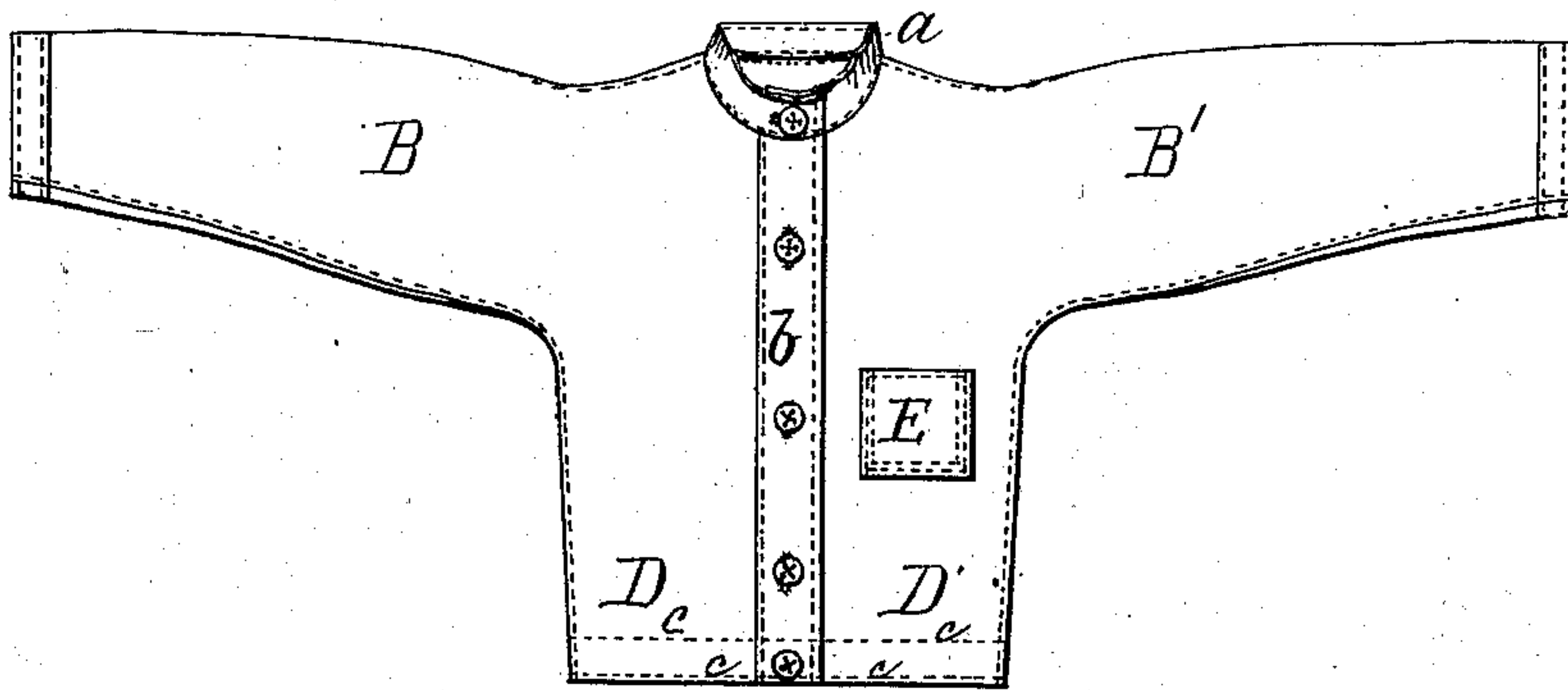


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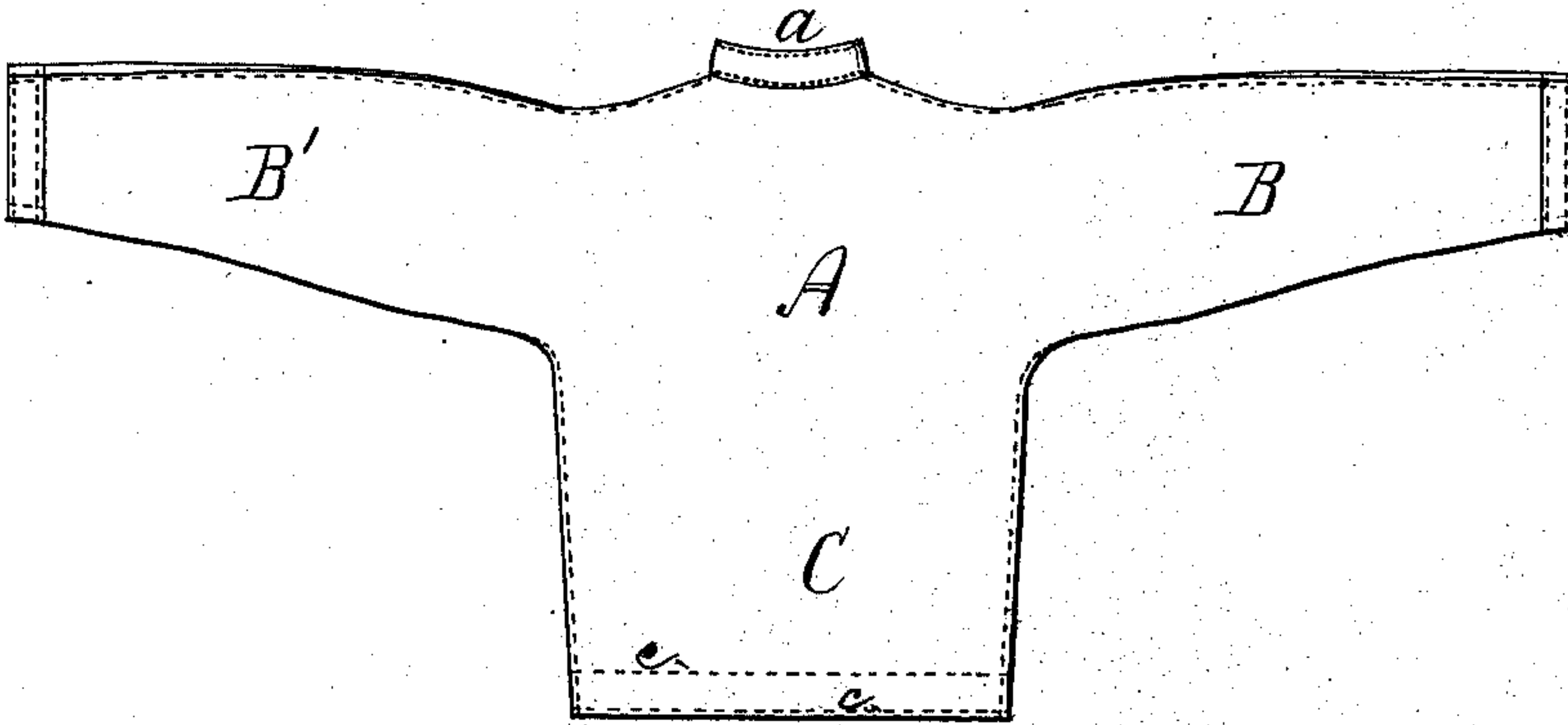
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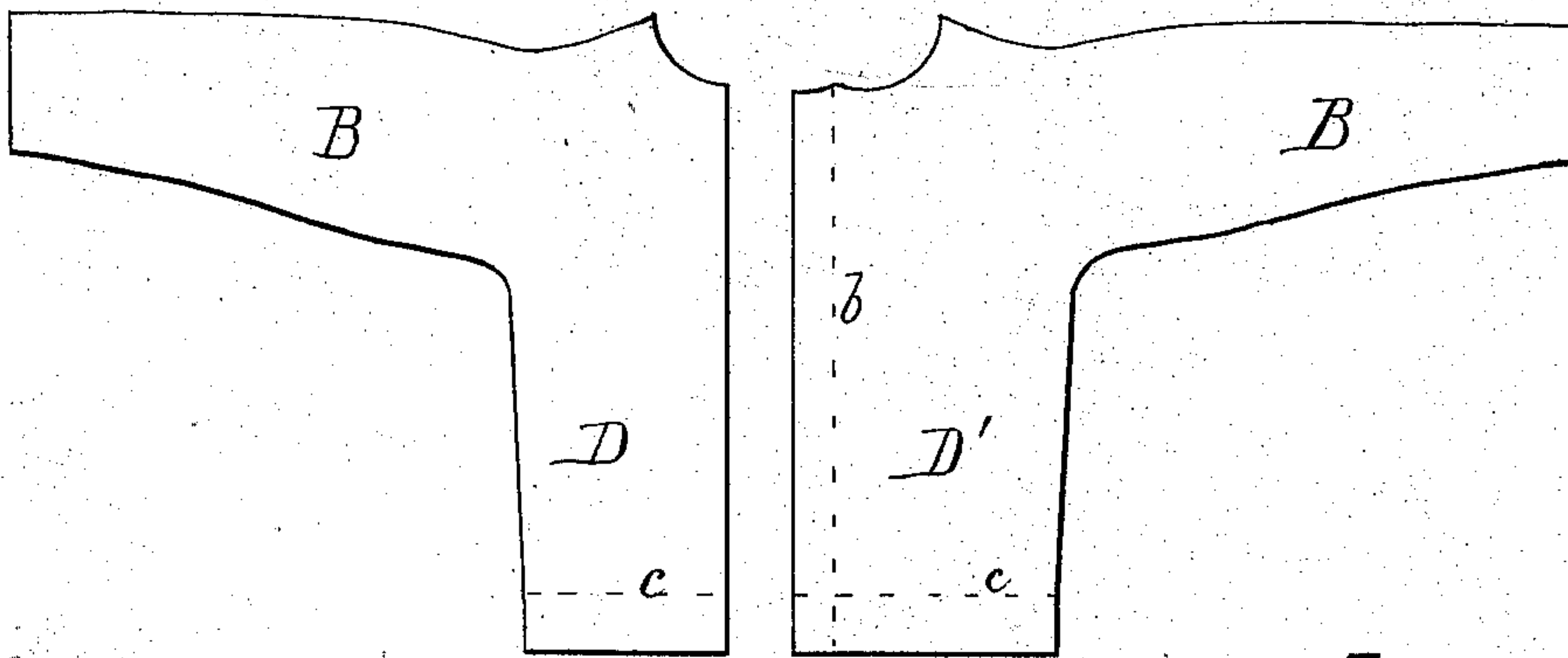
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BLOUSES OR JUMPERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, STEPHEN LASKEY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blouses or Jumpers; 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a frock or jumper cut on my improved plan, and Fig. 2 an end elevation of back half of the same. Fig. 3 represents the parts which form the front half of the garment.

