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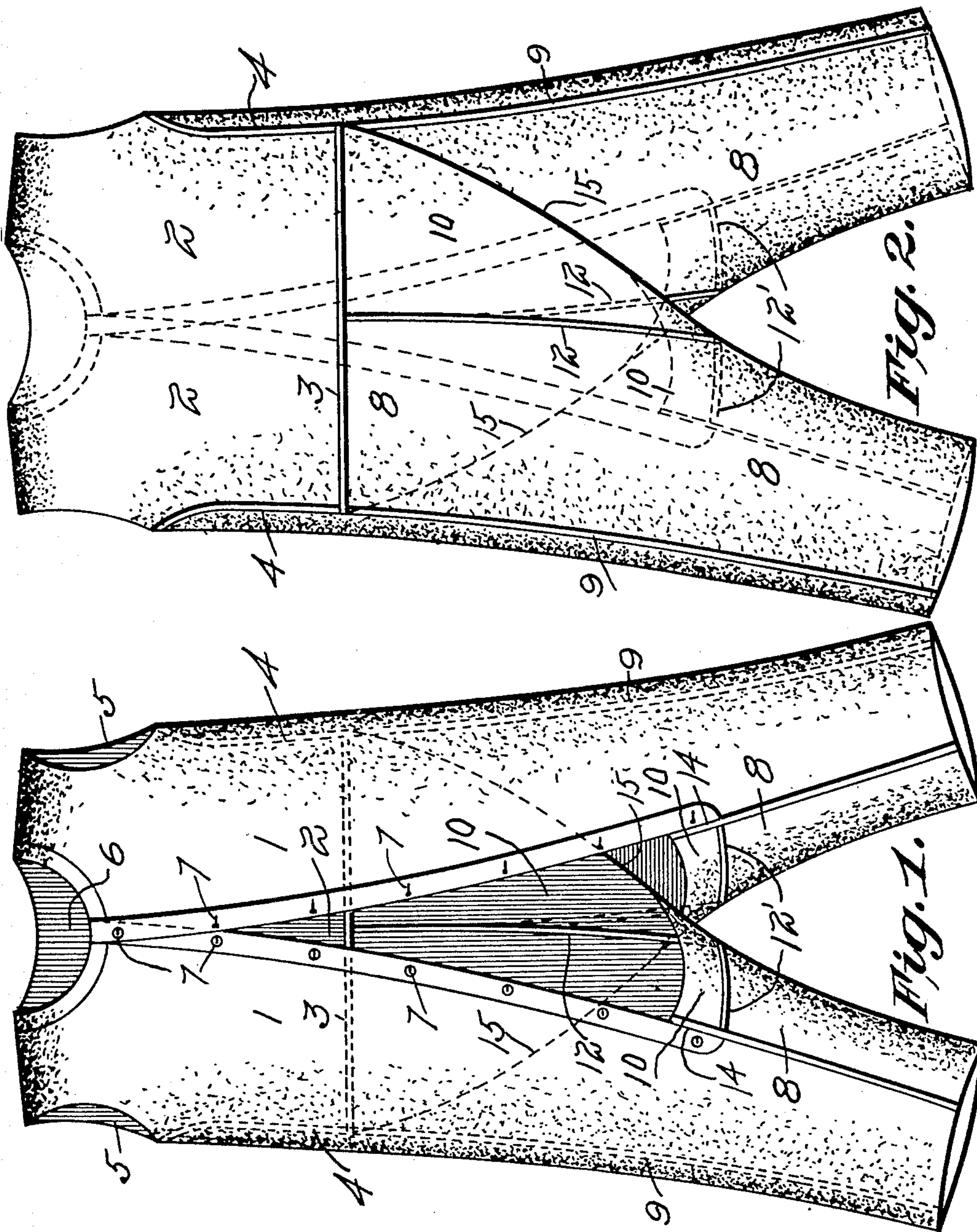
