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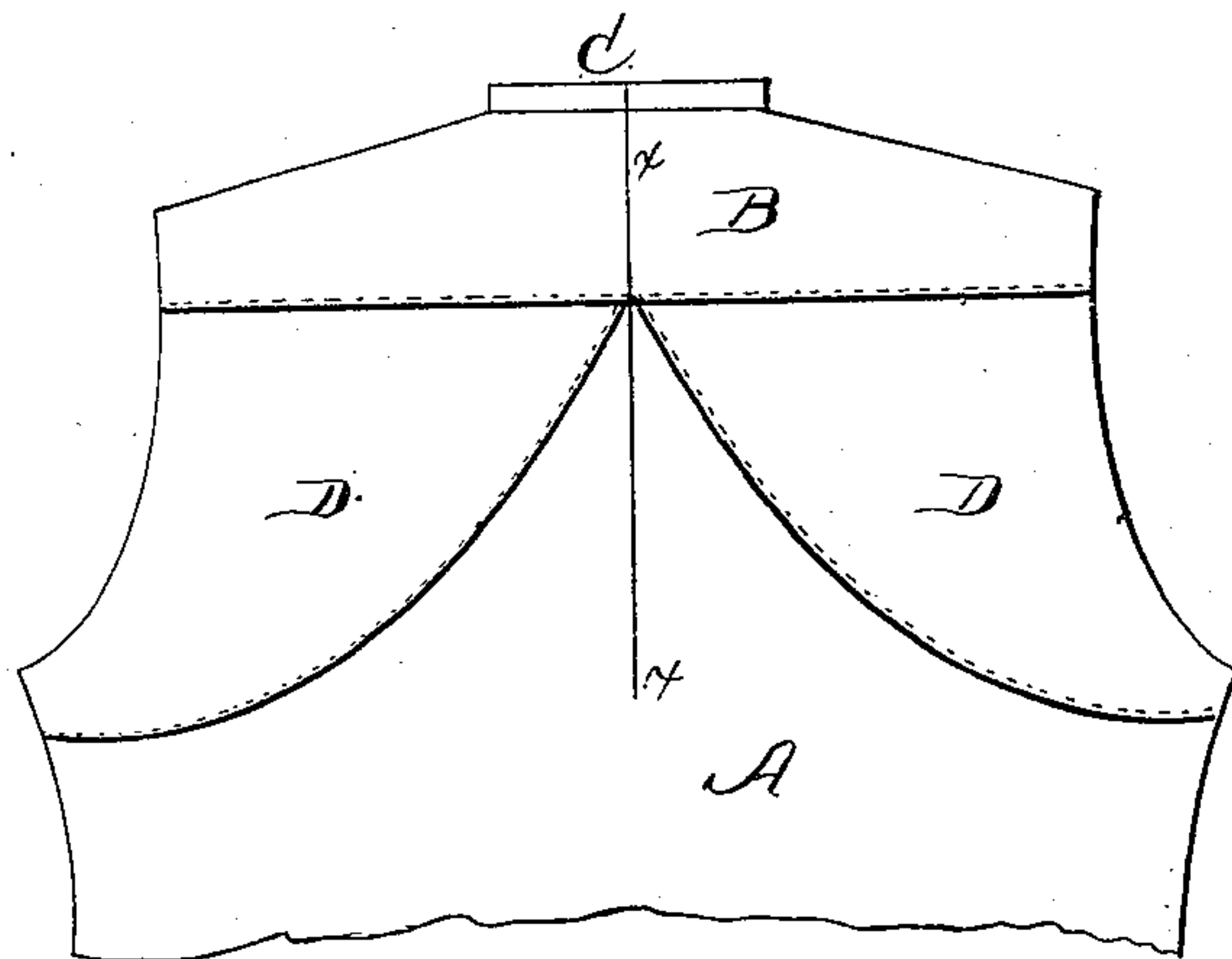


Fig. 1.

