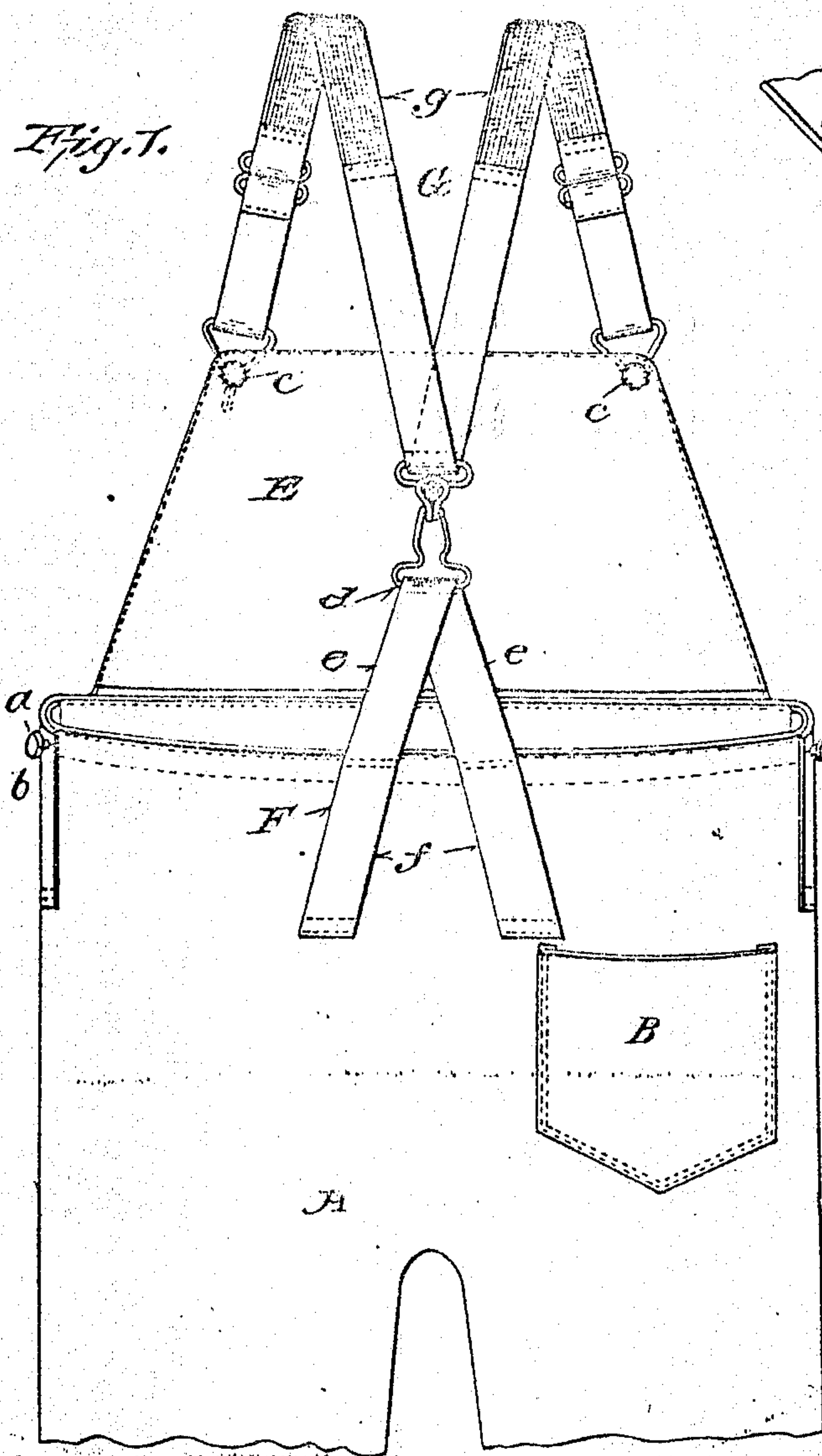
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