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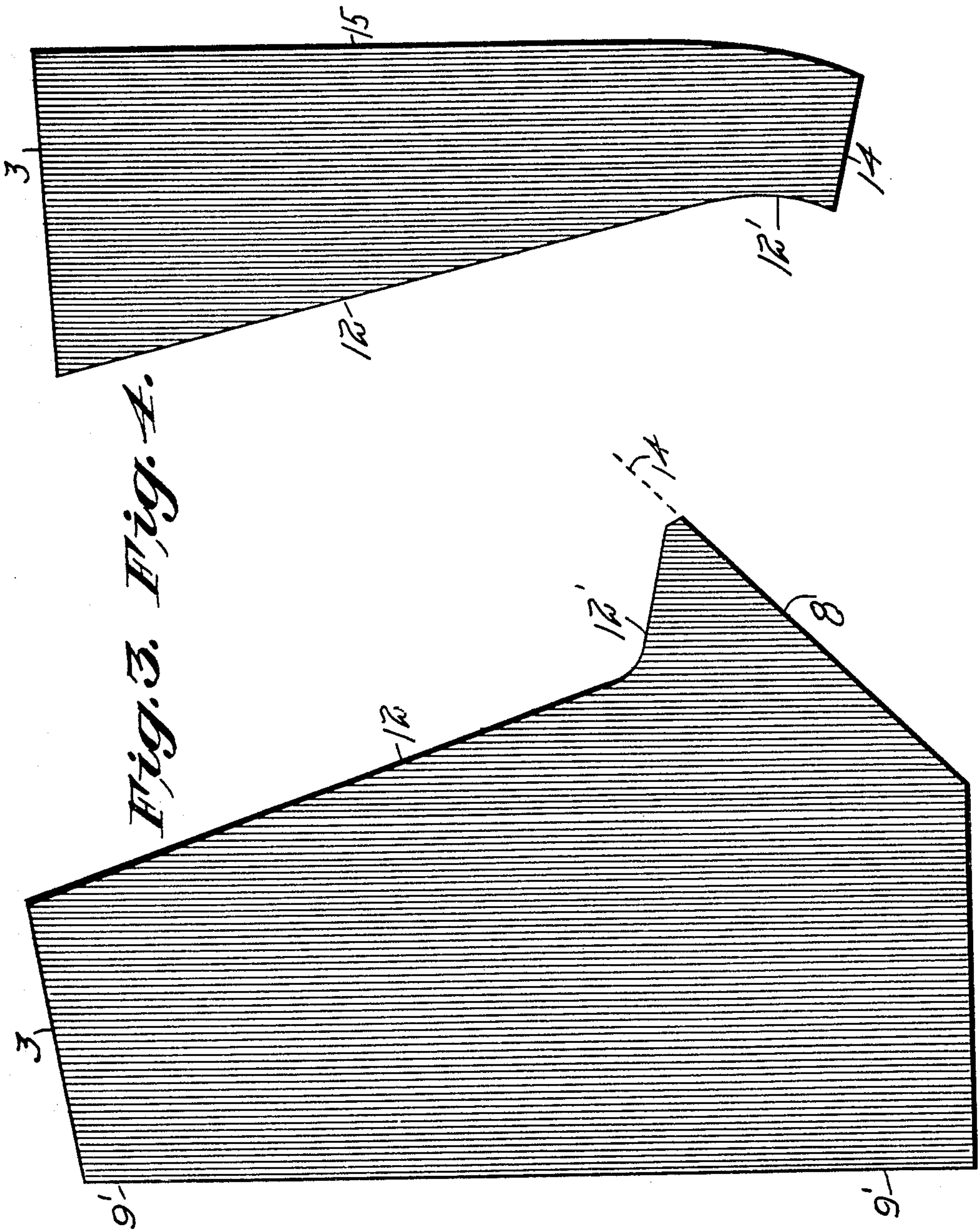


