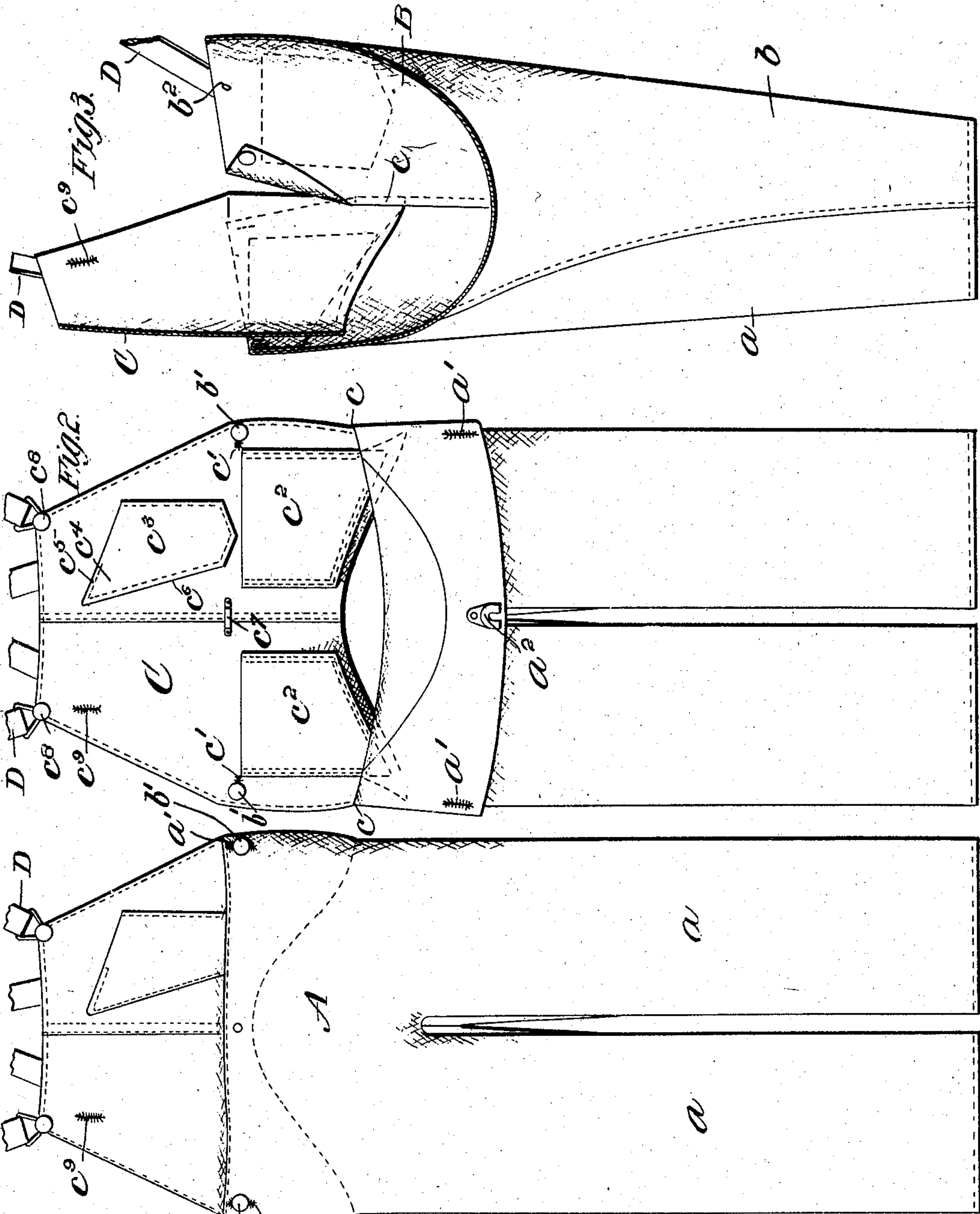


No. 791,676.

PATENTED JUNE 6, 1905.

F. G. DODSHON.
OVERALLS.

APPLICATION FILED MAR. 2, 1905.