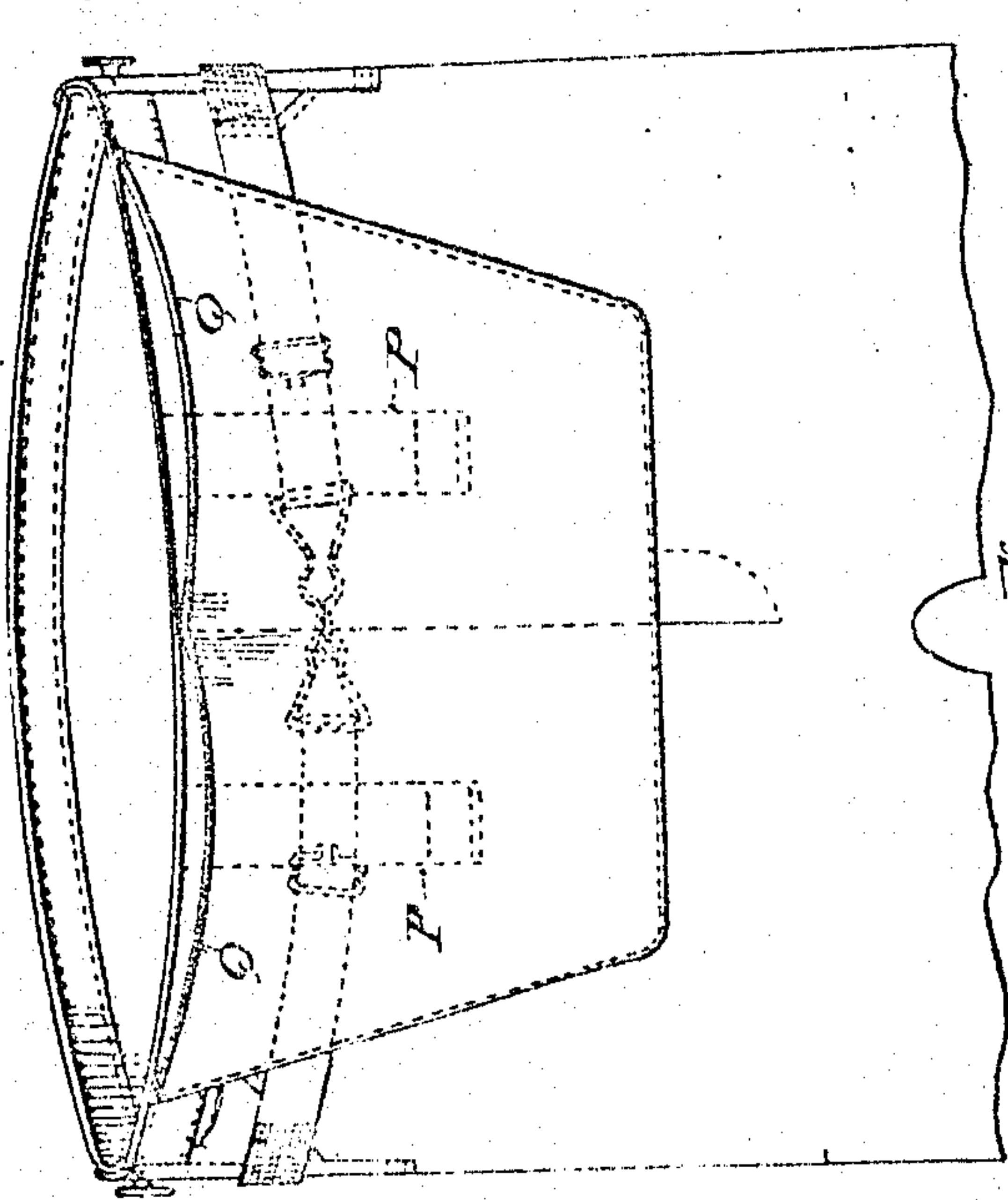


