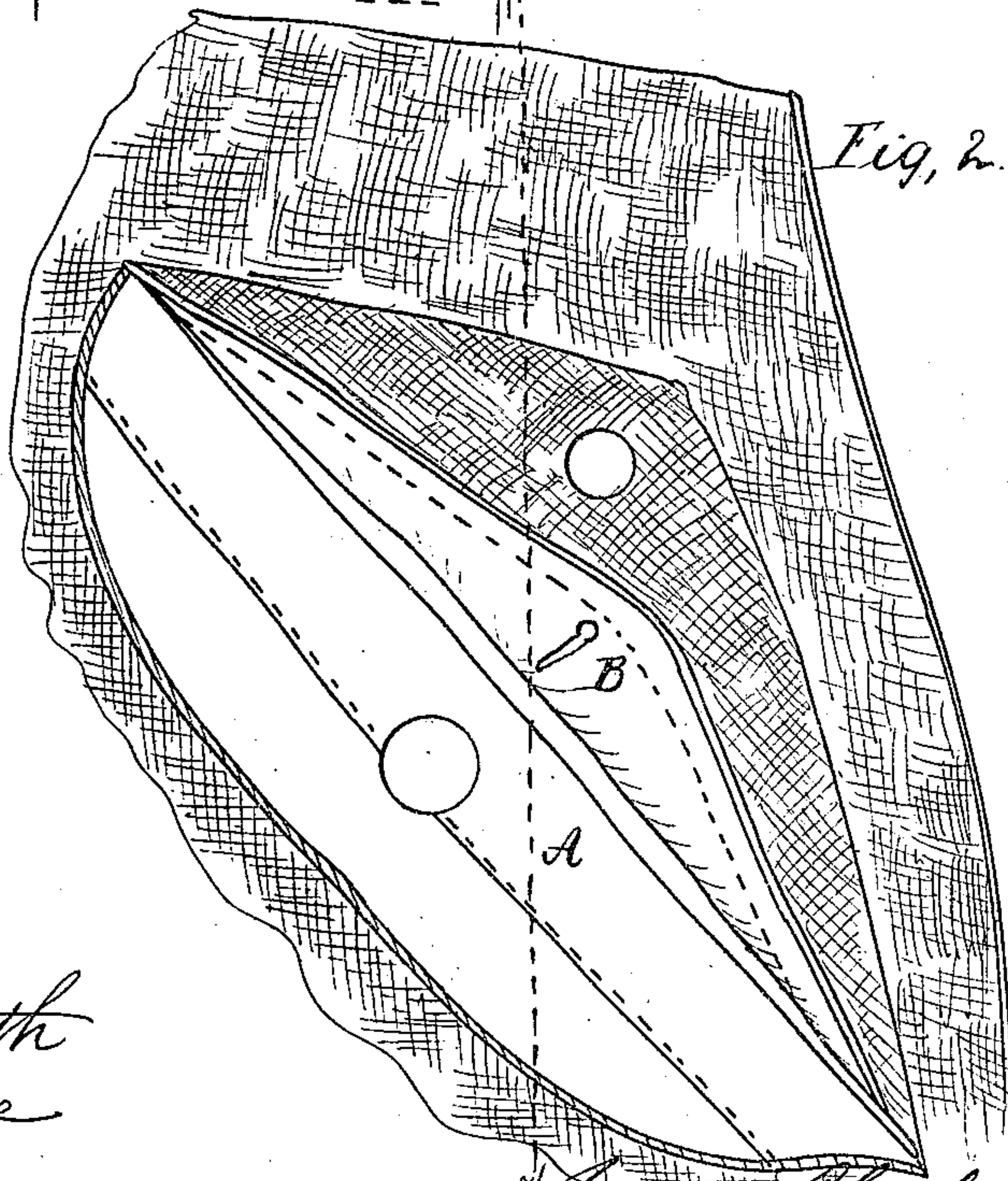
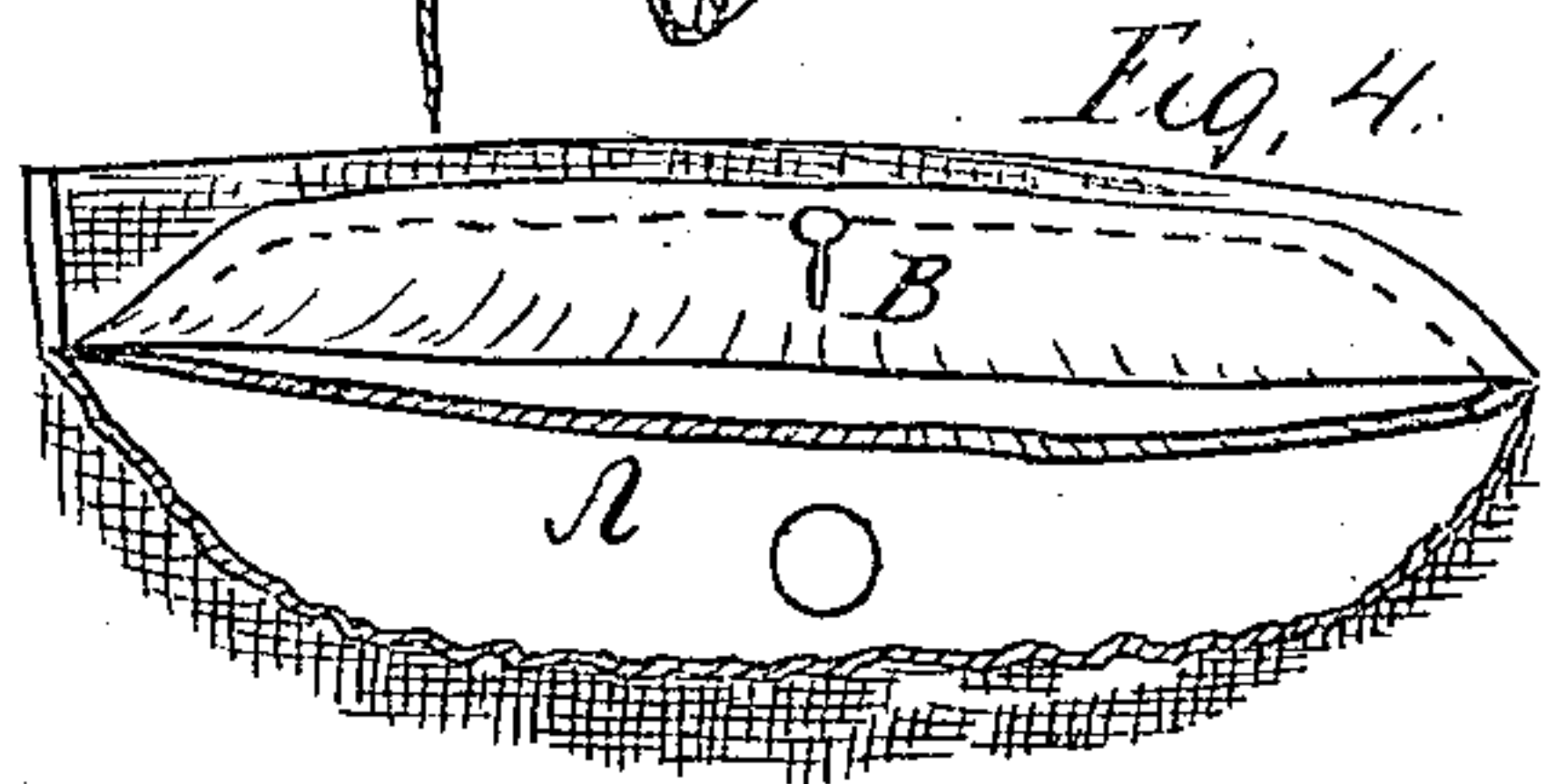
