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Fig. 1.

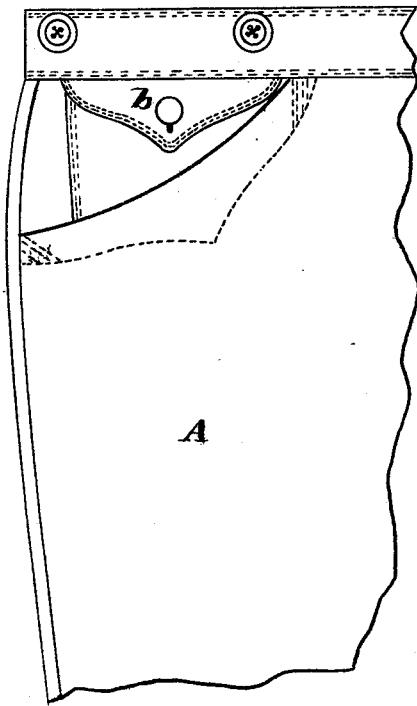
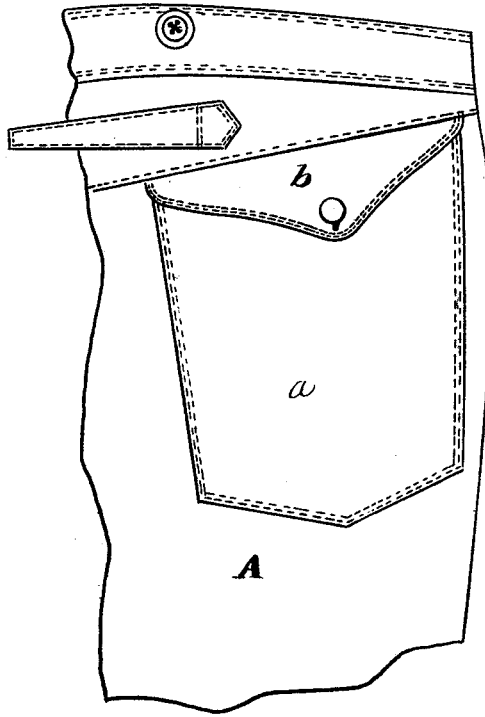


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALLS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY S. FLOOD, of San Francisco city and county, State of California, have invented Improvements in Overalls and Jumpers; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention or improvement without further invention or experiment.

My invention relates to overalls and articles of outside wear; and consists in making such articles with external pockets—that is, pockets opening from the outside—water-proof on the outer sides, so that the moisture from rain, or from wet articles carried by the wearer, and bearing against the outside of the garment, cannot pass from the outside into and injure articles within the pocket.

In the drawings the figures show sufficient of a pair of overalls to illustrate my invention.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 shows a front view. Fig. 2 shows a rear view.

A represents a pair of overalls or article of outside wear.

One great difficulty experienced by laboring men in wet weather is to preserve the articles which they carry in their pockets—such as tobacco and the like—from becoming wet. This is especially the case when the wearer is handling an article or substance that is saturated with water, as that part of his person contiguous to the pockets is most frequently brought in contact with the article handled, thus soaking the pockets and their contents with water.

To avoid this I make the outside part *a* of india-rubber cloth or other material which is impervious to water.

Although it would be better to make all of the pockets in this way, it will be sufficient for the protection of the articles which it is ordinarily desired to keep dry to have only one of the pockets thus lined or protected, and where both of the front pockets of a pair of overalls are thus protected, they cover a large

portion of that part of the person against which the load which a workman carries usually bears, so that they will in a great measure protect the person also.

It will be seen that the front *a* of a special pocket may be made of water-proof cloth, as shown in Fig. 1, or the entire front *a* of the pocket may be water-proof, as in Fig. 2, and that such pocket may be at front or back of the garment, the latter being necessary where loads of wet coals are carried in sacks on the back.

To prevent the rain from getting into the pockets, I cover them with a flap, *b*, which is also made out of or lined with india-rubber.

For the better protection of the wearer, I also line the overalls either entirely or partially with some warm fabric, such as canton-flannel and the like, thus providing an article of outside wear that will be comfortable, and will protect the wearer and the articles which he carries in his pockets.

As cheapness is a desideratum in the manufacture of these overalls, I prefer to cut out the lining employed with the body material, so that when sewed together they will be united by one and the same row of stitches.

I am aware that articles of outside wear have been made entirely of india-rubber cloth; but they are expensive and disagreeable, not only to the wearer, but to every person who comes in contact with them.

What I claim is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, overalls or other articles of outside wear of ordinary woven material, provided with a lining, and having external pockets, the outer sides *a* of which are water-proof, as set forth, whereby the articles within the pockets are protected from wet or moisture coming in contact with the outside of the garment.

2. An outside garment of woven material, having external pockets, with water-proof outer sides *a* and flaps *b* of like material, substantially as set forth.

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