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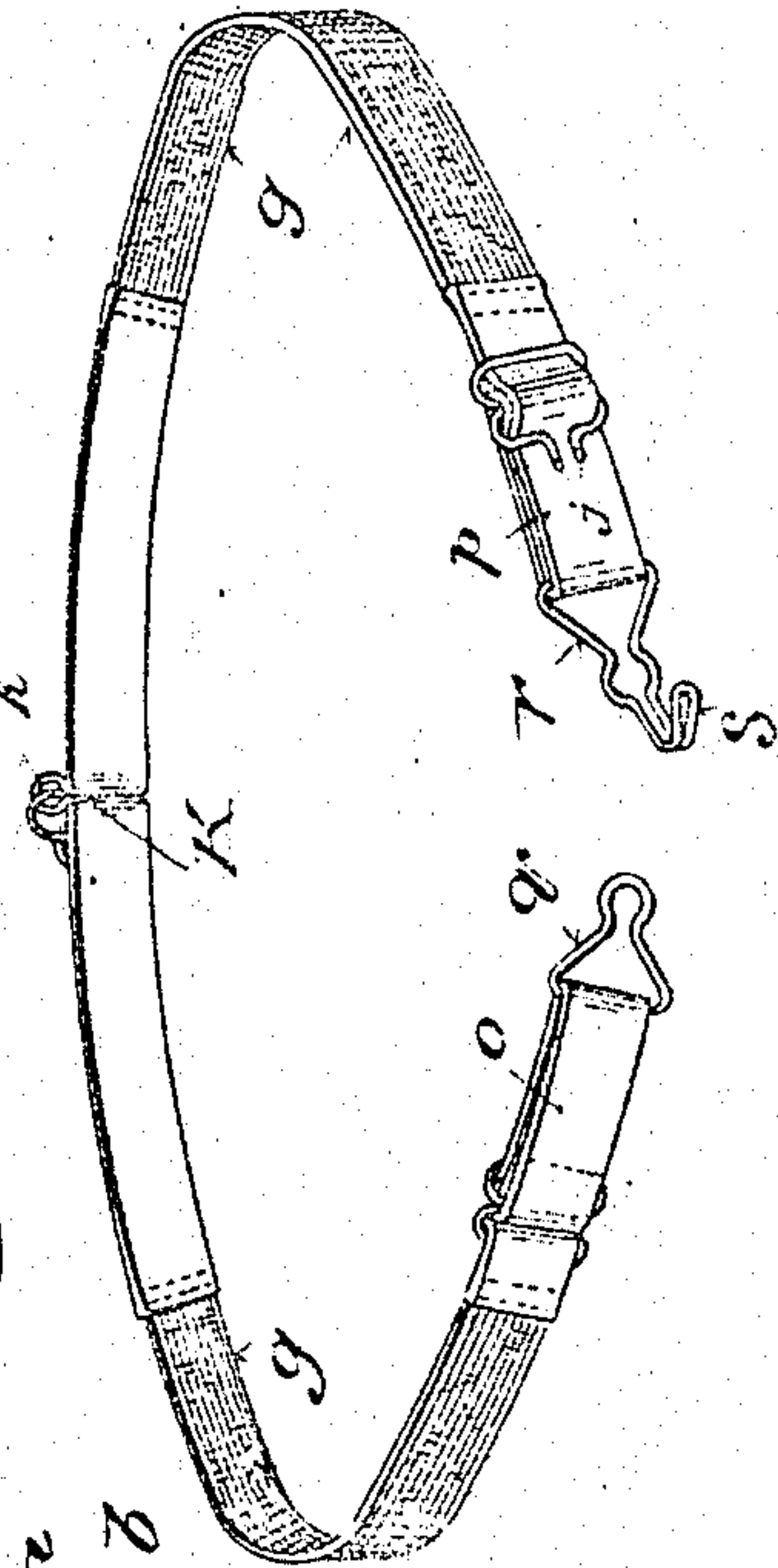