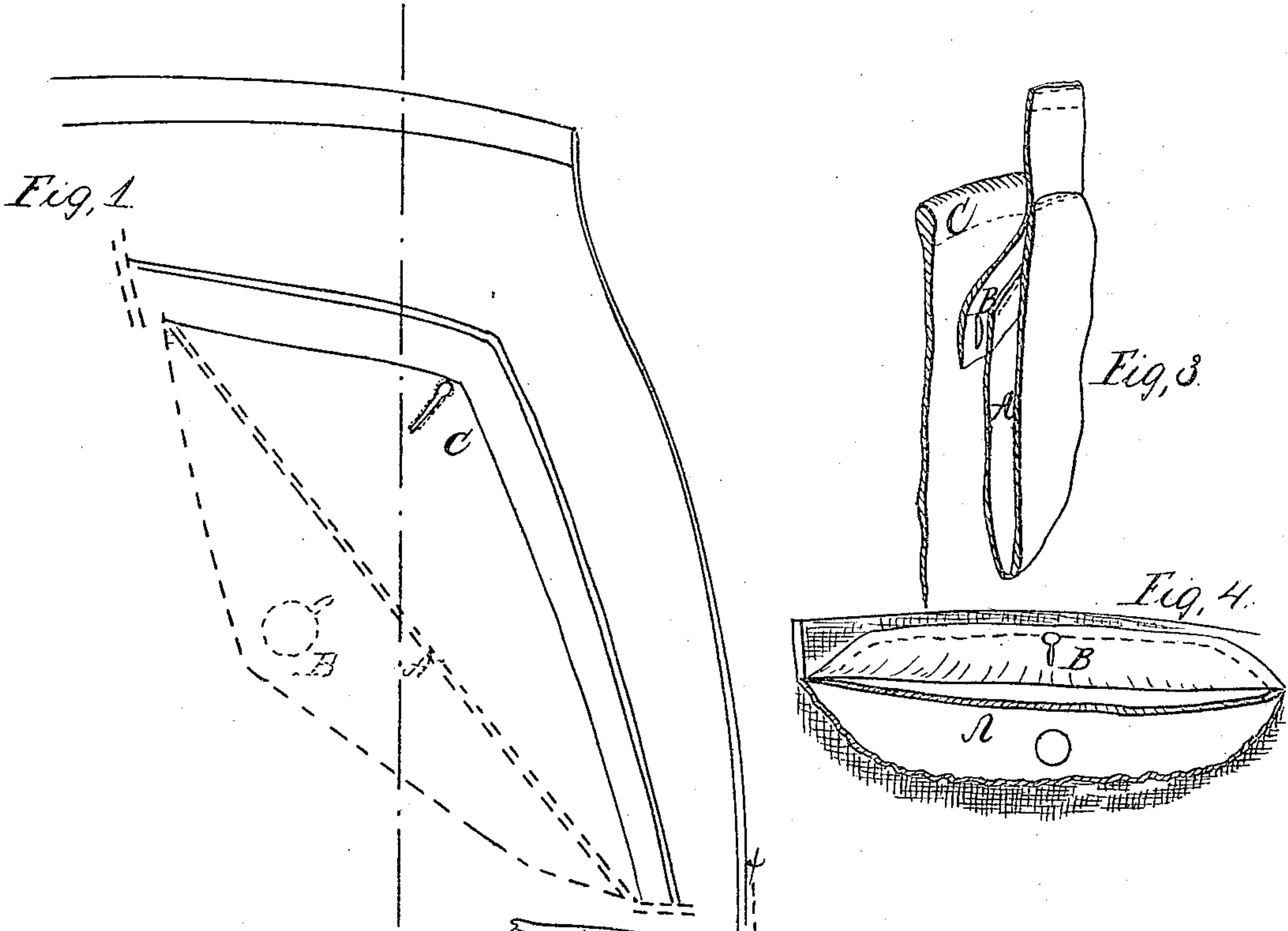


