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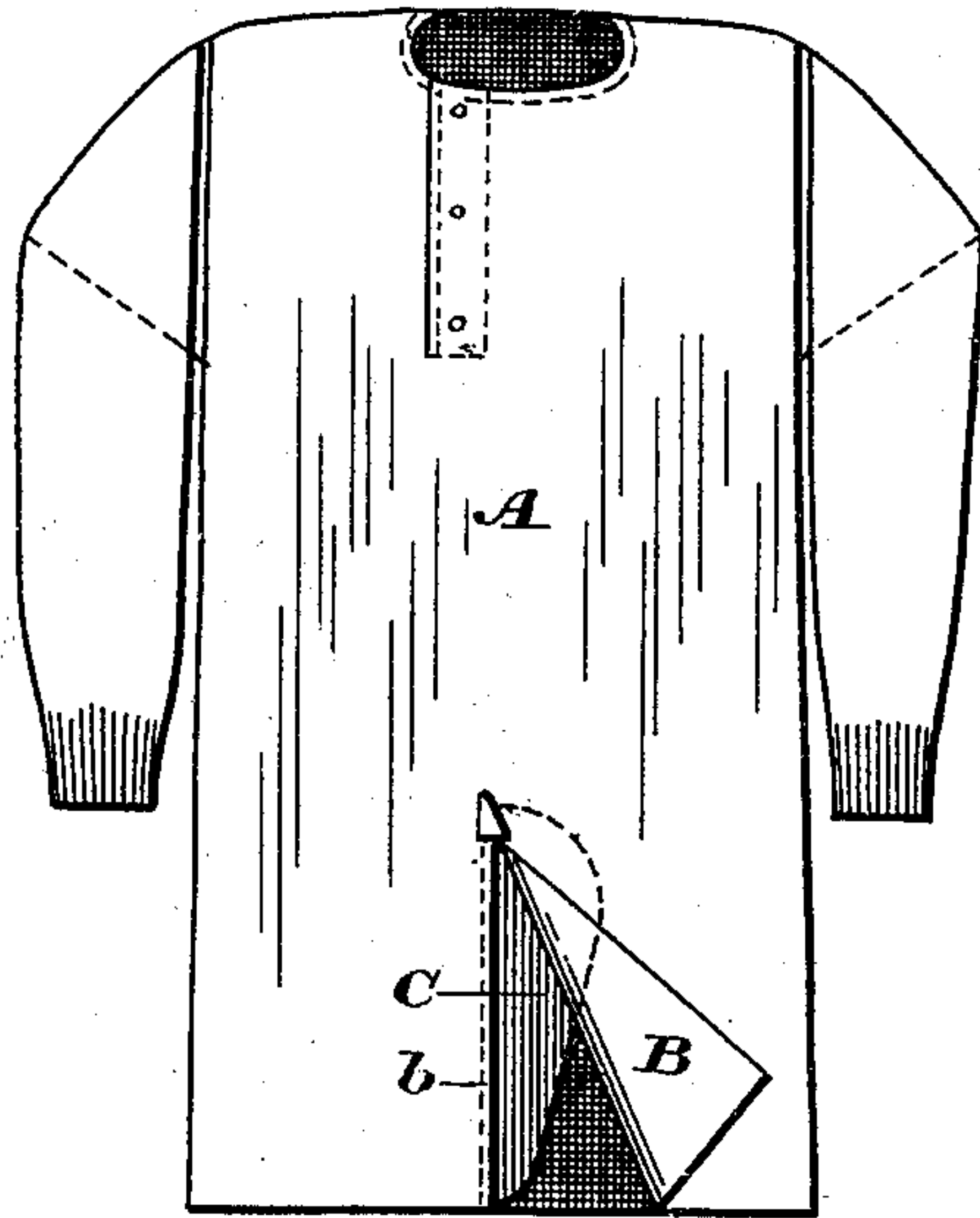


