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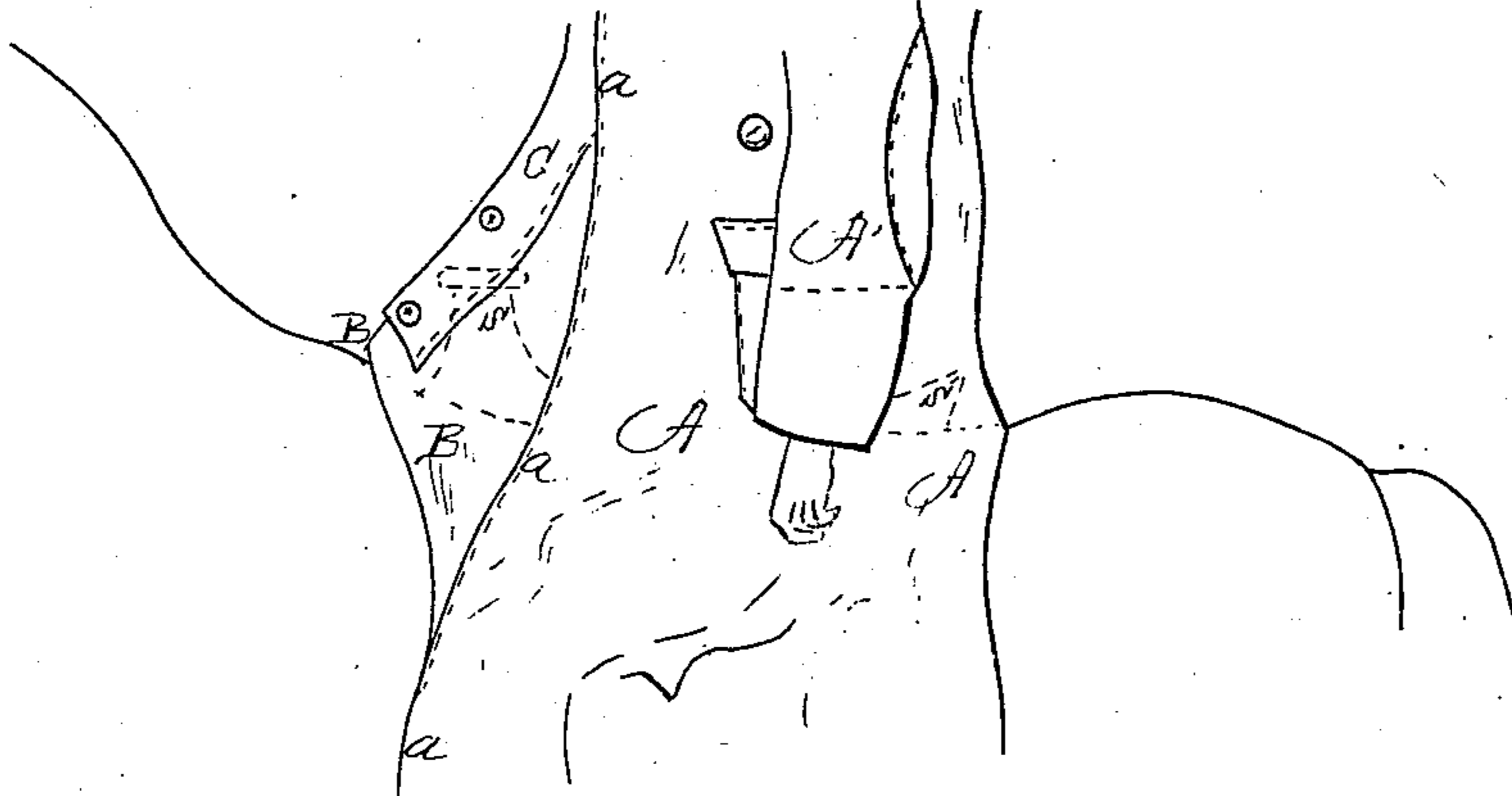


Fig. 1.

