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Overalls.

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Fig. 1.

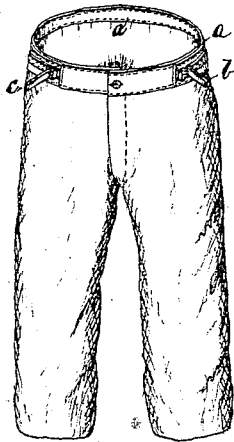


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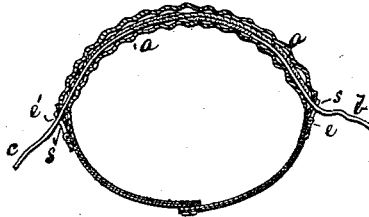


Fig. 3.

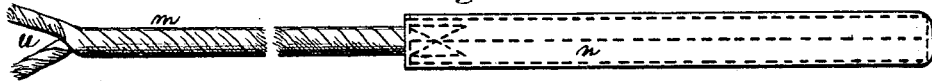
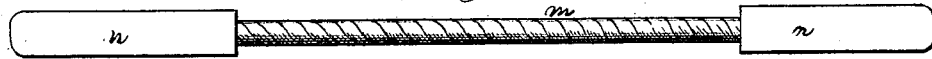


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALLS.

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CASE E'.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE R. EAGER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overalls, Pants, and other Garments; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents an isometrical perspective view of a garment having my improvement applied thereto; and Fig. 2, a partial horizontal section of the same, the straps being uncut; and Fig. 3, a plan of one of the straps removed from the band to show its construction; Fig. 4, a plan of another form of strap.

My invention relates to an improvement on the method of adjusting garments to persons of different sizes, patented to me June 11, 1872.

In that patent the waistband is made hollow, and provided with a single strap and buckle, the strap being made entirely of cloth, and flat throughout its entire length.

For some reasons the single strap and buckle may not be considered so convenient a mode of adjusting the garment as the improved mode of doing it by means of two straps and two buckles, for which I made application for Letters Patent on the 19th day of March, 1875, entitled Case E, and of which the subject-matter of this application originally formed a part, but now hereby withdrawn and marked Case E'.

In this application I do not lay claim, broadly, to a garment having a hollow waistband, provided with two straps and two buckles, the inner ends of which cross or pass each other, and are then respectively attached to the inside of the waistband at those ends; but on the contrary the subject-matter of this application is solely confined to that portion of Case E which related to a modification of the construction of the straps.

This branch of my invention, therefore, con-

sists in making the straps partially of cord or other round material, and partially of cloth or other flattened material, the cord or round end being made the inner, and the cloth or flattened end the outer, end of each, the latter being better adapted to run through and be fastened to the buckle, and the former to pass each other and run in the hollow of the waistband.

To enable others skilled in the art to make, construct, and use my improvement, I will now proceed to describe it in detail, omitting a particular description of such parts as are old and not essential to a full understanding of this improvement, here premising that the invention is equally applicable to all kinds of pantaloons and other garments, such as pantaloons, drawers, overalls, blouses, &c.

In Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, the waistband *a* is represented as being hollow, and provided with two straps, *b* and *c*, each of which is made in two parts joined together; one of these parts (the inner end) consisting of cord *m*, and the other (the outer end) of cloth *n*. The inner end of the cord ends of each strap I prefer to bifurcate or divide lengthwise, so as to attach one to the inner, and the other to the outer, side at the top and bottom, respectively, of the waistband, thus leaving a clear space, *u*, through which to run the cloth end of the other strap out through the opening made for the purpose on the sides of the waistband. The making the inner end of the strap of cord allows the two to cross each other readily in the middle without preventing them from running freely as the garment is adjusted. Immediately adjoining each of the two openings *e e'* on the waistband, through which the straps are protruded, is secured a buckle, one, *s*, next opening *e*, and one, *s'*, at opening *e'*. Through buckle *s* the loose end of strap *b* passes, and through buckle *s'* the corresponding or cloth end of strap *c*. By means of these straps and buckles the garment can be adjusted to fit the wearer.

It will be apparent that a single strap, made partly of cloth and partly of cord, may be used in connection with one or with two buckles in the same manner, in which case

only the ends *n n*, Fig. 4, of the strap may be made of cloth. Thus made the strap may either be left entirely loose in, or stitched in the middle to the waistband.

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

A strap for a waistband for pantaloons and other garments, made partly of cord or other round and suitable material, and partly of

cloth or other flat material, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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