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Fig. 1.

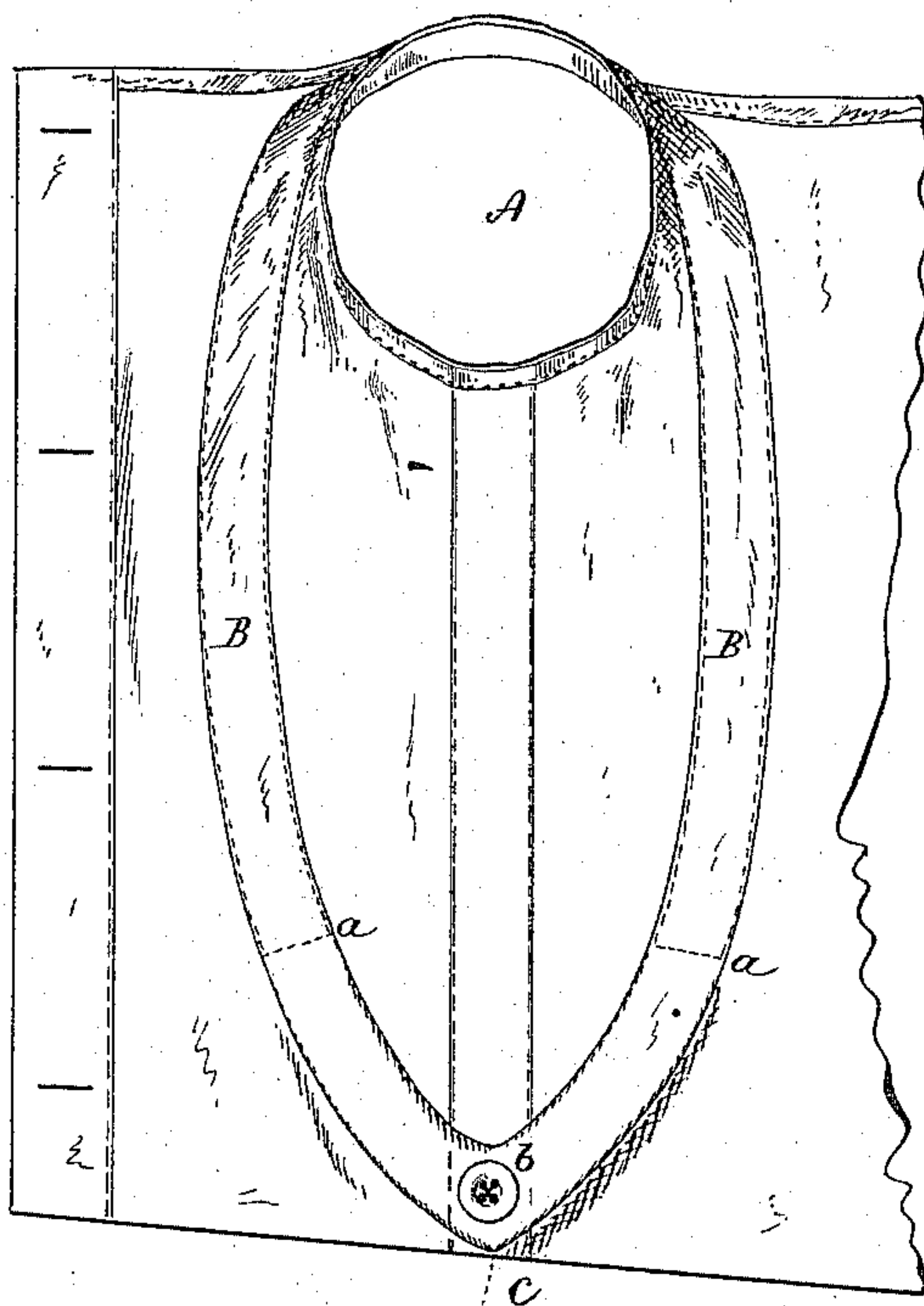


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES N. CHADWICK, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new Improvement in Underwaists; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a side view of one-half the waist with the improvement attached; Fig. 2, a vertical central section on the hip-line through the armhole.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of garments commonly called "underwaists"—that is, the waist under the outer garments, and to which other under garments may be attached, and by which the waist itself may serve as a part of that class of stocking-supports which consist of a strap secured to the stocking by a suitable clasp, and, extending upward, adapted to be secured to some portion of the wearing-apparel above. These supporters are more generally secured to a button fixed rigidly near the lower edge of the waist and under the arm, and so that the draft upon the waist comes only at a single point, which makes an uncomfortable drag upon the waist. In other cases the supporters are provided with a band or strap to extend over the shoulders, and so as to bring the support directly upon the shoulders. This latter construction is unquestionably the best, as it avoids the draft upon the waist, and carries the support directly to the shoulder; but such straps are liable to slip from the shoulder, and at best cause considerable discomfort to the wearer.

The object of my invention is to construct a waist so that it may combine with it a shoulder band or strap to which the stocking-supporter may be attached; and my invention consists in the construction of the waist, as hereinafter described, and more particularly recited in the claim.

In the illustration the portion of the waist shown is of common construction, A representing the armhole. The cut of the waist is immaterial to my invention. In the best con-

struction a band, B, is applied to the surface of the waist, extending up from front to rear over the shoulder, the lower ends of the band coming together at a point, C, near the bottom of the waist. The band is stitched to the waist from a point some distance above the lower end upward over the shoulder, and so as to make it a fixed part of the garment; but from the point where the stitching begins downward the band is left free and independent of the waist, so that the points of attachment of this lower portion are, in fact, from the points *aa*, where the stitching commences. These two points are one at the rear and the other at the front of the hip-line of the waist. At the lower point of this detached portion of the band the button *b* or other fastener is applied, and so that the stocking-supporter may be buttoned thereon, or secured according to the attachment, or it may be permanently stitched thereto. By leaving the lower portion of this band free from the waist the strain from the stocking-supporter is carried to the front and rear, and thence directly over the shoulder, substantially as it would be with a shoulder-strap made independent of the waist, and the draft produced by a single point of connection, as when the button is fixed directly to the waist, is avoided, and the difficulties attending the use of a shoulder-strap are also avoided.

While designed with special reference to stocking-supporters, the improvement is equally applicable to the attachment of skirts or other under-garments which it is desirable to support directly from the shoulders.

In the illustration I have shown but one side of the waist. It will be understood that both sides are to be provided with the same attachment.

By the term "waists" I wish to be understood as including all under-garments worn about the waist, and which are adapted to receive a like attachment.

By the expression "V shape," as indicating the suspending portion of the strap, I wish to be understood as meaning any desirable or suitable shape, whereby from the point of attachment of the supporter, or whatever it may be, the strain is carried upward and forward and backward from that point.



I do not claim, broadly, a V-shaped attachment to the waist, to the apex of which the supporter may be attached, as such, I am aware, is not new.

5 I claim—

A waist having a band, B, extending from front to rear over the shoulders, down, and terminating in substantially V shape at the bottom, provided at the apex with a fastening

device, and stitched to the waist from points 10 at the front and rear up over the shoulder, but disconnected from the waist from said points downward, and substantially as described.

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