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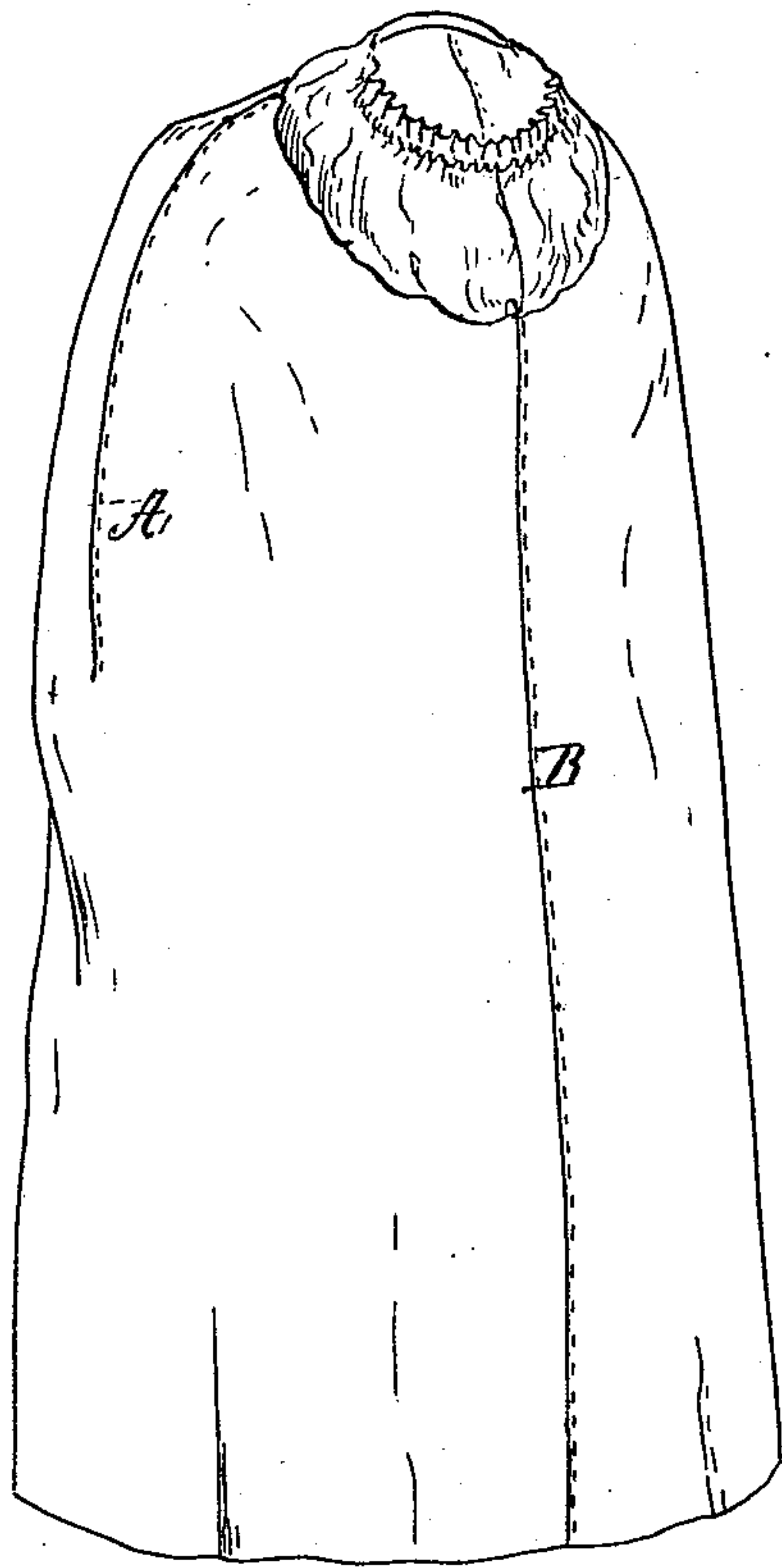