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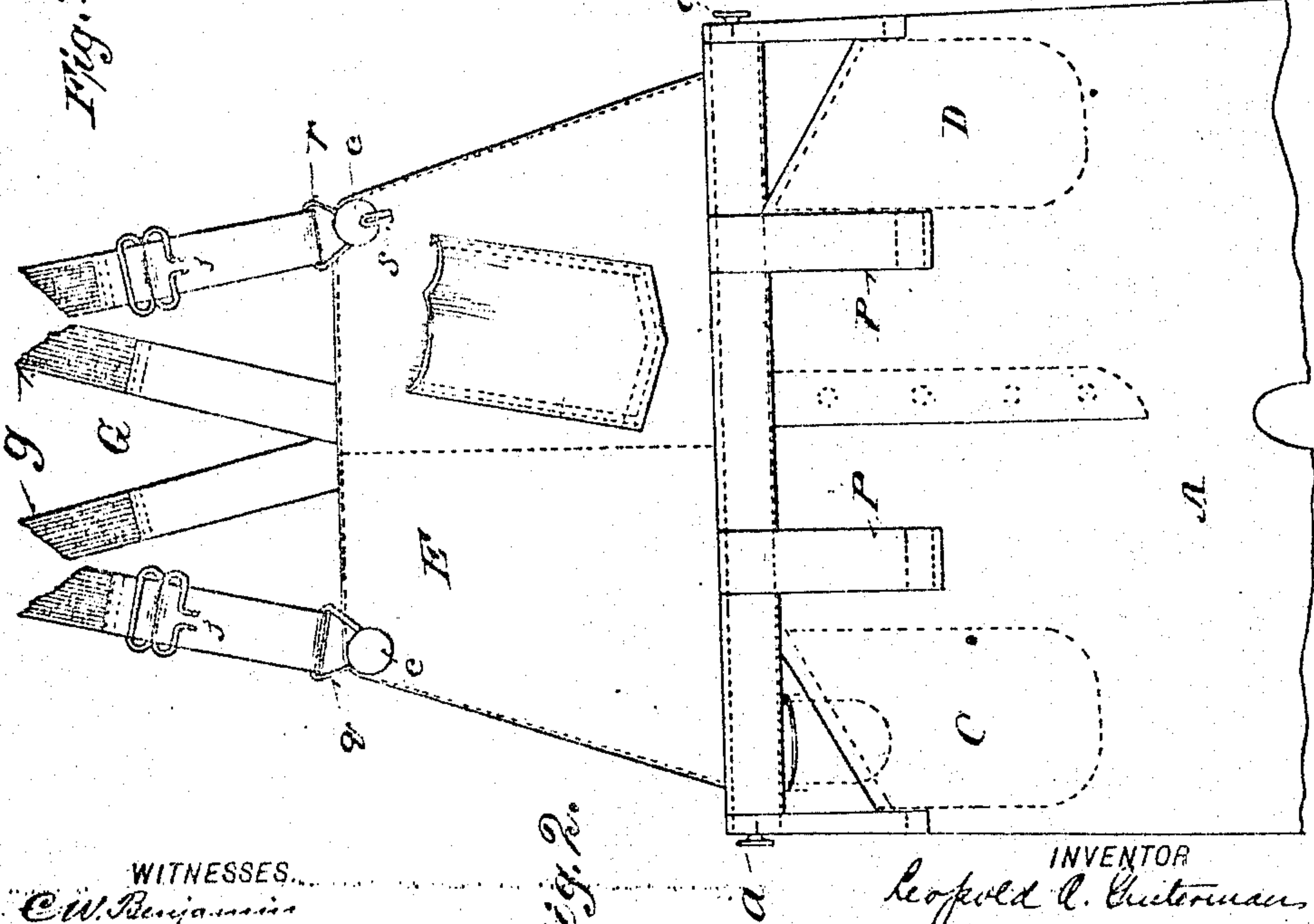


