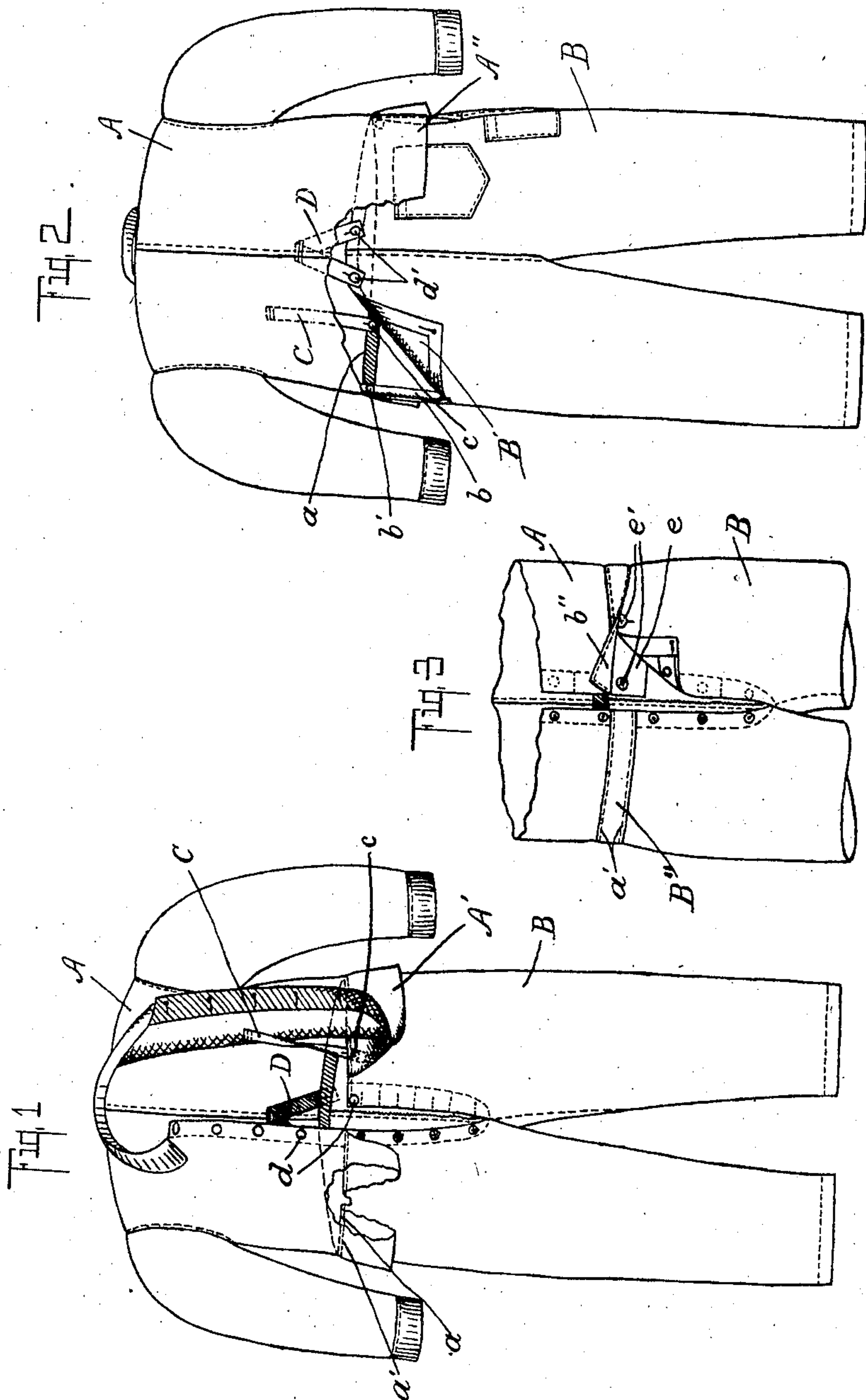


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FELIX GUETHOFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Three Rivers, St. Joseph county, State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Union or Combination Suits, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in union or combination suits.

It relates particularly to an improved combination or union outer or overall garment.

