

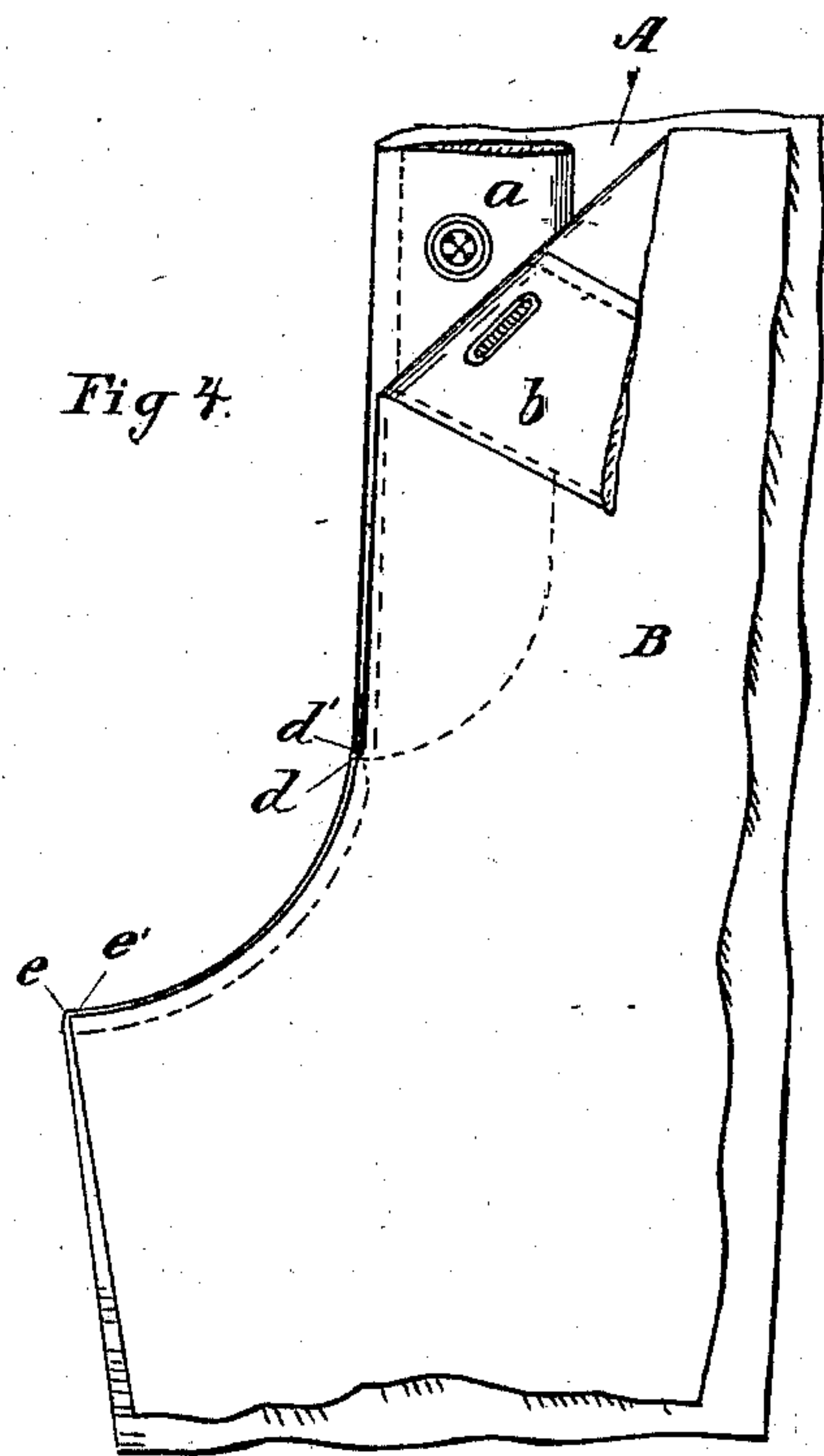
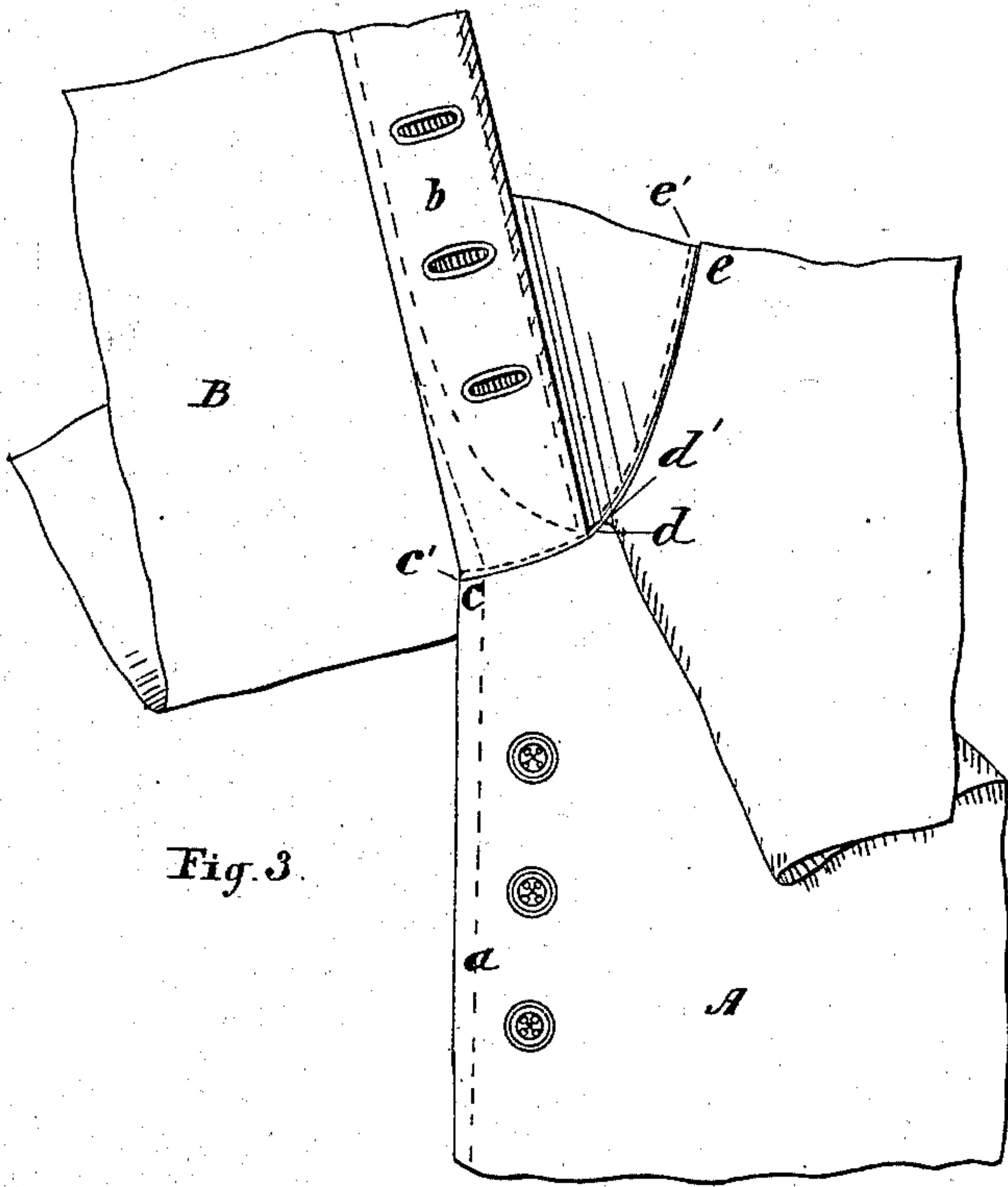
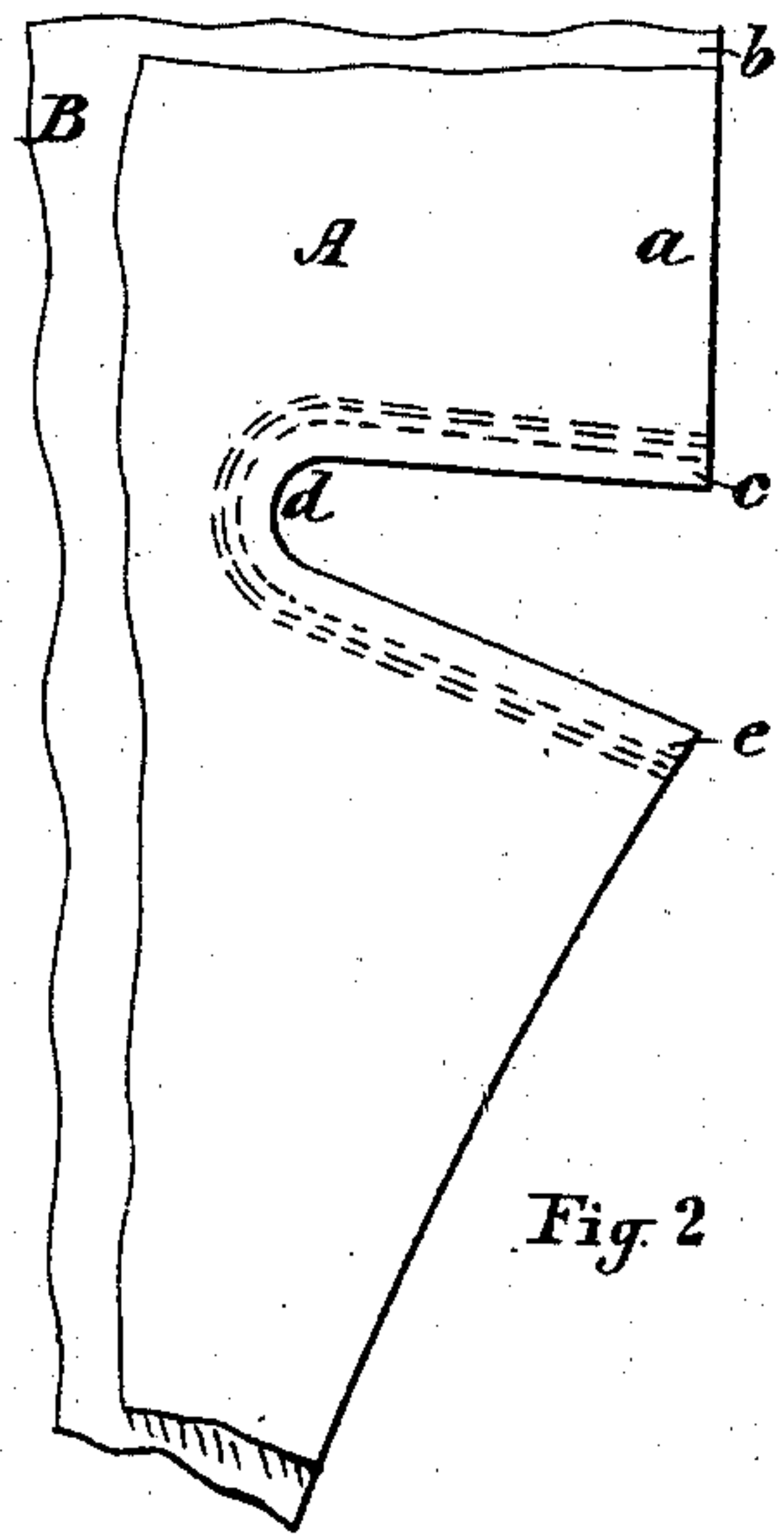
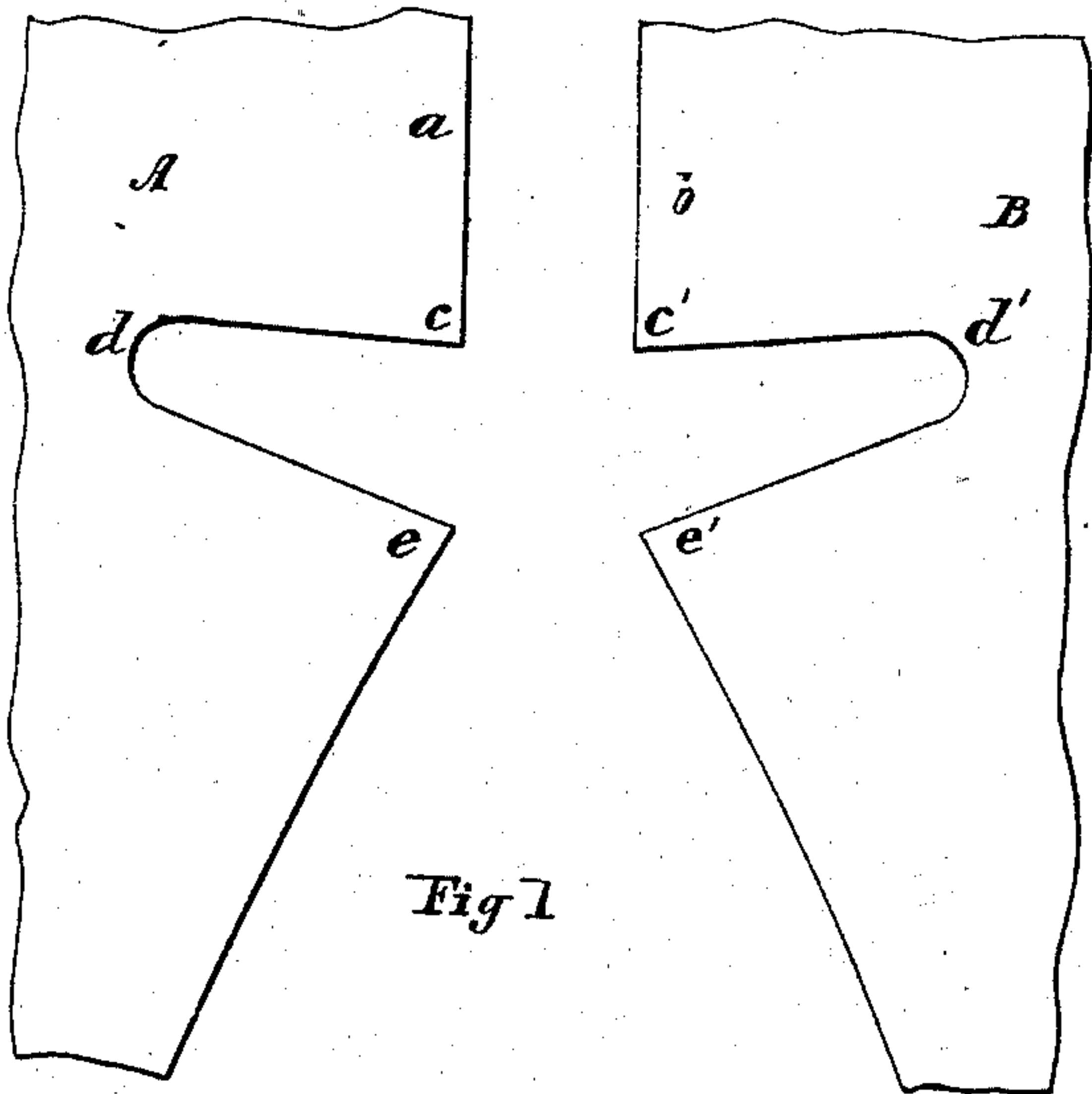
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, STEPHEN LASKEY, of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overalls, which are fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a diagram of the adjoining parts of the front of a pair of overalls cut according to my improvement. Fig. 2 represents the two pieces shown in Fig. 1 laid one upon the other and stitched together. Fig. 3 is a front view of the corresponding part of the overalls turned open, showing both parts joined together and finished at the bottom of the fly. Fig. 4 is an outside view, showing one of the two front pieces folded against the other.