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEOPOLD A. GUITERMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overalls, of which the following is a specification, accompanied by drawings.

My invention relates to improvements in that garment commonly called "overalls;" and the object of my invention is to improve upon such overalls heretofore placed upon the market.

My invention is more particularly an improvement on the overalls shown and described in United States Patent No. 328,025, granted to me October 3, 1885.

Many different styles of these garments are made to suit the different trades and occupations in which the wearers may be engaged; and one of the objects of my invention is to enable a mechanic or laborer provided with my improved overalls to readily arrange them to suit any class of work, the garment being what may be termed a "combination bib and hop overall," it being so constructed that it can be used as an ordinary bib overall or the suspenders may be readily detached and used as a belt, the bib or apron then dropping down in front over the belt and being provided with a pocket or any desired number of pockets, which are handy for tools, nails, and other paraphernalia and uses.

Other objects of my invention will hereinafter appear; and to these ends my invention consists in a garment with attachments therefor for carrying out the above objects constructed and arranged substantially as hereinafter fully described, and shown in this specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a rear view of a pair of overalls embodying my invention, showing the suspenders attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view of one of the adjusting-buckles of the suspenders. Fig. 4 shows in front and side view the combination button-loop and hook used on the suspenders. Fig. 5 is a front view of the cooperating hook and loop at the back-strap, the hook and loop being shown in engagement with each other and locked together. Fig. 6 is another view of the said hook and loop, showing the loop about to be engaged

or disengaged from the hook. Fig. 7 is a front view of the overalls with the suspenders used as a belt and the bib or apron folded down in front over the waist, and Fig. 8 is an enlarged detail view of the suspenders or shoulder-straps opened out in the form of a belt and showing the means for securing the ends to each other.

Referring to the drawings, the main portion of the overalls A may be made in any suitable and usual manner for strength and durability, as shown, in this instance the waist portions being slit at the sides and there being a suitable pocket B behind and pockets C and D in front, of which there may be any desired number arranged in any convenient manner. The slit portions at the sides are provided, as shown, with buttons *a* and buttonholes *b* for securing the overlapping portions at the slit.

In this instance the overalls are shown provided with a bib or apron E, which is provided with means for attaching suspenders thereto, while means are also provided at the back of the waist portion of the overalls for attaching suspenders or shoulder-straps, as shown, there being buttons *c* on the bib and the overalls being provided with a back-strap F, to which is attached a fastening device for cooperating with the suspenders.

One of my improvements in the garment consists of the construction and arrangement of this back-strap F, as shown, the back-strap consisting of a strip folded upon itself at *d*, with the portions *e* extending across the waist portion of the overalls at the rear and secured thereto by lines of stitching or other suitable means, leaving loops *f* in the back-strap between the strap and the body of the overalls for the insertion of a belt when a belt is used to support the garment from the waist. According to my invention the back-strap is folded upon itself to form a loop for the reception of a suspending device with the two portions *e* diverging from each other, as shown in the drawings, and each portion being secured to the overalls on separated and substantially parallel lines, whereby the loops *f*, referred to, are formed by the strap portions and the body of the overalls for the reception of a belt. Each portion is secured at its end to the overalls, and each portion of the strap, as shown, is additionally secured to the overalls on a line remote from its end to form



the loops *f*. A suitable device (shown in this instance as a loop) is secured within the fold *d* of the back-strap in any suitable manner, as by means of stitching.