The objects of this invention are, First, to provide an improved union or combination suit which may be made reasonably close-fitting and still be easily put on or removed. Second, to provide an improved combination suit or outer garment which is simple and economical in structure and attractive in appearance.

Further objects, and objects relating to structural details, will definitely appear from the detailed description to follow.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by the devices and means described in the following specification.

The invention is clearly defined and pointed out in the claims.

A structure embodying the features of my invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved combination or union suit shown open, portions being broken away to show structural details. Fig. 2 is a rear view, portions being broken away to show structural details. Fig. 3 is a detail front view of a modified construction, the flap of the body or coat portion of the garment being omitted and a belt added.

In the drawings similar letters of reference refer to similar parts in the several views.

Referring to the drawing, A represents the body or coat portion of my improved combination or union garment, and B the trousers. The garment is open in front from the neck to the crotch. The trousers are provided with slits *b* at each side, forming a suitable flap *B'* at the rear. This flap is secured under the rear portion *A''* of the flap of the coat by the elastic strap *D* which is provided with suitable button holes for the buttons *d'* on the trousers. (See Fig. 2.) The front portion *A'* of the flap of the coat is

formed by folding the material upon itself. On one side the flap is permanently secured at the waist line *a* to the trousers, preferably by a row of stitches *a'*. On the other side the fold is left open so that it may be opened, thereby lengthening or extending the garment at this point. To support the trousers on this side, a strap *C* is provided which is detachably secured to the trousers by means of a suitable button, as *c* on the inside of the trousers. By this arrangement of parts I secure a garment which has the appearance of a two-piece garment, and one which can be very easily put on or removed, although it may be a close fit, as when open and the strap *C* disengaged from the trousers, the opening is comparatively large.

In the modified construction shown in Fig. 3, the flap for the body portion of the garment is dispensed with. In this case a belt *B''* is provided, the trousers and body of the garment being secured permanently together on one side at the front and detachably secured together on the other side, the belt being made up of an inner and an outer part *e* and *b''* respectively, adapted to receive the waist band of the trousers between them. The flap or upper portion *b''* of the belt covering the buttons *e'*, gives a uniform appearance to the belt on both sides.

My improved garment is comparatively economical to produce and is, as has been previously stated, very easy to put on or remove. I have illustrated and described the same in detail in the form preferred by me, although I am aware that it may vary considerably in structural details without departing from my invention.

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

1. A combination outer garment comprising a coat or body portion and a trousers portion, and having a front opening extending from the neck to the crotch; a skirt or flap for said body portion, the front of said body and trousers portions being permanently secured together along the upper edge of said flap on one side of said front opening, said flap on the other side of said front opening being an extensible fold connected at its inner edge to the top of the trousers portion whereby said extensible portion of said flap may be opened or extended; a strap arranged on the inside of the front of said body portion adapted to be detachably secured to said

trousers portion for supporting them beneath the said fold portion of said flap; a back flap for said trousers; and a strap for detachably securing the same to said body portion, for the purpose specified.

2. A combination outer garment comprising a coat or body portion and a trousers portion, and having a front opening extending from the neck to the crotch; a skirt or flap for said body portion, the front of said body and trousers portions being permanently secured together along the upper edge of said flap on one side of said front opening, said flap on the other side of said front opening being an extensible fold connected at its inner edge to the top of the trousers portion whereby said extensible portion of said flap may be opened or extended; and a strap arranged on the inside of the front of said body portion adapted to be detachably secured to said trousers portion for supporting them beneath the said fold portion of said flap.

3. A combination outer garment comprising a coat or body portion and a trousers portion, and having a front opening extending from the neck to the crotch; a skirt or flap for said body portion, the front of said

body and trousers portions being permanently secured together along the upper edge of said flap on one side of said front opening, said flap on the other side of said front opening being an extensible fold connected at its inner edge to the top of the trousers portion whereby said extensible portion of said flap may be opened or extended; and a detachable connection for said trousers to said body portion beneath said extensible portion of said flap, for the purpose specified.

4. A combination outer garment comprising a coat or body portion, and a trousers portion and having a front opening extending from the neck to the crotch, the said trousers being permanently connected to said body portion on one side of said front opening and detachably connected thereto on the other side of said front opening, for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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