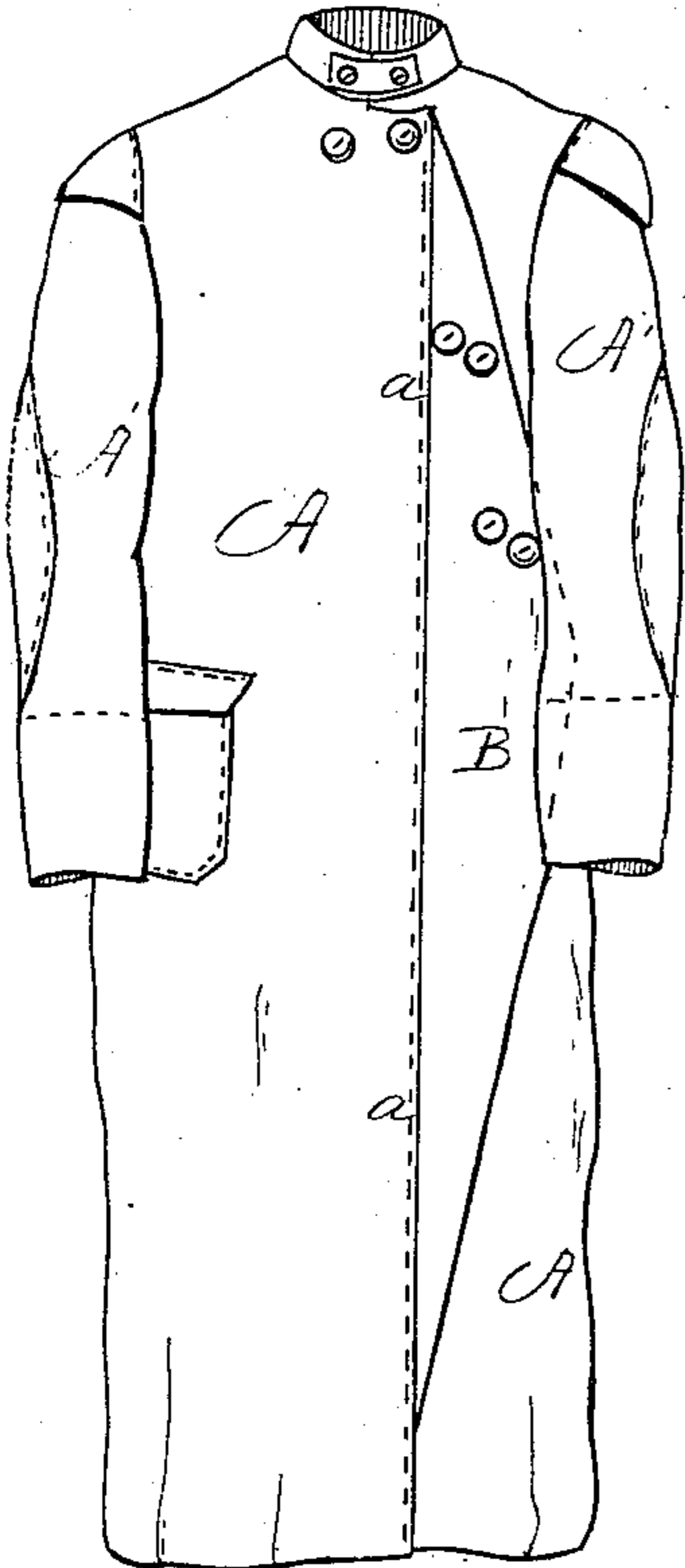


Fig. 2.

