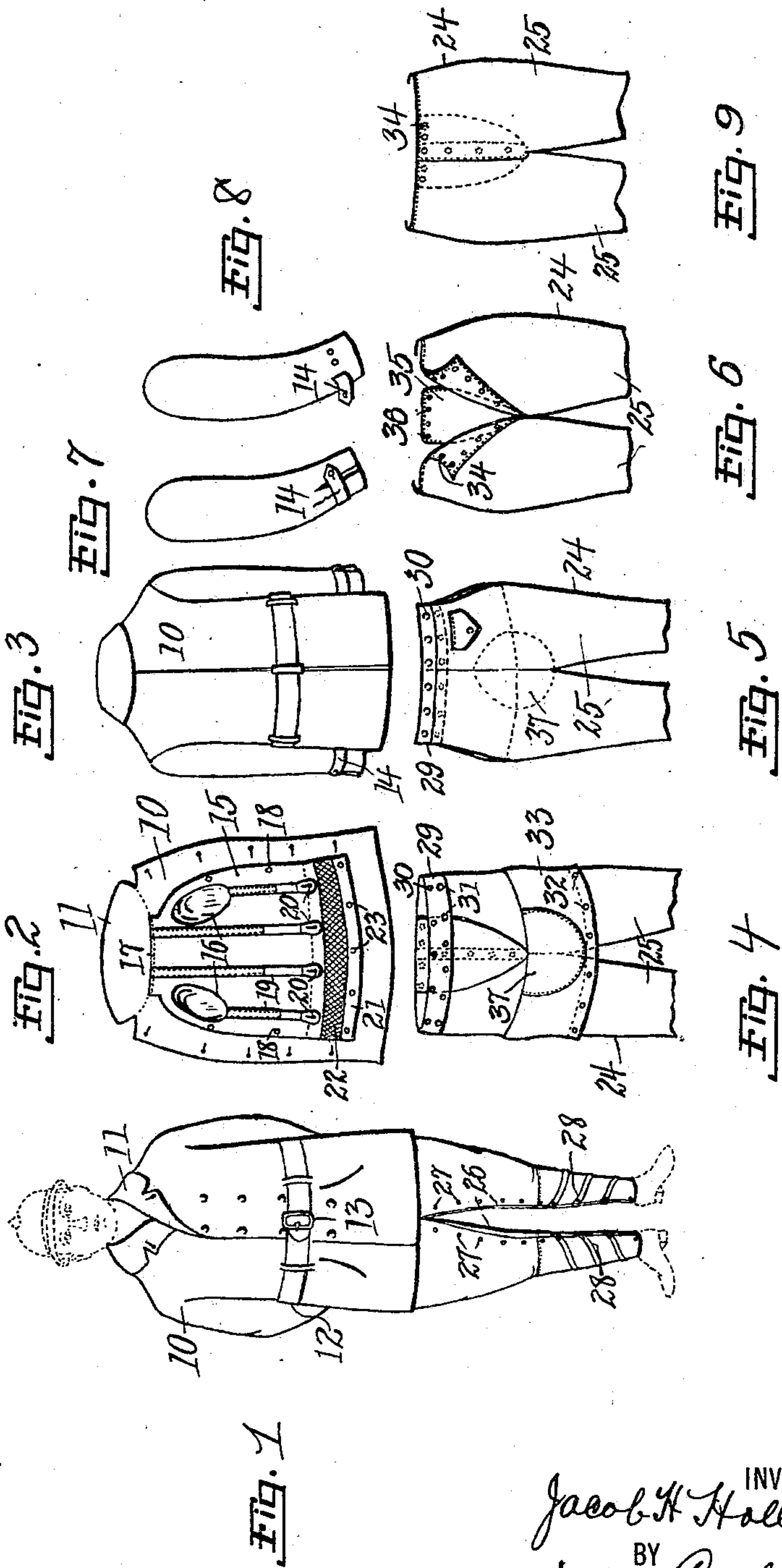


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB H. HOLLANDER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Newark, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Oversuits, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to outer garments, and its object is the provision of a combination garment for outer wear and to take the place of the ordinary overcoat and adapted to give the wearer greater protection than is the case with ordinary overcoats, and at the same time to give much greater bodily freedom of action and movement than is possible with overcoats of ordinary construction.

The garment of the present invention embodies substantially the good features of a coat and pair of trousers connected together, and I have coined the term "oversuit" to designate the same.

Garments embodying my invention are of special value to persons engaged in outdoor work where effective protection from cold and exposure must be provided and the wearer must be free to perform his work without interference therewith caused by his clothing. Suits embodying the invention are well adapted, for example, for wear by soldiers, ambulance and truck drivers, aviators and the like, though their use is by no means confined to such classes of persons but are available for outdoor wear generally.

Another object of the invention is to provide a crotch support for the wearer whereby the liability of injury by rupture or the like, when engaged in heavy work, as lifting and so forth, may be substantially reduced.

My invention further relates to the improvement of garments of the sort referred to in a number of important particulars, and with the foregoing and related objects in view, my invention consists in the parts, improvements, combinations and features of construction herein set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification wherein the same reference numerals are uniformly used to designate the same parts throughout, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved garment as worn. Fig. 2 is a view showing the pre-

ferred form of interior construction of the coat portion of the garment. Fig. 3 is a back view of the coat portion of the garment. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary back view of the trousers portion of the garment with lowered flap. Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 but with raised flap. Fig. 6 is a fragmentary front view of the trousers portion with the parts opened up to show the construction. Figs. 7 and 8 are side views of sleeves. Fig. 9 is a view similar to Fig. 6, but with the front portion in closed position.

