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Duster-Coat.

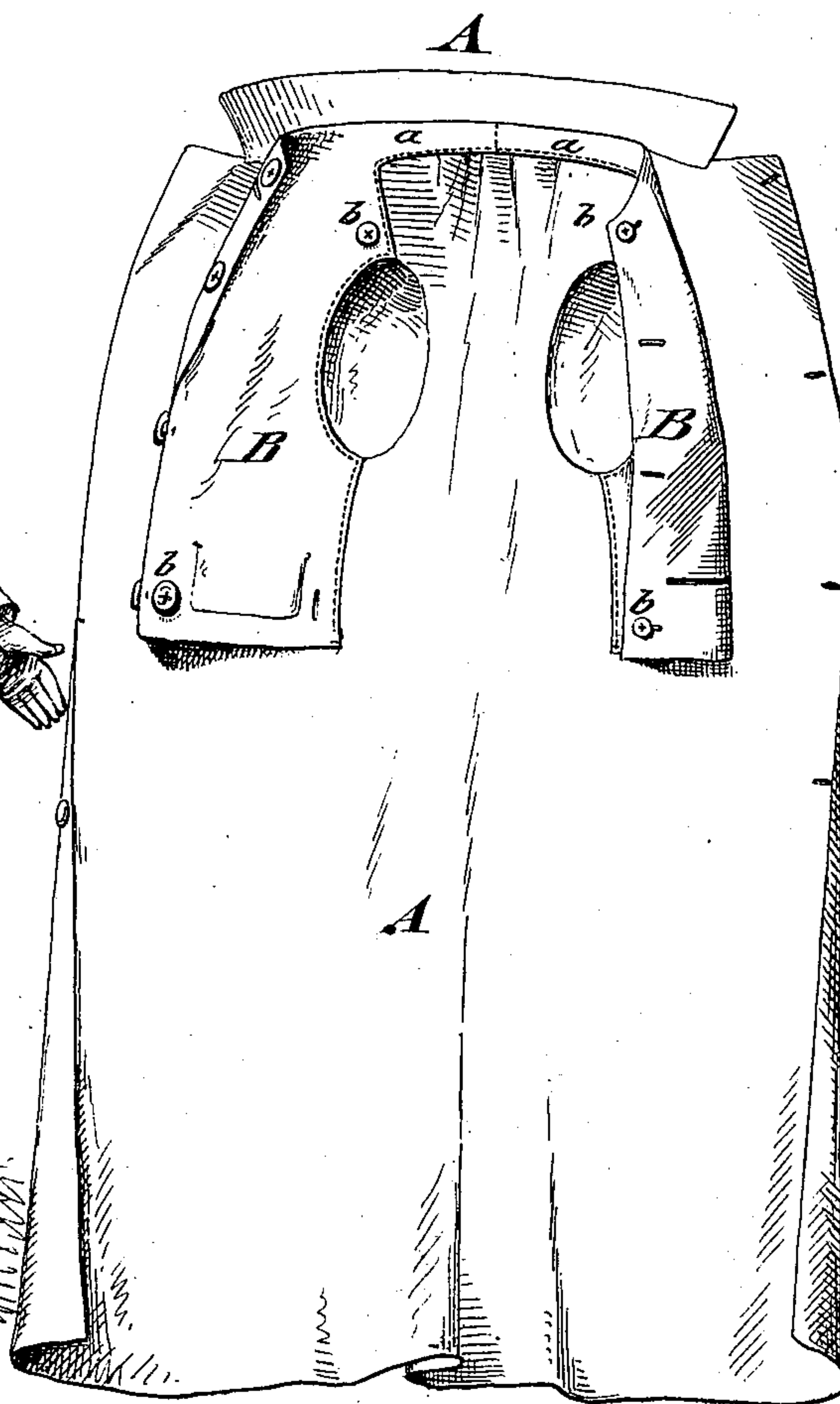
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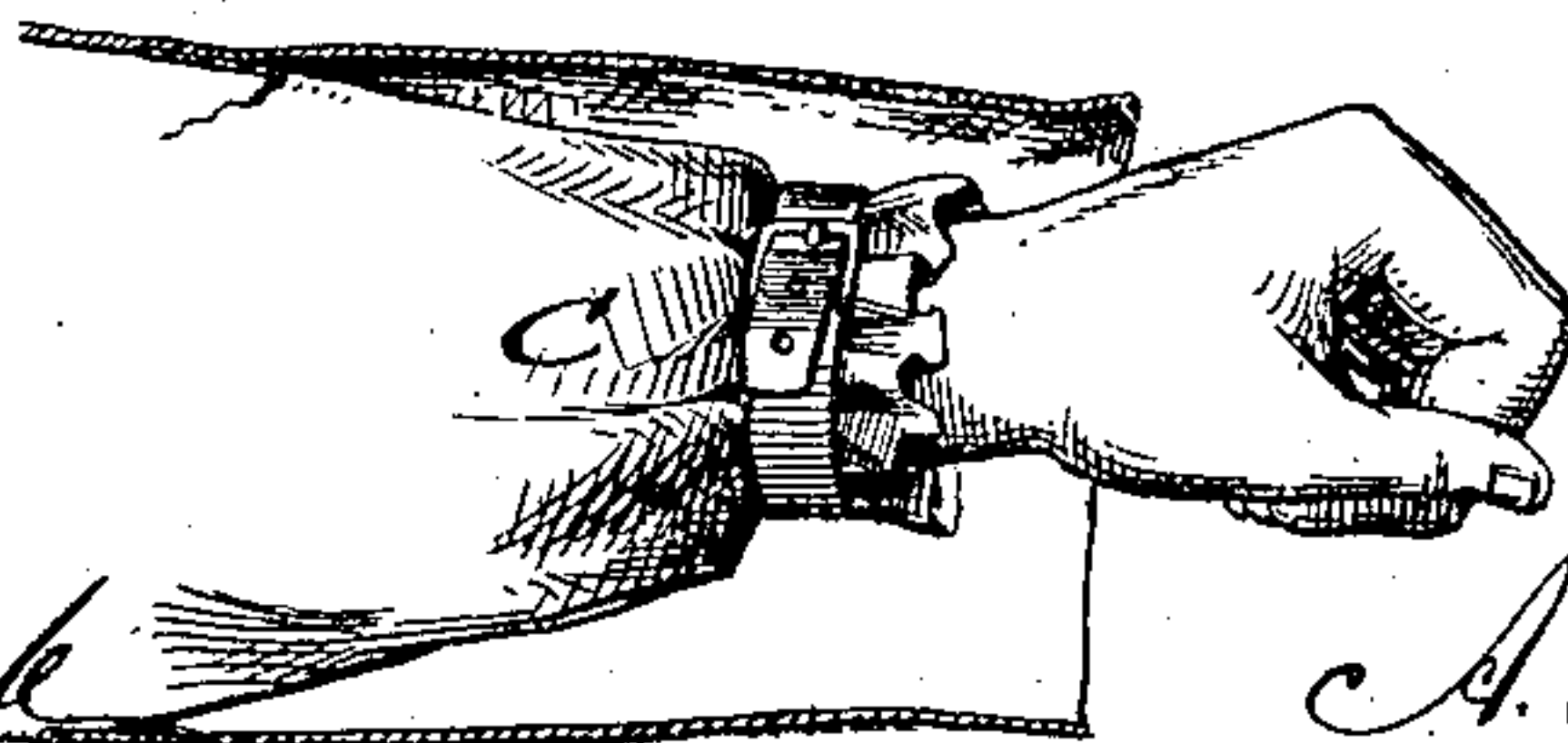
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN DUSTER-COATS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT P. SILVA, of Elmira, in the county of Chemung and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Duster, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved duster, shown as worn on the body. Fig. 2 is an inside view of the duster, showing the vest and bosom covering, of which one side is folded down and attached to the duster; and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the dust-guard of the sleeve.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention has reference to an improved duster, coat, or other garment for ladies or gentlemen's use, designed for traveling and other purposes, which provides the great advantage of protecting the collar and shirt-bosom or dress, as well as the cuffs, in superior manner against dust, while admitting also the arranging and wearing of the duster in the common manner.