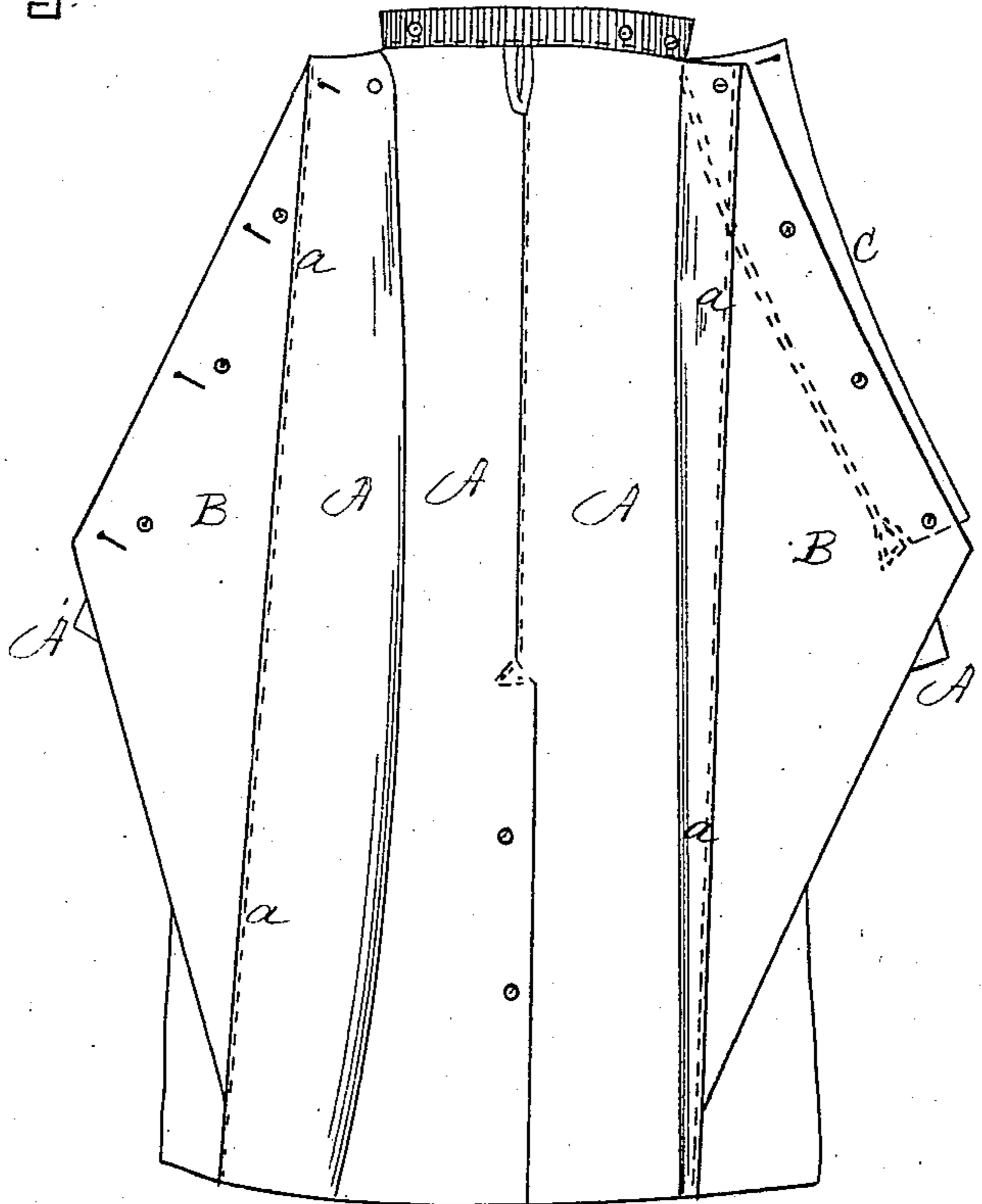


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABNER J. TOWER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Coats, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improvement in coats adapted to be used on horseback; and it relates particularly to that class of horsemen's coats which are oiled or otherwise rendered water-proof, so as to protect the wearer from the weather.

The object of the invention is to construct a coat in a more simple and efficient manner than has heretofore been accomplished, which will, when the wearer is on horseback, lie over the saddle in such a manner that, although the body of the coat is necessarily spread apart, the clothing and saddle, both in front and rear, are so well protected that no rain can drive in and wet either the one or the other.

In the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a view showing portions of a horse and rider, the latter wearing a coat embodying my improvement. The position of the pommel and cantle of the saddle is indicated by broken lines. Fig. 2 is an elevation or front view of the coat in proper position for walking. Fig. 3 is a view with the front laid back, the better to illustrate the invention.

A is the body of the coat, provided with sleeves A', as usual.

The lines *a* represent what would in an ordinary coat be the front edges; but if the front edges were at *a* neither the pommel S nor the cantle S' of the saddle would be covered; hence I construct the coat so as to form extensions or flaps B, about equal in size, substantially triangular in shape, broadest near their centers, and adapted to button together centrally in front of the wearer when in use on horseback. These flaps B taper from the collar or top of the breast in an increasing width to below or about the waistline, where their greatest width is attained, and then taper recedingly to near or about

the bottom of the skirt of the coat. The ordinary flap, C, is usually, but not necessarily, applied to one of the extensions B. These extensions may be integral with or sewed to the body A of the coat. When the wearer is walking, the extensions may be buttoned across the center, as shown in Fig. 2; but when on horseback the front edge of each extension or flap B reaches, but does not pass across, the center in front of the wearer, and said edges are buttoned together, and thus stand out from or give a fullness to the front of the coat, whereby the wearer is enabled to spread the coat out, so as to take within its compass both the pommel and cantle of the saddle, wholly inclosing the saddle and protecting it and the wearer from rain and snow. The ordinary or storm flap C is of great utility in this use of the coat, it being buttoned over the united flaps, as shown in Fig. 1, and serving as an additional safeguard against the driving in of rain or snow. The shape of the extensions may not be an exact triangle, as the corners may be somewhat rounded, if desired; but it will not vary materially from that illustrated in the drawings, as the shape shown is found to be the best to fit over a horse's back in front of the pommel and leave room for the rear of the saddle within the coat; or the outer lines of the extensions may be somewhat concave or convex without departing from the invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The improved coat herein shown and described, having the flaps B at each of the front edges, and extending expansively from the neck to the waist, and thence contractively to or near the skirt-bottom, and provided with fastening means to cover the wearer's body and legs and the whole of the saddle, including the pommel and cantle, as set forth.

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