WITNESSES:

H. F. Doyle.
J. K. Moore

Fig. 1.

INVENTOR
Frederick G. Dodshon

By
Whitaker & Towner Attorney

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

FREDERICK GEORGE DODSHON, OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

OVERALLS.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 791,676, dated June 6, 1905.

Application filed March 2, 1905. Serial No. 248,071.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK GEORGE DODSHON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overalls; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention is an improvement in overalls; and it consists in the novel features hereinafter described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which illustrate the best form in which I have contemplated embodying my invention, and said invention is fully disclosed in the following description and claims.

Referring to the said drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of a pair of overalls embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the front unbuttoned and thrown down, and Fig. 3 represents a vertical sectional view of the garment.

In manufacturing this class of garments on a commercial scale to be sold at the lowest possible prices it is usual to employ unskilled labor, and it is desirable to construct the garments with the greatest possible simplicity, especially as regards seams, buttonholes, and the like.

One of the objects of this invention is to dispense with the customary "fly" or open front, which adds considerably to the cost of manufacture and detracts from the appearance of the garment, especially after considerable wear, and which impairs the durability of the overalls by reason of the fact that the fly-securing buttons become detached and the buttonholes worn out or torn.

In carrying out my invention I construct the usual "apron" portion of the overalls as a separate piece from the "front," the latter being stopped at the waist-line and the apron being united to the garment by being stitched at each side between the front and back sections.

In the drawings I have shown the best form in which I have contemplated embodying my invention, in which A represents the waist

portion of the front section of the overalls extending from the waist downward and provided with the front leg portions *a a*. I prefer to form this entire front piece of one piece of material, as it adds to the simplicity of the garment; but it may be formed of more than one piece, if preferred. At each side of the upper edge of the waist portion I provide buttonholes *a' a'*. The upper edge of the waist portion A is also provided in the center with a hook *a''*, as shown in Fig. 2.

B represents the waist and seat portion of the back section of the overalls, preferably made in two pieces to provide the necessary fullness in the seat portion and having the back leg portions *b b*. The front and back pieces of the garment are united by the outside seams, which extend from the hip down to the end of the leg portions, and by the inside seams, which extend from the crotch portion to the end of the leg portions. The back waist portion is provided at each side with a fastening-button *b' b'*.

C represents the apron-section, which is a separate piece adapted to extend up over the chest of the wearer and having its lower portion extending a short distance below the upper edge of the front waist portion A, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1. The lower edge of the apron is preferably arched, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and the apron-section is united at each side to the garment, preferably by having a small portion stitched between the front and back pieces adjacent to the hip, as shown at *c c*. The apron-piece C is also further secured to the garment when in use by means of buttonholes *c' c'* on its side edges, which button over the buttons *b' b'* of the back section. These buttonholes *c' c'* are preferably placed at right angles to the buttonholes *a' a'*, so that when the front waist-section A is buttoned over the said buttons *b' b'* they will lock the apron-section and prevent the buttonholes thereof from slipping off of the buttons. Thus in the drawings I have shown the front waist-section provided with vertically-disposed buttonholes, while those of the apron are horizontal; but the relative positions may obviously be reversed, if desired.

The apron-piece C is provided on its lower part with pockets c^2 c^2 , patched or stitched externally thereon, and the upper part of the apron is also provided with a watch-pocket c^3 , also patched or applied upon the apron. The watch-pocket c^3 is of peculiar construction for the purpose of preventing the watch from slipping out of the pocket. To this end it is provided with the inclined upper edge inclining upward from the outer side toward the center of the apron and forming a point c^4 , and the said upper edge adjacent to said point is stitched down upon the apron so as to partially close the pocket. The inner edge c^6 is also inclined inwardly from the bottom of the pocket to the point c^4 . In stooping over a watch carried in this pocket will naturally follow the inner inclined edge c^6 of the pocket, and should it slide to the mouth of the pocket it will be arrested by the stitching c^5 , which partially closes the mouth of the pocket adjacent to the point c^4 and inclined edge c^6 , thus preventing the watch from falling out. The apron C is also provided centrally at the waist-line with a bar or staple c^7 , into which the hook a^2 of the front waist portion A is placed when the garment is worn to unite the apron and front waist portion centrally.