My invention relates to a new and improved mode of cutting frocks or jumpers, by which much cloth is saved in cutting, and labor in making them up.

The improvement consists, first, in cutting the portions which form the sleeves in one piece with the parts which form the back and front parts of the jumper, to which end they are cut in the line of their greatest length, lengthwise of the goods from which they are to be cut; secondly, it consists in cutting the plait of the bosom in one piece with one of the halves which form the front side of the jumper; thirdly, in forming the waistband in one piece with the parts which form the body of the garment, as contradistinguished from an independent waistband, secured to the body as heretofore.

To enable others skilled in the art to make, construct, and use my improvement, I will now describe it in detail, omitting a particular description of such parts as are common to other jumpers.

The back half A of the jumper and rear half of each of the sleeves are all cut out in a single piece, the arms B B' being cut out lengthwise of the cloth, and the body C crosswise. The front half of the jumper is cut out in two parts, D D', each part having the front half of its corresponding sleeve cut out in one piece with it—that is to say, D having the front half of sleeve B cut out with it, and D' with sleeve B'.

One of the parts of the front half of the jumper is cut wider than the other so as to turn over and form the bosom-plait. For this purpose I prefer to use the left-hand half of bosom-front, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3. This enables the plait to be formed by simply folding its edge under in the line indicated by the vertical dotted line *b* of said figure, and then stitching it down, as indicated by the dotted lines *b b* in Fig. 1. The two parts D and D' of the front half are respectively stitched in the usual way to the back half A, as indicated in dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2.

The curved or wave lines at the neck, shoulders and arms, are designed to give the necessary fit to the person of the wearer, and may be such as will best effect that object. The neck of the garment is fitted with a collar, *a*, in the usual way. The body may be cut in such form as to fit the waist without gathering, it being made more or less tapering to fit different-sized waists.

The waistband is formed by turning under the lower ends of the parts of the front and rear halves of the garment at the point indicated by the horizontally-dotted lines *c c* of Fig. 3, and then stitching it down in the manner indicated by the horizontal dotted lines *c c* of Figs. 1 and 2.

E represents a pocket, applied to the garment in the usual way.

This mode of manufacturing jumpers, it will be apparent, will not only save cloth, but much time and labor in making them.

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

1. A jumper, in which the front and rear halves of the sleeves are cut in one piece with the corresponding parts of the body of the jumper, substantially as set forth.

2. A jumper, in which the bosom-plait is cut in one piece, with one of the parts D or D' and its corresponding half of the sleeve, which form the front half of the garment, substantially as set forth.

3. A jumper, in which the waistband and sleeves are cut out with and form a portion of the several parts which constitute the body of the jumper, substantially as set forth.



4. A jumper, consisting of a back half cut in one piece with the rear halves of the two sleeves, and of two front parts, D D', each cut in one piece with the front half of its corresponding arm or sleeve, and one of them with the bosom-plait, substantially as 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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