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Vest-Shirt.

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Fig. 1.

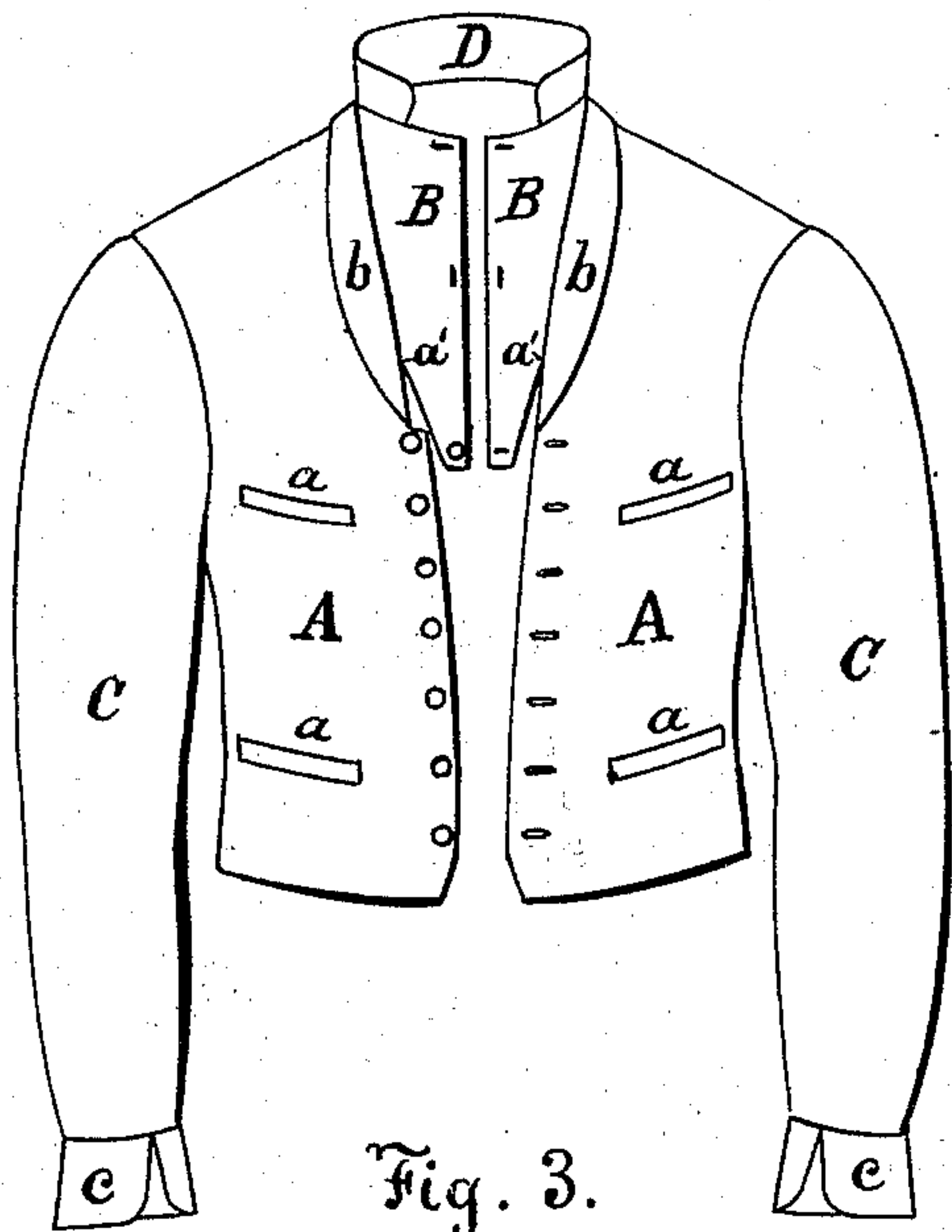


Fig. 2.