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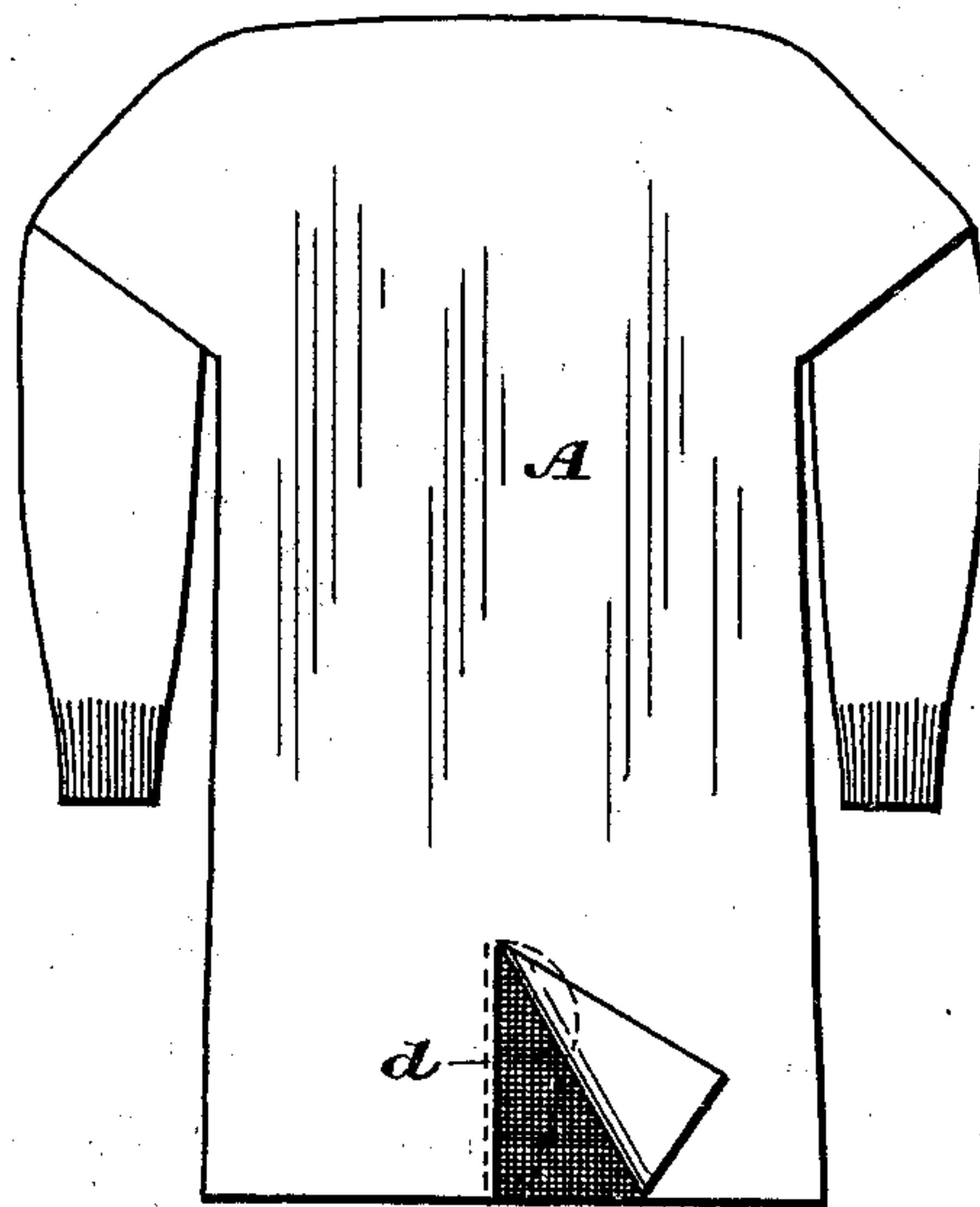


