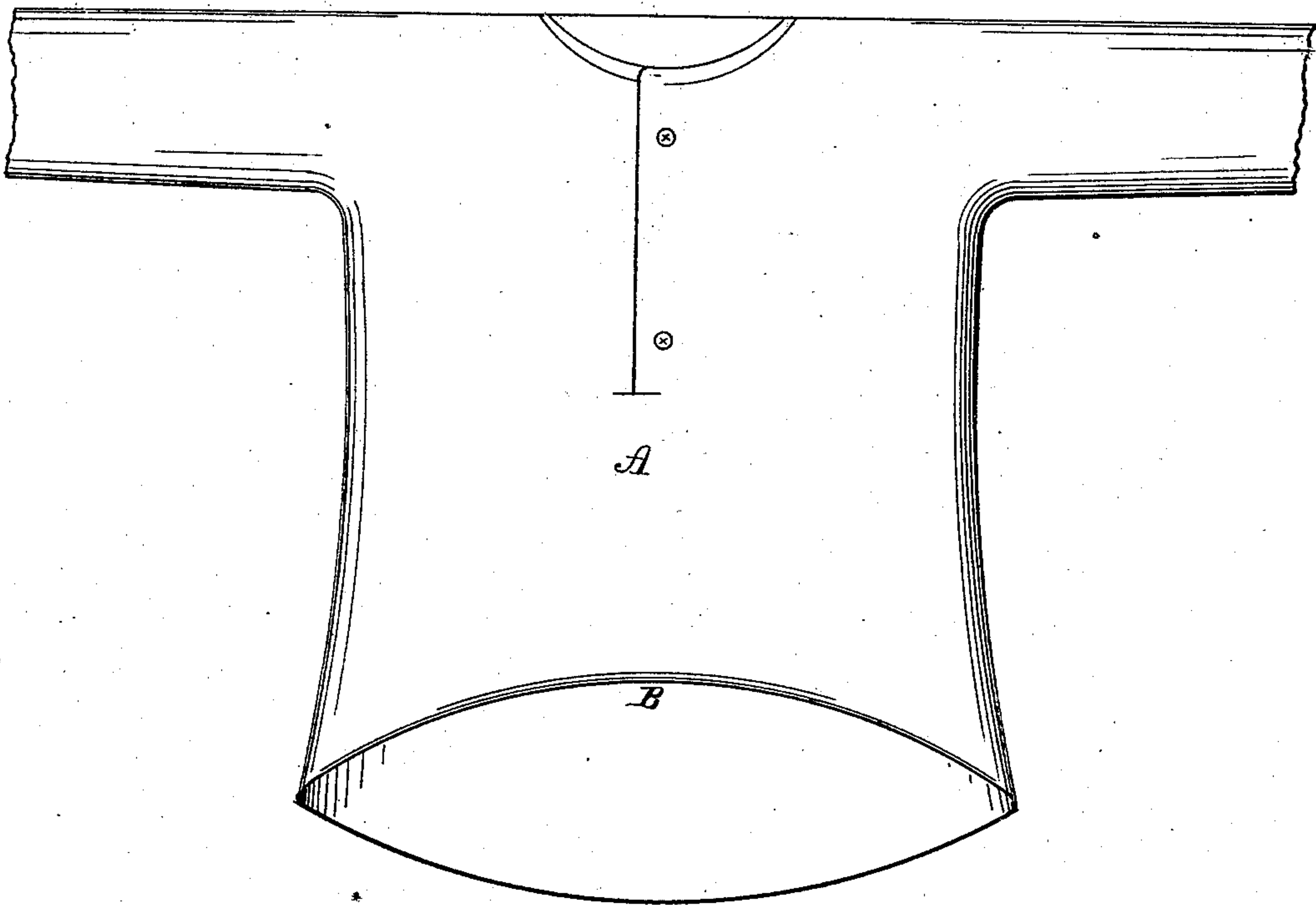


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UNDERSHIRT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED J. WHEELER, of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Undershirts for Men; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and
10 use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in undershirts for men; and it consists in cutting out that portion from the front of the lower
15 edge of the vestment, which causes discomfort without being of any service to the wearer, as will be fully described hereinafter.

The accompanying drawing represents my
20 invention.

A represents an undershirt for a man. Out of the lower edge of its front is cut a portion, B, making an opening that, when the garment is worn, extends upward to the abdomen and
25 sidewise to the outside of the thighs. It is immaterial whether the part cut out is in the form of a semicircle or angular, the former being preferred provided it extend laterally not farther than the sides of the body.

30 The undershirts as now worn by men would reach down below the abdomen, as low as half the thighs, were they not intercepted by the pants, which, being made forked to suit the form of a man, form a barrier which prevents
35 the undershirts from being drawn down their full length. At the fork of the pants the undershirt as heretofore made is gathered in folds, and, especially when made of a thick material, forms an unwieldy bunch around

the whole body, that causes great inconvenience to the wearer, which to avoid and to remedy are my object.

By cutting out of the front part of the undershirt the portion which incommodes its
45 wearer the garment is made comfortable without losing any of its warmth-preserving quality, and can be drawn down its full length to protect the abdomen and thighs, which cannot be done when the front is as long as the
50 sides and rear, which, gathered up by the pants, rolls itself up or bunches around the hips. To avoid this I cut out from the front part of the undershirt that portion which is
55 rolled up by the pants, and consequently remove the inconvenience hitherto experienced.

To decide the width of the part B the one-half, or front, of the undershirt may be taken as a rule, but may be deviated from as circumstances require.

I am aware that dress-shirts have been made
60 of which the skirts in front and rear are split open; and this I disclaim, since a slit made in a woolen undershirt would not obviate the difficulty or diminish the bulk so objectionable
65 to the wearer.

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

An undershirt having the front part cut away at its lower edge to form the concaved
70 portion B, substantially as shown, and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of November, 1879.

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