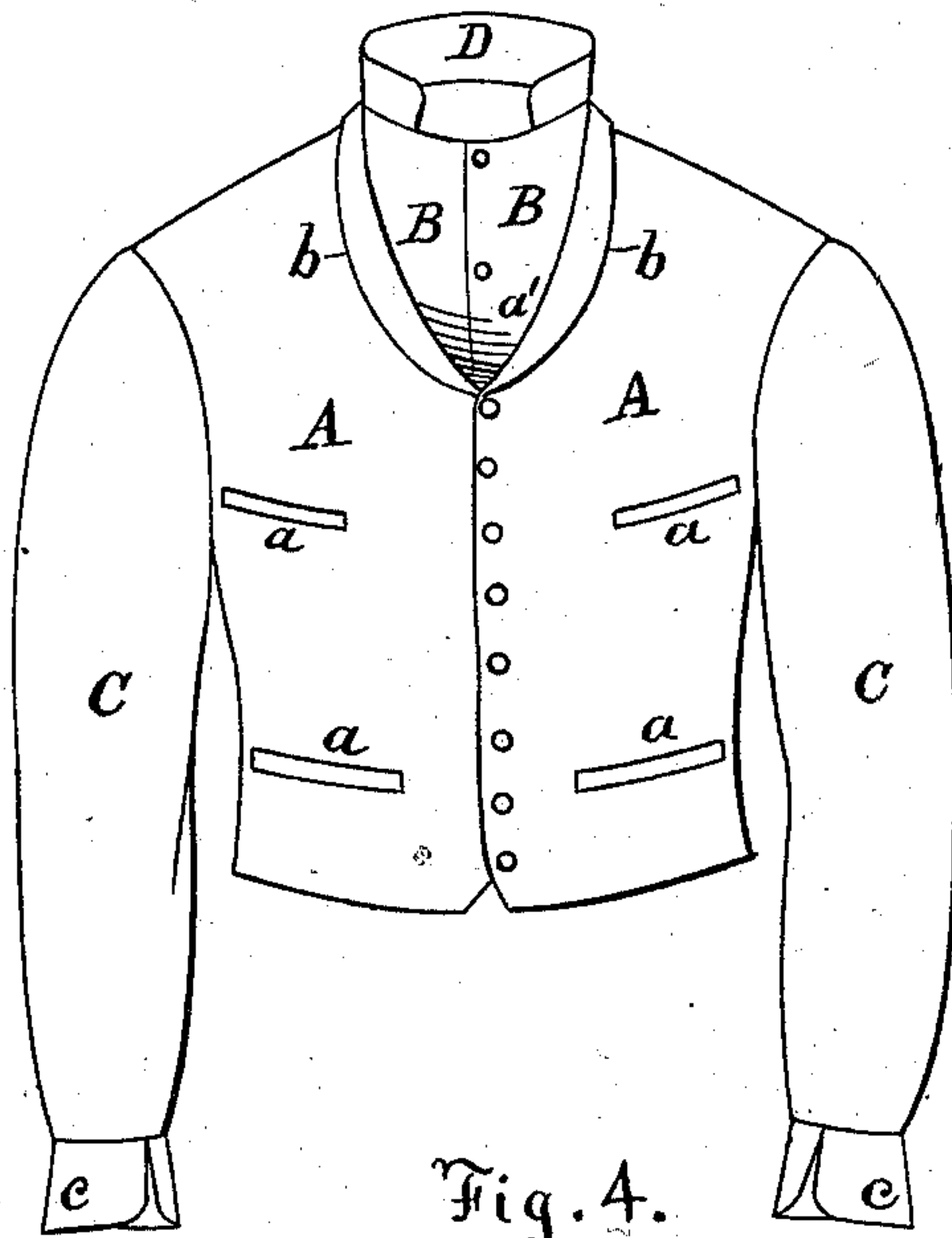


Fig. 3.