The apron C is provided at its upper corners with the usual buttons c^8 c^8 to engage the suspenders D, the rear portions of which are connected to buttons b^2 b^2 on the rear waist portion B. The suspenders, therefore, sustain the front waist portion A by its connections with the apron at the sides (at c c) and centrally by the engagement of hook a^2 and bar c^7 . The apron C is also preferably provided with a buttonhole c^9 to receive the watch-chain.

A garment constructed as described is very simple and cheap to manufacture, is exceedingly durable, and presents an extremely neat and tidy appearance in use.

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

1. In an overall, the combination with the main front and back pieces, of a front apron-piece formed separately from the main front piece, and extending above the same, said apron-piece being united permanently to the garment only at each side adjacent to its lower edge at points below the waist-line of the garment, substantially as described.

2. In an overall, the combination with the main front and back pieces united by the inner and outer leg-seams, of a separate apron-piece, extending above the main front piece and provided with pockets, said apron-piece being permanently united to the front and back pieces adjacent to its lower edge, at each side and provided with means for detachably connecting it with the main front and back pieces adjacent to the waist-line, substantially as described.

3. In an overall, the combination with the

main front and back pieces united by the inner and outer leg-seams, of a separate apron-piece extending above the main front piece and provided with pockets, said apron-piece being permanently united to the front and back pieces adjacent to its lower edge, at each side and provided with means for detachably connecting it with the main front and back pieces adjacent to the waist-line and means for detachably connecting the central portion of the upper edge of the main front piece to said apron, substantially as described.

4. In an overall, the combination with the main front piece provided with waist and leg portions formed of a single piece of goods, and the main back piece, united thereto by the inner and outer leg-seams, of a separate apron-piece, extending above said main front piece, permanently united at the lower portions of its sides to said main front and back pieces, and means for detachably uniting it with said main front and back portions adjacent to the waist-line, substantially as described.

5. In an overall, the combination with the main front and back pieces united by the inner and outer leg-seams, of a separate apron-piece, extending above the main front piece and provided with pockets, said apron-piece being permanently united to said main front and back pieces adjacent to its lower edge at each side, securing-buttons, secured to the back piece at each side, said apron being provided with buttonholes at each side for engaging the said buttons, and said main front piece being provided with buttonholes arranged angularly to those of the apron-piece for engaging the said buttons, substantially as described.

6. In an overall, the combination with the main front and back pieces united by the inner and outer leg-seams, of a separate apron-piece, extending above the main front piece and provided with pockets, said apron-piece being permanently united to said main front and back pieces adjacent to its lower edge at each side, securing-buttons secured to the back piece at each side, said apron being provided with buttonholes at each side for engaging the said buttons, and said main front piece being provided with buttonholes arranged angularly to those of the apron-piece for engaging the said buttons, and having a hook at the central part, said apron-piece being provided centrally with a bar to receive said hook, substantially as described.

7. In an overall, the combination with the main back piece provided at each side with a securing-button, and the main front piece united to the back piece by inner and outer leg-seams, and having buttonholes at each side to engage the buttons of the back piece, of a separate front apron-piece extending above the main front piece and provided with pockets, said apron having a portion at each side adjacent to its lower edge united to the main

front and back pieces between the same, by
the outer leg-seams, and having at each side
a buttonhole disposed angularly to the corre-
sponding buttonhole of the main front piece,
5 for engaging the side buttons of the main
back piece, between it and the said main front
piece, said main front piece being also pro-
vided centrally with a hook and the apron be-
ing provided centrally with a bar to be en-
10 gaged by said hook and suspender-attaching

devices secured to the upper part of the apron-
piece and to the main back piece, substantially
as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in
the presence of two witnesses.

FREDERICK GEORGE DODSHON.

Witnesses:

H. R. STOEPEL,
HENRY STICKEL.