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IMPROVEMENT IN SECRET POCKETS OF WEARING-APPAREL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH CHARLES HOWELLS, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a new and Improved Mode in the Construction of Pockets for Wearing-Apparel; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 is an outside view of my improved pocket as applied to a pair of pantaloons. Fig. 2 is a view of my improved pocket as applied to pantaloons, with the first and outer lapel or covering cut away, showing the opening or mouth of the pocket by the turning up of the second and inner lapel. Fig. 3 is a perpendicular and sectional view of my improved safety-pocket on line *x x*, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 4 is a view of my improved safety-pocket as applied to coats, vests, ladies' dresses, and other wearing-apparel.

The nature of my invention consists in providing pockets as worn in pantaloons with a lapel, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2, which is independent of the one in ordinary use, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2, letters C C, and in all other wearing apparel where pockets are worn, inserting a double pocket, the opening or mouth of the inner pocket being covered and protected by a lapel, thus concealing it from observation, as will be more fully set forth.

I construct my improved safety-pocket out

of any suitable material, and in any usual or desirable form, with the addition of a lapel or flap that shall cover the mouth of the pocket and conceal it from view when desired, as can be seen in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4, letters B B B B.

The advantages to be derived from pockets so constructed are manifold. In cases where pantaloons are made with open fronts it secures a ready and easy access to the person, which is very desirable, as may be seen in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, and in all cases the mouth of the pocket A, protected by the lapel B, prevents the loss of articles when clothing is removed from the person, and presents at all times an obstacle to pickpockets that is almost insurmountable in its nature. When the lapel is not needed for the protection of valuables, it can, in the case of pantaloons, be pushed inside of the pocket, so that the mouth of the pocket may be readily entered.

The lapel B may be secured over the mouth of the pocket A by means of buttons, hooks and eyes, elastic cord, or any suitable device.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A secret lapelled pocket, to be worn in garments, substantially as specified and herein set forth.

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