5 Suitable suspenders or shoulder-straps *G* are provided for the overalls, and when the garment is to be supported from the shoulders the suspenders or shoulder-straps *G* are attached to the buttons *c* on the bib and to the  
10 attaching device on the back-strap, as shown, in this instance the suspenders having elastic portions *g* for convenience and comfort in wearing, and they are also provided with adjusting devices, as shown in Fig. 3, for ad-  
15 justing the length of the shoulder-straps. While these adjusting devices may be of any suitable character, in this instance they are shown as buckles *H*, over the central portions of which are looped the ends *h* of the sus-  
20 penders, while the main portion of the suspenders passes through the buckle, as at *i*, in any suitable manner, whereby the buckle may be slipped along the shoulder-strap, the downwardly-projecting fingers *j* serving to main-  
25 tain the buckle in any desired position. The suspenders or shoulder-straps *G* are so constructed that they may be formed into a belt and secured about the waist to support the overalls from the waist. In order that the  
30 suspenders may be used as a belt, they must be capable of being opened out into a substantially straight line when detached from the overalls, as shown more particularly in Fig. 8, and one way of accomplishing this end is  
35 to form the suspenders of a strip of material folded diagonally upon itself, as at *K*, Fig. 8, the loop *k*, which is formed thereby, being suitable for the attachment of a device *l* (shown in the form of a hook) for securing  
40 the suspenders to the back-strap. Each end *o* and *p* should also be provided with means for securing the suspenders about the waist, as a belt, in this instance one end as *o*, being provided with a button-loop *q*, and the  
45 other end *p* being provided with a combination button-loop and hook *r*, so that in supporting the garment from the shoulders the loop *q* and the loop portion of the combination device *r* may be looped over the buttons *c* on  
50 the bib; but when the suspenders are used as a belt the loop *q* coöperates with the hook *s* of the combination device *r*, so that the belt may be tightly secured about the waist, as shown more particularly in Fig. 7, in which  
55 case the belt is passed beneath the loops *f*, formed by the back-strap, and beneath suitable belt-loops *p* at the front or sides of the garment for keeping the belt in place. When the suspenders are used as a belt, the bib or  
60 apron *E* is adapted to be folded outwardly and downwardly over the belt, as shown in Fig. 7, thereby forming a flap provided with pockets *Q*, of which there may be any desired number. This form of overalls supported  
65 from the waist by a belt and provided with an apron having pockets is especially convenient and desirable in certain classes of work,

and also in hot weather it is frequently found cooler to support the garment from the waist by means of a belt rather than from the 70 shoulders by suspenders, which confine the clothes of the wearer tightly against the body and conduce to heating.

In the work of the machinist or laborer the body naturally assumes many and various 75 different positions, and it is not uncommon to have the suspenders slip from the securing devices at the rear, as at the back-strap. As shown in the drawings, I prevent the suspenders slipping or becoming undone at the 80 rear by means of a hook and loop, which lock together when secured in position and which must be moved or twisted relatively to each other in such manner as to unlock them, for they cannot become unlocked in any of the 85 positions assumed by the machinist at his work. The construction of this hook and loop is shown more particularly in Figs. 5 and 6, and it will be seen that after the loop *R* is passed over the hook *S* and pulled down to 90 the position shown in Fig. 5 a mere upward-and-downward movement of the loop will not serve to remove it from the hook, one reason being that the loop is narrower than the top 95 of the hook. It is therefore necessary in order to remove the loop from the hook to carry the loop upwardly and in a sidewise direction, as shown in Fig. 6, in order to pass it over the hook.

Obviously my invention may be embodied 100 in widely-varying forms and some parts of my invention may be used without others.

Therefore without limiting myself to the construction shown and described nor enumerating equivalents, what I claim, and desire to obtain by Letters Patent, is— 105

1. A pair of overalls provided with a back-strap folded upon itself to form a loop for the reception of a suspending device, the two portions of the loop diverging from each other, 110 and each portion being secured to the overalls on separated and substantially parallel lines, whereby loops are formed by the two strap portions and the body of the overalls for the reception of a belt, substantially as set 115 forth.

2. A pair of overalls provided with a back-strap folded upon itself to form a loop for the reception of a suspending device, the two portions of the loop diverging from each other 120 and each portion being secured at its end to the overalls, and each portion being additionally secured to the overalls on a line remote from its ends, whereby the loops *f* are formed between the strap and the body of the over- 125 alls for the reception of a belt.

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

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