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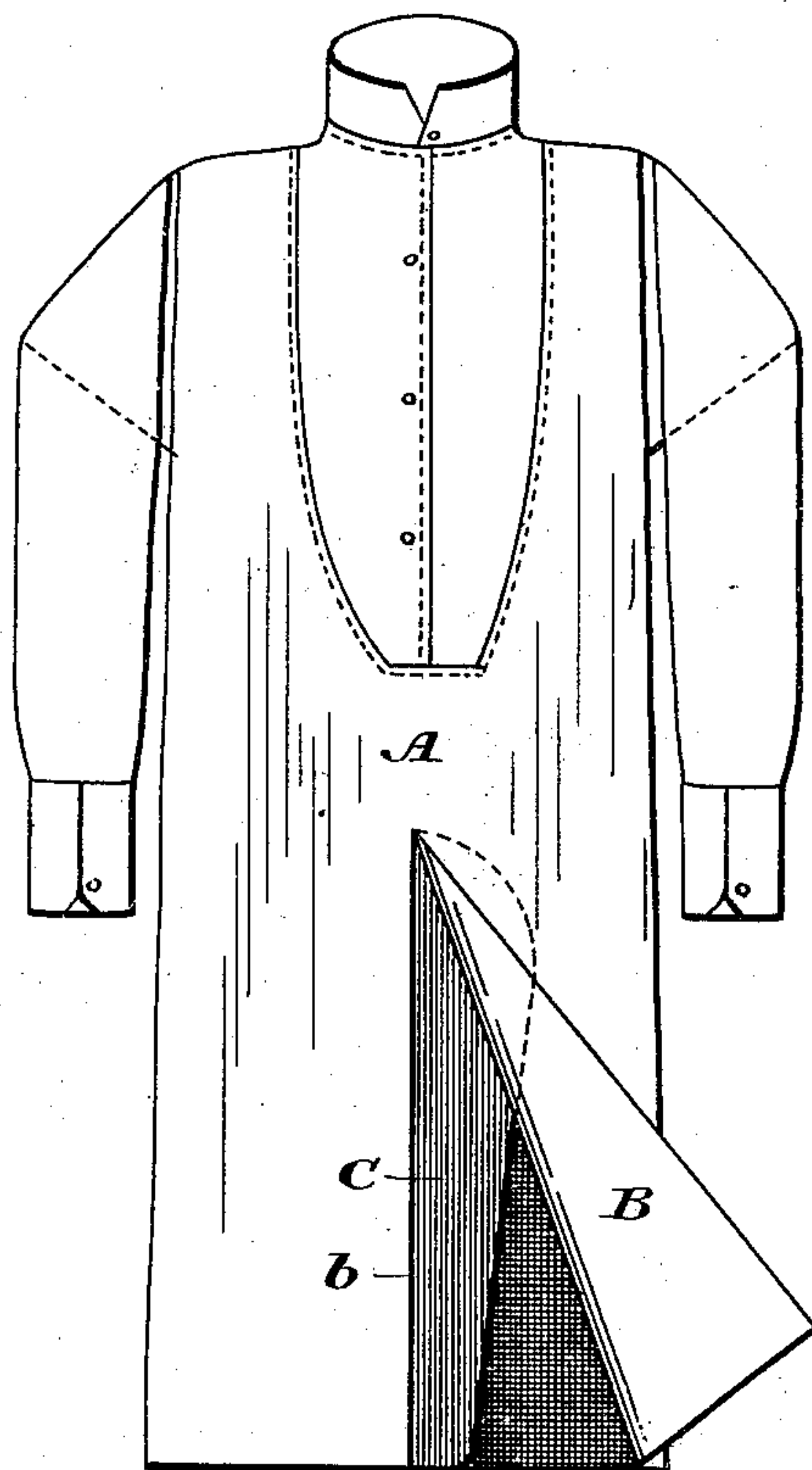


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM STANBURY FINCH, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Toronto, in the county of York and Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shirts, (which has been patented by me in England May 20, 1886, No. 6,777, and in Canada July 6, 1886, No. 24,432;) and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention has relation to an improvement in shirts or undershirts for ladies or gentlemen; and it consists, essentially, in a division, at front and back, in the lower part of said shirt, the division in the front and back being protected by a flap or curtain, all of which is more particularly hereinafter described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved shirt. Fig. 2 is a back view of the same. Fig. 3 is a front view of a bosom-shirt provided with my improvement.

I provide the shirt at both front and back with a vertical slit which shall enable the lower part of the shirt to act, as it were, with the limbs of the wearer and to follow their movement, while to avoid unseemly exposure I provide a curtain which is placed in front and back of the incision before mentioned.

In the drawings I show an undershirt merely for the sake of illustration; but the same principle will apply to all shirts.

A is the shirt, and B is one side of the slit, which is shown folded back. C is a piece of any suitable material—it may be that of the

rest of the garment—which is attached, as shown, to the other side of the incision or slit. This prevents exposure.

In Fig. 2 is shown the back of the shirt, in which, for obvious reasons, the slit, which is marked *d*, need not be so long. The effect of this device is to give perfect freedom to the limbs without the inconvenience and discomfort of the shirt gathering in the crotch, as aforesaid.

I am aware that a shirt with a vertical slit immediately in the front and rear is not new. I am also aware that it has been proposed to secure directly under the front slit an apron secured to the body of the shirt above the upper end of the slit. This has been found objectional, as the said apron is bulky and inconvenient in use, more material is required, and, furthermore, the apron but partially covers the slit vertically and does not prevent exposure of the person wearing the same. To avoid these objections I make my curtain the same length as the slit and secure it to the shirt at one edge of said slit only.

What I claim is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a shirt composed of a body, A, formed in front and rear with vertical slits, and an apron for each slit, said aprons being the same length as the slit and secured to said body along one edge only of said slits, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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