In the drawings the coat and trousers portions of the garments are shown separately and with provision for detachably connecting them together. This is the preferred arrangement, but if desired they may be permanently secured together to make up a single combination garment, and in ordinary use when once secured together will preferably be kept in such relation. The coat portion of the suit is represented at 10. It is preferably fairly short and has not the long tail of the usual overcoat which is always in the way particularly of a mechanic or workman. The coat has preferably a collar 11 which may be worn open or buttoned up close to the neck as preferred, a belt strap 12 fastening in front by a buckle 13, and sleeves which can be closed by a buttoned tab 14 to keep out the cold, but these are merely preferable details of construction and do not have any particular significance in connection with the present invention.

The coat portion 10 is provided on its interior with means for securing the trousers portion thereto and for supporting such portion from the shoulders of the wearer, and the same preferably comprises what may be referred to as a waist 15 which has arm-holes 16, 16 coinciding with the arm-holes of the coat portion 10, and is adapted to fit over the shoulders of the wearer and extend about the waist and is preferably permanently secured at the rear portion of the coat member 10 as is indicated by a line of stitching 17 at the upper edge thereof. The waist portion 15 may be secured to the coat portion 10 as by means of snaps, glove fasteners 18 or the like provided along the edges of the waist portion 15 for that purpose, and forms substantially a lining for the coat portion 10.

The waist portion 15 may be provided with elastic straps 19, 19 having buttonholes 20, 20 by which the straps 19, 19 may be secured to the trousers portion of the garment, 5 or the waist portion 15 may be provided with a waist-band 21 secured to the main part of the body portion through an intervening elastic or web portion 22, and said waist-band 21 is preferably provided with detach- 10 able fastening means 23, as glove fasteners or the like, to co-act with the cooperating portions of such fastening members on the trousers portion of the garment. The trousers portion is indicated generally by refer- 15 ence numeral 24. The trouser legs are preferably fairly loose, as the suit is designed to be worn over the ordinary suit as an overcoat is worn over the ordinary suit, and the legs 25 may be open along the inner 20 seam as indicated at 26, and may be detachably secured together by suitable co-acting devices, as glove fasteners, snaps, etc., as indicated by reference numeral 27. In this way when the garment is applied it can be 25 fastened up without undue rumpling of or interference with the under suit. The leg portions 25 of the trousers portion preferably are formed at their lower extremities in the form of or simulation of a pair of leg- 30 gings as indicated at 28, and the open seams 26 may extend to the bottom thereof, as also the co-acting fastening members 27.

The trousers portion 24 has a waist-band 29 at its upper margin and is provided with 35 snap or other fasteners 30, by which it may be detachably secured to the waist-band 21 of the waist portion by coaction with the other portions 23 of such fastening devices. The rear portion of said waist-band also has 40 snap or other fastening members 31 adapted to co-act with similar members 32 on the edges of a flap portion 33 which, when unfastened, may be turned down to the position shown in Fig. 4, and the position when 45 the parts are secured in place together is illustrated in Fig. 5. The fastening members 34 are provided along the upper margin of the trousers portion whereby the same may be secured to the belt or waist-band 29 50 in detachable fashion, and a crotch strap 35 is provided which is detachably secured in front to the waist-band 29 as by fastening members 36, and at the rear portion thereof is preferably sewed into the flap member 33 55 of the trousers as shown at 37, Fig. 4.

It will be seen that an outer garment or 60 oversuit constructed in accordance with the present invention presents a number of features of advantage. The person is thor- oughly protected from the elements and

there is practically none of the interference with the movements of the wearer and of the awkwardness in handling oneself necessitated when wearing an overcoat of usual form. The coat and trousers portion may 65 be put on separately and fastened together after having been adjusted to the person, or, as is preferably done, they may be fastened together and kept in such relation and put on and removed as a unitary garment. The 70 legs of the trousers portion being open at their seams, this part of the garment may be adjusted by the wearer so as to be comfortable and so as not to pull the leg portions of the under suit upward or interfere with 75 their correct relation to the wearer as may happen, for example, in putting on an ordinary pair of "overalls." Adequate crotch support is supplied and the same is well supported with the trousers by means of the 80 waist portion 15, and danger of rupture or other bodily injury, through overexertion, is substantially diminished.

It will be understood that the embodiment of the invention shown herewith is 85 illustrated for the purpose of affording a clear understanding of my invention only and that I am not to be confined to the specific structure shown, but that modifications and changes therein may be resorted to 90 within the scope of my claims by which the invention is defined.

I claim:

1. In a combination outer garment, a body portion adapted to fit over the shoulders and 95 about the body of the wearer, a trousers portion, a belt having means whereby it is detachably secured to the trousers portion, means for detachably securing said belt to the body portion, a crotch support attached 100 in the rear to the seat of the trousers portion, and means for detachably securing said crotch support to said belt at the front thereof.

2. In a combination outer garment, a coat 105 portion, a supporting member secured therein and adapted to pass over the shoulders of the wearer and about the body, a trousers portion, a belt having means whereby it may be detachably secured to the trou- 110 sers portion, means for detachably securing said belt to said supporting member, a crotch support attached in the rear to the seat of the trousers portion, and means for detachably securing said crotch support to said 115 belt at the front thereof.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I hereto set my hand, this 26th day of February, 1918.

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