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SEAMLESS UNDER GARMENT.

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Fig. 1.

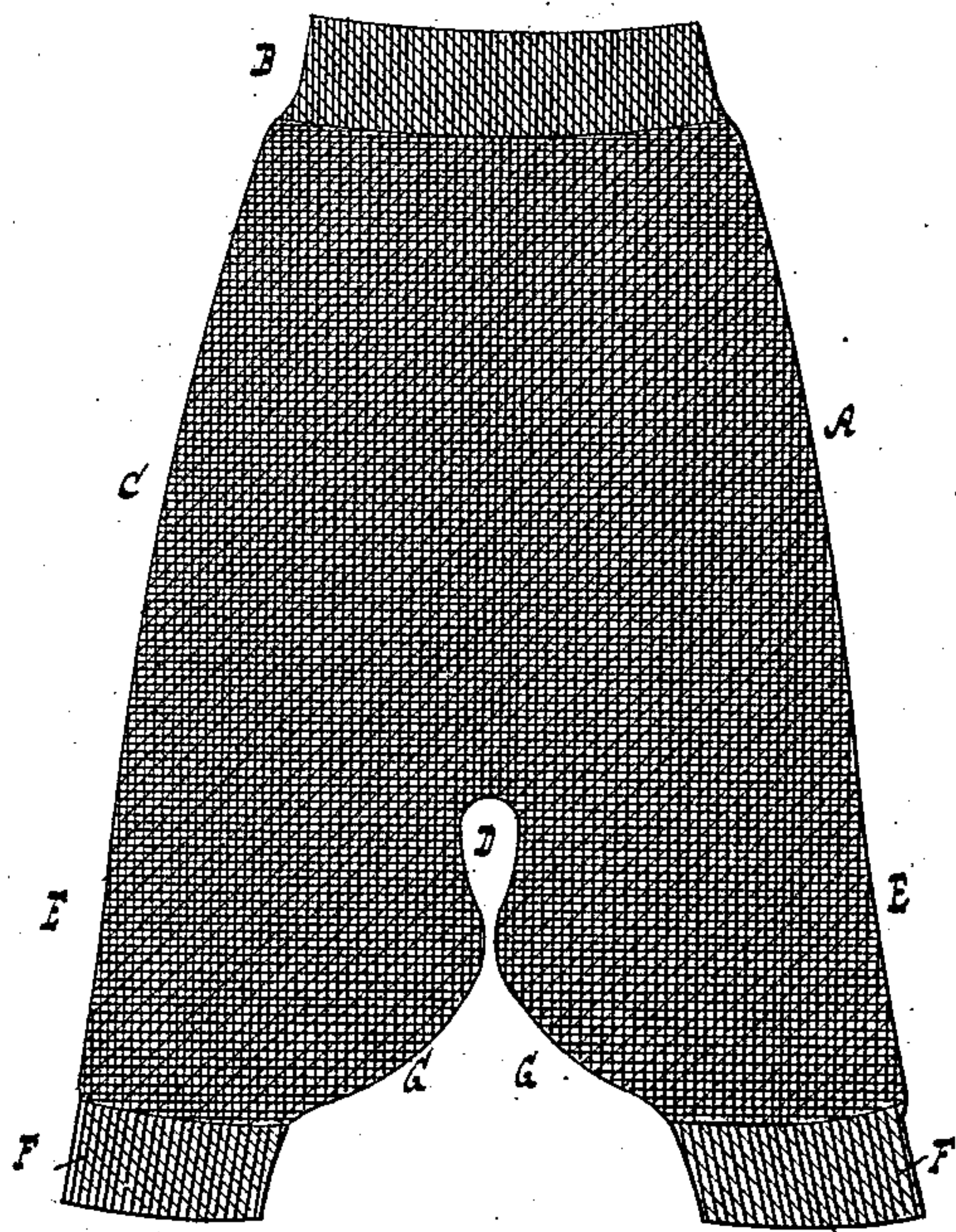


Fig. 3.