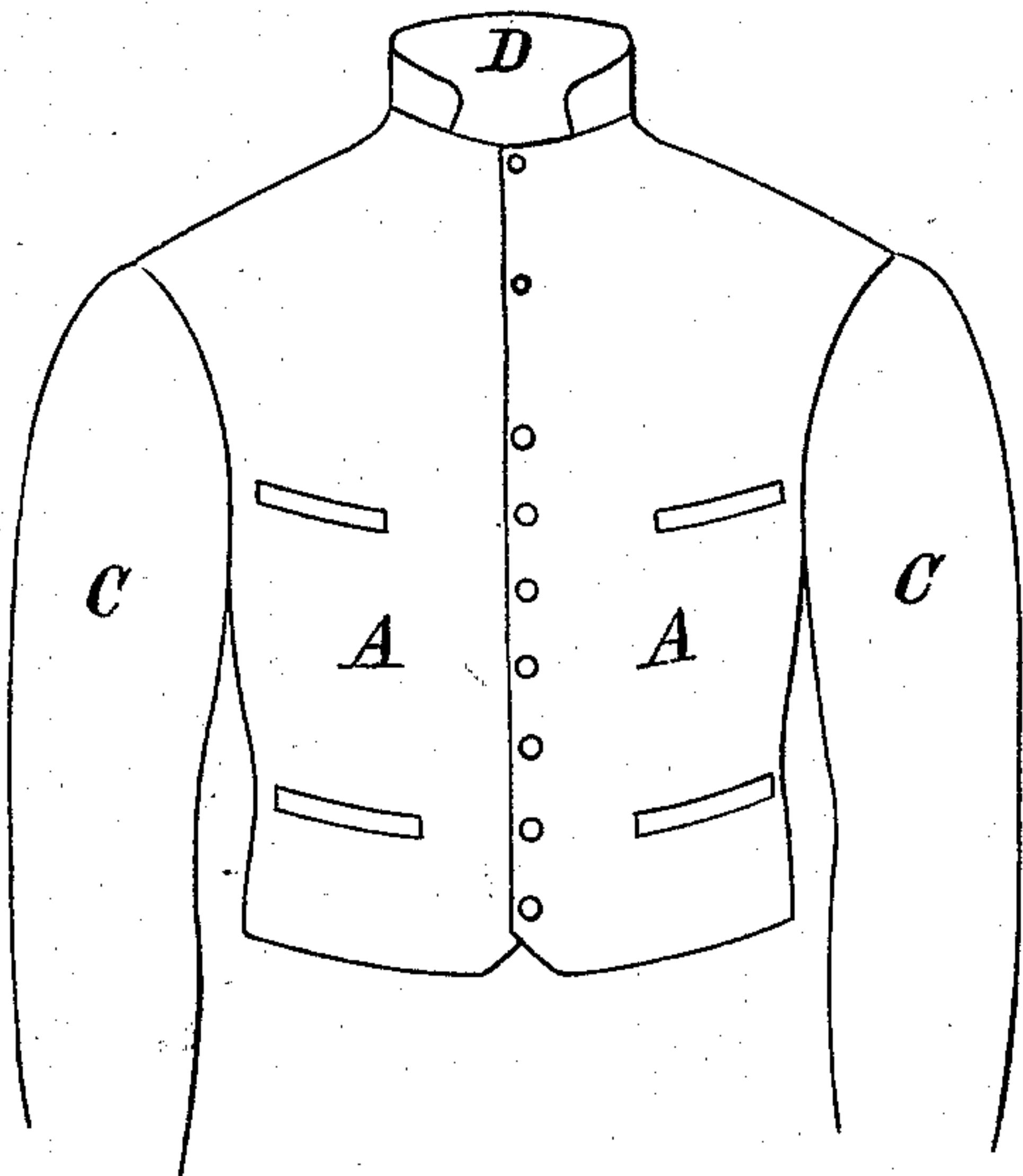
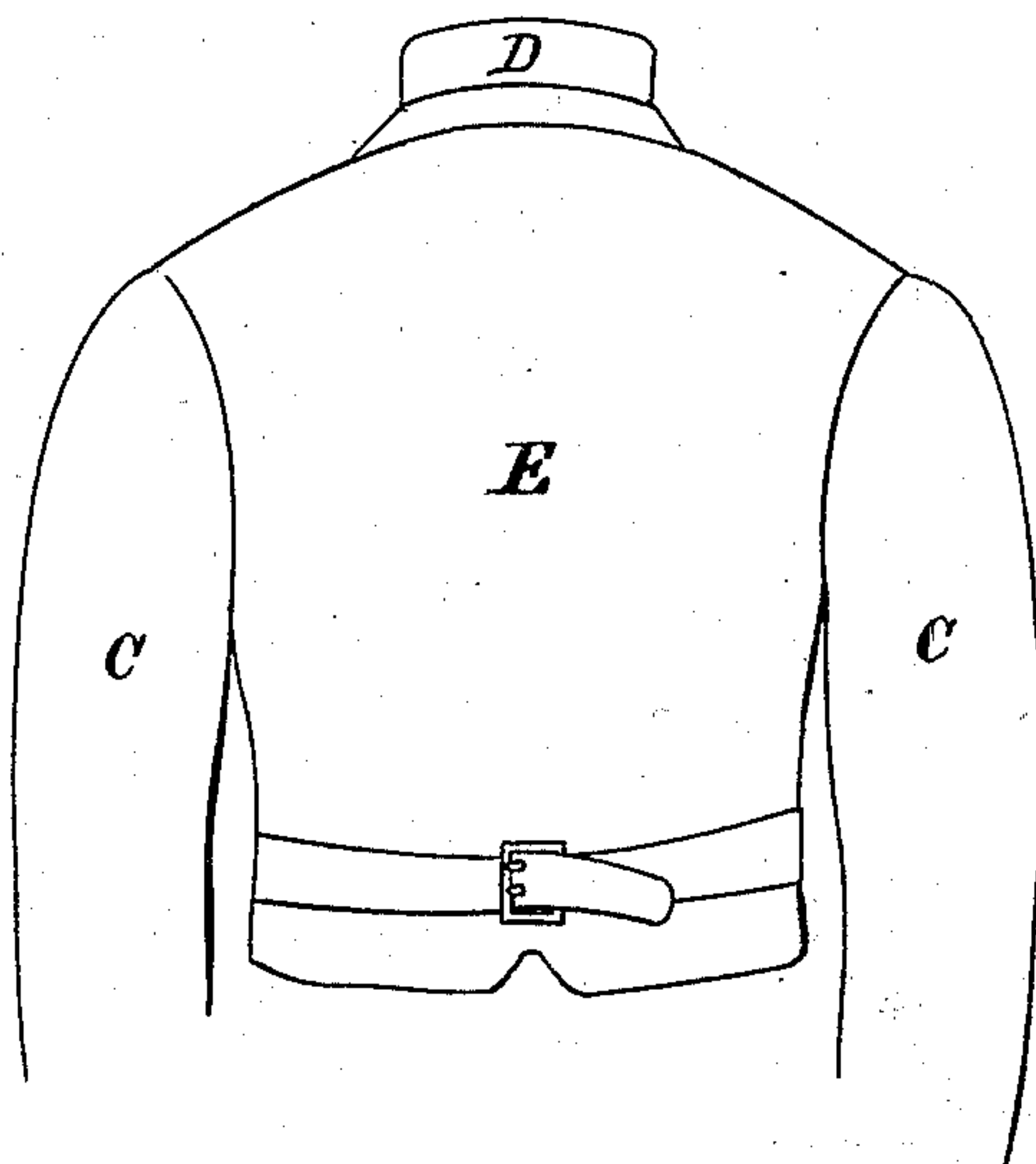