The invention consists of a duster or other garment, having a covering-vest that may be closed over the common vest, dress, and shirt, or folded back and attached to interior buttons of the duster. The sleeves of the duster are provided with wristbands or guards to protect the cuffs.

In the drawings, A represents a duster, coat, or other garment, of the usual material and shape, and B an imitation vest, that is stitched to the inside of the same, and made of two sections, that pass around the arm-holes, and are connected at their collar-sections *a*, as shown in Fig. 2.

When the duster is put on for use the vest is closed up in front, and serves thereby to

protect the shirt-collar, bosom, dress, or vest against dust, as shown in Fig. 1. The vest-sections are preferably arranged at one side, with a pocket for the ticket, &c.; at the other side with a slit for getting at the watch-pocket of the vest below.

When it is not desired to show the vest B the sections are folded back, and secured by buttons and button-holes *b* at the upper and lower parts, as shown in Fig. 2, the duster presenting then only the appearance of a common duster, and exposing the shirt and vest to view.

To protect the cuffs, the sleeves are arranged with interior wristbands or dust-guards C, that are stitched to the sleeves, and closed tightly around the wrist by bands and buckles, elastics, or otherwise, so as to prevent the entrance of the dust back of the same and protect the cuffs.

By this duster the linen is kept clean and a duster of superior advantages for the traveling public obtained.

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

1. A duster having the imitation vest B in two sections, that pass around the neck and are connected at the collar-sections *a*, the latter adapted to turn over the collar of shirt, as shown and described.

2. In combination with the subject-matter of the above claim, the dust-guards C, stitched on the interior of sleeve, and closed around the wrist by bands and buckles, as and for the purpose specified.

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