Fig. 3. Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES E. RICHARDS, citizen of the United States, residing at Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Union Suits; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in wearing apparel and more particularly to under garments otherwise known as union suits.

The object of the invention is to provide a union suit in which the crotch flaps are so formed and united to the body and pants portion of the suit that they will maintain themselves in an overlapped condition at the crotch without the employment of buttons or other means for such purpose. The crotch flap on one side of the body is carried down at its lower end and thence upwardly and is united at its lower extreme end to the opposite pants portion in the front of the garment, and the other crotch flap is similarly arranged with its lower extreme end united to the other pants portion in the front of the garment, as will hereinafter be more particularly described in connection with the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1, is a front elevation of the garment showing the same open or unbuttoned and drawn back. Fig. 2, is a rear elevation of Fig. 1. Fig. 3, is a pants leg pattern. Fig. 4, is a crotch flap pattern.

In a detail description of the invention, similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts.

The garment is constructed from woven fabric as distinguished from knit fabric, and the front portions 1 1 are each constructed of single pieces of fabric to form the entire garment including the body and pants portion. The rear portion 2 of the garment forms the upper body portion at the back and terminates at its lower extremity on the seam line 3. The back body portion 2 is united to the upper front body portion along the seam lines 4 4 and the arm holes 5 5 are formed between the front and rear body portions of the garment as is also the neck opening 6. The garment is closed in the front from the

neck opening to the crotch by means of buttons and eyelets 7. The legs or pants portions 8 of the garment are cut from the pattern shown in Fig. 3, and are joined to the back portion of the garment at the seam 3; the upper end or edge 3 of the pattern shown in Fig. 3, being that end which is united to the rear body portion of the garment. The outer edge of the pants portion of the garment is united to the front pants portion of the garment along the seam line 9; 9' in Fig. 3 being the edge of the pants portion referred to.

Coming now to the portion of the garment which may be said to embody the present invention, more particularly, 10 10 designates the two flap portions otherwise referred to as the crotch flaps and which are cut from the pattern shown in Fig. 4. These crotch flaps overlap each other at their lower ends as shown in Fig. 1 by having their lower ends carried upwardly at the front of the garment and united to the opposite pants portion. One of these crotch flaps lies on the inner side of the lower body portion of the garment, while the other crotch flap lies on the outer side of the lower body portion. The upper edges 3 of said crotch flaps are united to the upper back portion 2 of the garment at the seam line 3, while the inner longitudinal edges 12 of said crotch flaps are united to the pants portion at the rear at the seam lines 12. These seam lines 12 extend upwardly in front of the garment, and the extreme lower ends of said crotch flaps are united at the seam lines 14 to the front pants portions of the garment in a line with the front opening of said garment, which opening is closed by the buttons and eyelets hereinbefore referred to. The lines 15 represent the outer or free edges of the crotch flaps which are turned over and hemmed. It will be understood that these crotch flaps are only united to the garment at the seam lines 3, 12 and 14 and 12'.

Referring to the patterns shown on sheet 2, 12 and 12' designate the edges of the pants and crotch flaps which are united in forming the seam 12, and 14 designates the ends of the crotch flaps that are united in front by turning said ends up and uniting them to opposite pants portions of the garment.

It will be seen that the lower ends of these crotch flaps are maintained in an overlapping condition to form a pocket at the crotch of the garment, by thus being carried upwardly

at the front of the garment and united at the seams 12 and 14. When the garment is buttoned in front by uniting the buttons and eyelets, this pocket is prevented from opening regardless of what position the wearer of the garment may assume.

I claim:

As a new article of manufacture, a union suit made of woven fabric and comprising 10 united pants and body portions, and two crotch flap portions, the lower ends of which are extended in curves out of the planes of their longitudinal edges, the said flap portions being united to the body and pants por-

tions of the garment at the upper and inner 15 edges of said flap portions, and the lower ends of said flap portions being overlapped and carried forward in the front of the garment and united to the front of the pants portions to form a closed pocket in the crotch 20 of the garment, substantially as specified.

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

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