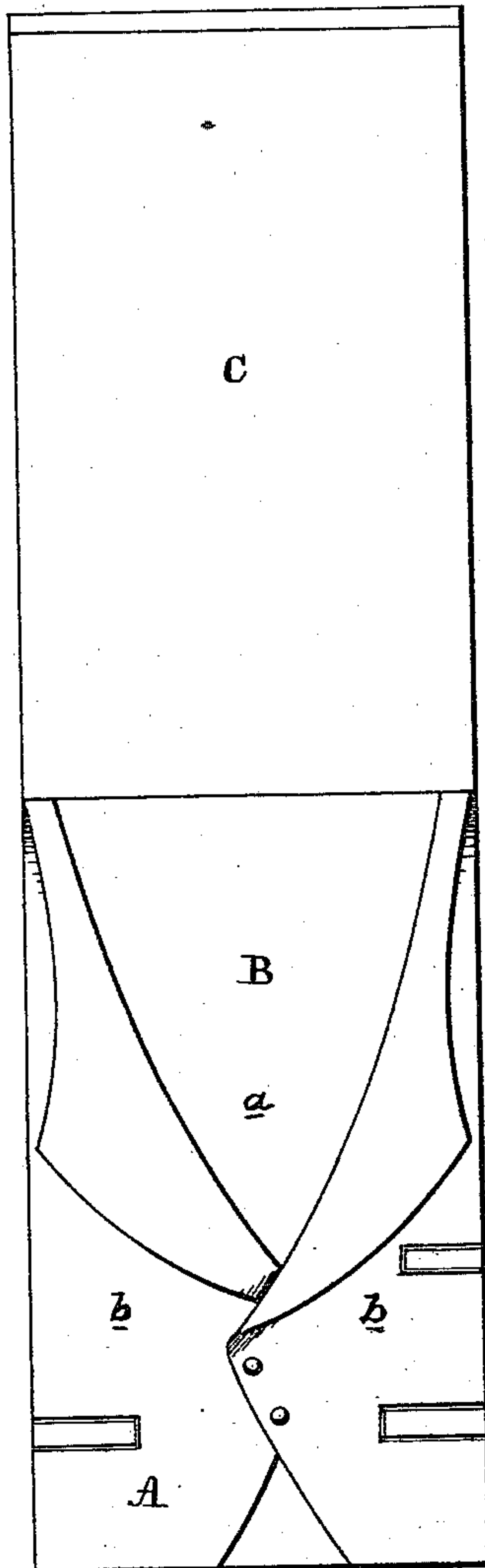


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Shirt-Envelope.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRT-ENVELOPES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH GILBERT, of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Envelope for Exhibiting and Wrapping Shirts and Shirt-Bosoms, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to so construct an envelope for a shirt-bosom that so much only of the same shall be exposed to view as is permitted by a vest to appear on the body of the wearer, thereby affording to the purchaser a better idea of the general appearance of the bosom than when the folded shirt is exposed to view in the usual manner. I attain this object in the manner which I will now proceed to describe, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which shows the envelope as it appears when open.

A is the body of the envelope, and C the loose flap for closing the body, the latter having a pocket, B, for the reception of the folded shirt. This pocket is open in front at *a*, the opening being of the same size and form as that presented by the front of a buttoned vest;

and near the edge of this opening are represented, by printing or otherwise, folds *b b*, like those of a vest; in fact, the front of the pocket is made to represent the front of a vest, and when the folded shirt is placed in the pocket the bosom will have the same appearance as it has on the wearer. The flap *c* is turned down onto the pocket, so as to protect the bosom from dust, &c., when no inspection of the shirt is called for.

I am aware that envelopes have been heretofore made to expose portions only of their contents, as in photographic envelopes. This I do not claim, broadly; but

I claim as my invention—

A shirt or shirt-bosom envelope having a pocket, with the front cut and marked to represent the front of a vest, as and for the purpose set forth.

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