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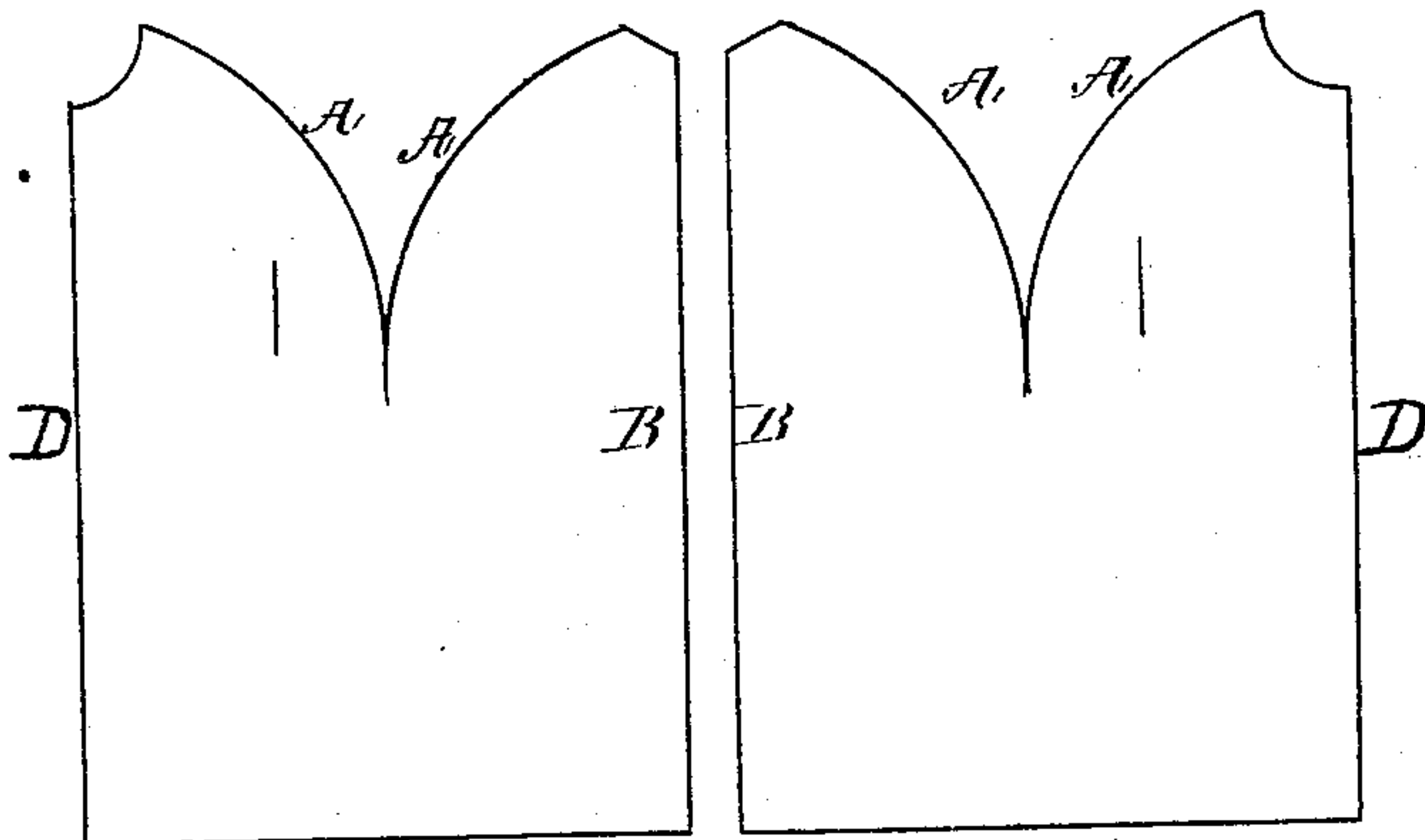


FIG. 2.