Fig. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN VEST-SHIRTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MICAJAH ELLIOTT BURRIS, of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Vest-Shirts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, 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 letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention consists of a garment constructed to form the back and front of a vest and the bosom of a shirt, and provided with shirt-sleeves, cuffs, and collar, constituting in one garment a vest and shirt, which I call a "vest-shirt," as hereinafter more fully described, and as shown in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the garment open. Fig. 2 is the same view showing the garment buttoned together. Fig. 3 is a front view of the garment without the vest-lapels. Fig. 4 is a back view.

A A represent the fronts of the vest portion of the garment, provided with the usual pockets *a a*.

B B represent the shirt-fronts sewed to the garment from the top to the points shown at *a' a'*, leaving the lower ends free to form an opening for inserting the ends of the cravat between the lower part of the shirt-bosom and the upper part of the vest.

The vest portion of the garment is provided with the usual roll collars or lapels *b b*, which may be sewed on or attached by buttons.

C C represent sleeves provided with shirt-cuffs *c c*, and D represents a shirt-collar, which cuffs and collar may be sewed on or attached by means of buttons in the usual way.

E represents the back of the garment, made like an ordinary vest-back.

The entire front of the vest and shirt portions may be made of the same material, or the vest portion may be made of duck or any other suitable vesting, and the shirt portion of the front may be made of linen or other suitable material for shirt-fronts.

When the entire front of the garment is

made of the same material, the vest rolls or lapels may be dispensed with, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

This garment dispenses entirely with the ordinary shirt-skirt, the design being to wear it over the undershirt in the place of the usual outer shirt and vest; and it is especially adapted for use by persons traveling a great deal and all persons requiring frequent changes of shirts and vests. It may be made at an expense of but little, if any, more than the expense of either a shirt or vest made separate, and hence is saved nearly the whole cost of one of those garments; and this combined garment requires less room in packing than the two made separate, and the laundering costs only about the same as either a vest or shirt made in the usual way.

For some purposes, and especially for use by waiters at hotels, &c., the sleeves may be made of cloth suitable for wearing without an overgarment; and I contemplate that for some uses the sleeves may be dispensed with, and the body of the garment may be made with the shirt and vest fronts, to be worn over a shirt having no linen bosom, or having the bosom soiled.

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

1. The vest-shirt having the vest-fronts A A and the shirt-fronts B B, and provided with the lapels *b b*, the separate shirt-fronts being attached to the vest-fronts and left free at the lower parts to form an opening to receive the cravat, the garment being also provided with or adapted to receive the collar D, and having the sleeves C C, provided with or adapted to receive the cuffs *c c*, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. In a vest-shirt, the shirt-fronts B B, attached to the vest-fronts A A, and left free at the lower parts to form an opening for the reception of a cravat, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own invention I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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