The same letters denote the same parts in all the figures.

My invention relates to overalls and similar garments. In these the principal strain in stooping and lifting comes on the point where the crotch-seam ends, at the bottom of the front opening. Overalls are now cut with a sharp angle at this point, which causes increased liability to tear, and necessitates a break in the stitching, and consequently a special liability to rip.

The object of my invention is to remedy this defect; and it consists in a pattern so cut that the junction of the lower margin of the button and button-hole flaps with the edges of the crotch-seam shall be a curve, instead of the angle shown by the patterns now in use; and it further consists in carrying a continuous stitch around this curve, from the outer end of the lower margin of the button and button-hole flaps to the inner end of the crotch-seam.

In the drawings, A and B denote respectively the adjoining parts of the two front pieces.

The button-flap is denoted by the letter *a*, and the button-hole flap by *b*, and they two are joined together on the edges *c d* and *c' d'*, the two edges of the crotch-seam being denoted by *d e* and *d' e'*. Each edge of the crotch-seam meets the corresponding button

or button-hole flap in a curve at *d* and *d'*. With patterns cut on the ordinary lines, so that the button or button-hole flap meets the edge of the crotch-seam at an angle, the stitch must end at this angle, thus leaving an opportunity for ripping, which, combined with the natural tendency of the cloth to tear at the apex of the cut, makes a weak spot just where the principal strain comes on the garment in lifting and stooping. When, however, the pattern has been cut on the lines which I have described, a continuous stitch is to be carried the whole length of the edges *e d c* and *e' d' c'*, from the end of the crotch-seam to the end of the joined button and button-hole flap, back again on, as nearly as may be, the same line, and then, turning the garment over forward once more in a direction parallel to the other two, to *c* and *c'*. This triple row of stitching is most clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. By this means the junction of the crotch-seam with the button and button-hole flaps is strengthened by three rows of unbroken stitching, and is thus far better fitted to withstand a strain than in the ordinary make, where no stitches pass this point at all. Moreover, the junction of the crotch seam with the fly being on a curve does not give that opportunity for a tear in the cloth which a sharp angle affords.

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

1. An overall or similar garment in which the lower edge of the button and button-hole flaps joins the edge of the crotch-seam in a curve, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. In the manufacture of overalls and the like, the hereinbefore-described method of uniting the front pieces, which consists in carrying a continuous stitch from the lower end of the crotch-seam to the end of the lower edge of the button and button-hole flaps, for the purpose set forth.

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