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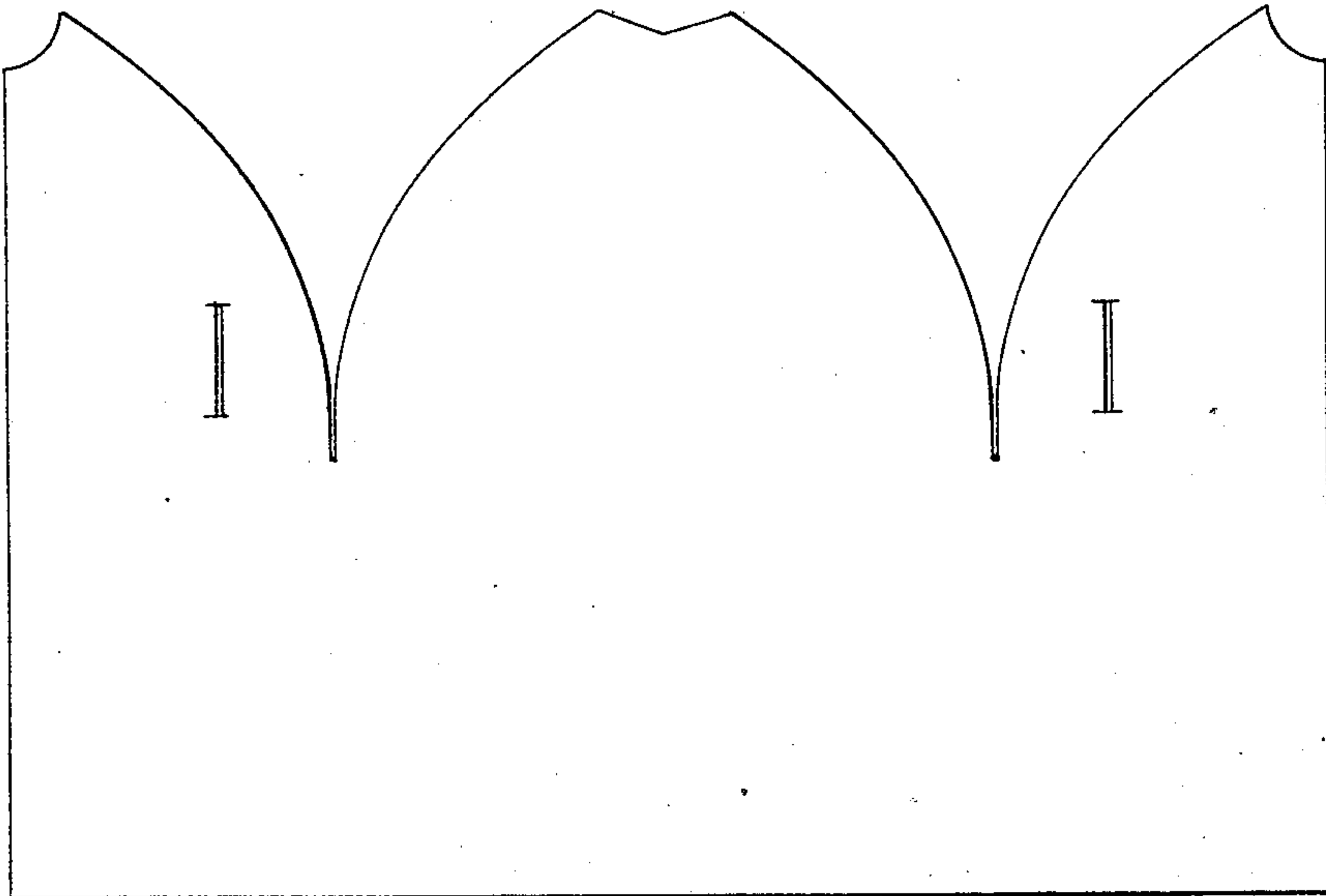
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## CIRCULAR CLOAK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM B. DOWSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Circular Cloaks, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

The object of my invention is to so construct a circular cloak that it shall have as few seams as possible and shall use or waste as little cloth as possible.

My invention consists in making the body of the circular cloak in two pieces, so that there is only one long seam in the center of the back of the garment and two short seams over the shoulders. Formerly cloaks were made with three long seams—one long seam on each side and one long seam in the center of the back. They have latterly been made with two long seams at the side and with no seam in the back. I find that by constructing the body of a circular cloak with two pieces, with one long seam in the center of the back and two short seams over the shoulders, I can save cloth and make as perfect a fitting garment as in any of the old methods.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a full elevation or perspective view of the back of the garment, embodying my invention as it appears upon a person. Fig. 2 is a pattern and plan view of the two pieces out of which I form my improved cloak. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a pattern in one piece with two seams only—one at each shoulder—out of which I may form my improved cloak, and which I deem a modification of my invention.

Similar letters mark corresponding parts in all of said figures.

B is the long seam in the center of the back of the garment.

A is the short seam over the shoulders, which, as shown in the drawings, extends sufficiently below the shoulders to give the garment a shapely appearance.

In Fig. 2 the pieces are placed in the position in which they are to be sewed to form the garment, B B forming the long back-seam, A A being brought together, forming the short shoulder-seams, while the edges at D D form the front edge of the cloak.

D D are the two pieces out of which I make the body of the garment. It will be readily seen that the long back-seam can be omitted, and that the garment can be made of one piece with the two short shoulder-seams. This would embody the spirit of my invention; but I prefer, for convenience in manufacturing, to make the garment with one long seam in the back and with the two short shoulder-seams, as described.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A circular cloak or outer garment having the body thereof made in two pieces, D D, with one long seam, B, and two short seams, A A, substantially as shown and described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

WILLIAM B. DOWSE.

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