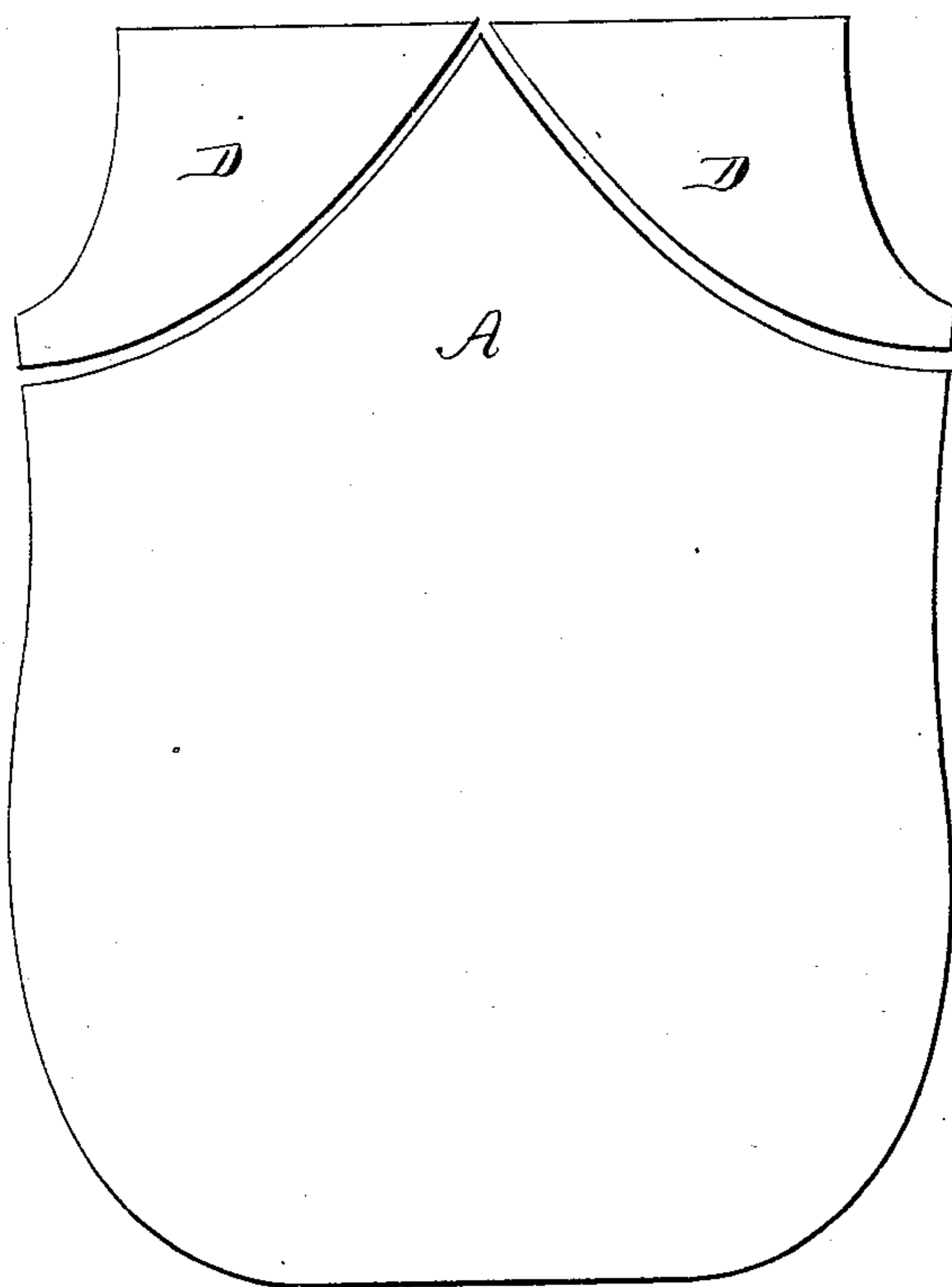


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH P. MILLER, of Fairhaven, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a rear view of a shirt to which strengthening-pieces are attached according to my invention; and Fig. 2 is a similar view of the back of a shirt, showing a modification in which the strengthening-pieces form a part of the back, instead of being overlaid, as in the first view.

My invention relates to strengthening the back of a yoke-shirt for men's and boys' use, where there is most wear or chafing from shoulder-braces and suspenders; and it consists in strengthening-pieces attached to or forming a part of the back of a shirt, of the form and located as will be hereinafter explained.

In the annexed drawings, A represents the back of a shirt, and B the yoke, to which is secured the neckband C. These parts may be cut for open-back shirts, as seen at *x x* in the drawings.

D D represent two strengthening-pieces, of the same material as the body of the shirt, which are stitched on with the yoke, and are cut to correspond and stitched with the arm-scyes. Below the arm-scyes they extend downward a short distance, stitched into the side seam, where the front and back of the shirt are joined, and thence return in a curve inward and upward to a point at or near the center

line of the back at the lower edge of the yoke. It will thus be seen that I provide a strengthening-piece of such a form as to re-enforce and protect the back of the shirt over the shoulder-blades, and wide enough under the arms to protect from the wear of the joining-bands of shoulder-braces. These pieces D may of course be placed either inside or outside of the shirt; but I prefer to place them outside, as in that case the body of the back is not worn, and when the pieces D are frayed out they can be removed and new ones substituted. It is obvious that the same effect may be produced by cutting the body of the back, as seen in Fig. 2, and completing its form by double thicknesses of the strengthening-pieces D, as shown.

I do not claim a narrow strip entirely around the arm-scyce, nor the yoke cut to make a narrow strip entirely around, as in Patent No. 174,605, dated March 8, 1876, nor any stay in front of yoke over the breast or front of arm-scyce; but

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

A yoke-shirt having the back provided with separate strengthening-pieces, joining the yoke on its lower edge, extending downward around the arm-scyce, and thence a short distance down the side seam, and from this point, by a curve inward and upward, to or near the center of the back at the yoke, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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

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