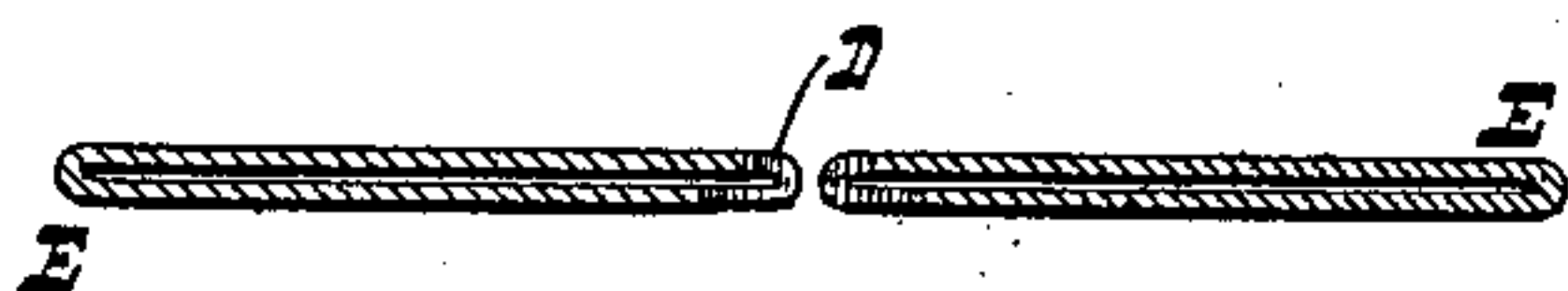


Fig. 2.

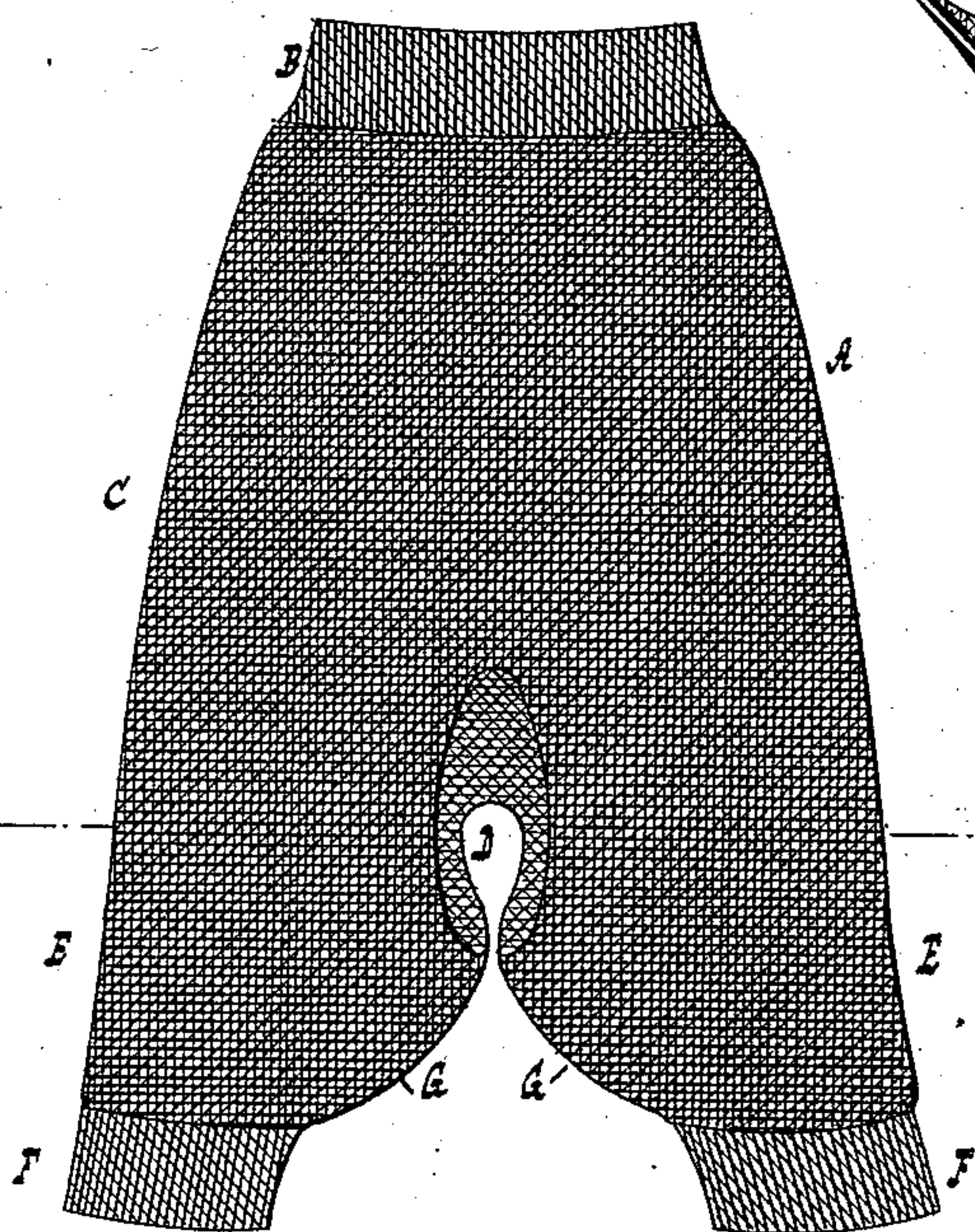
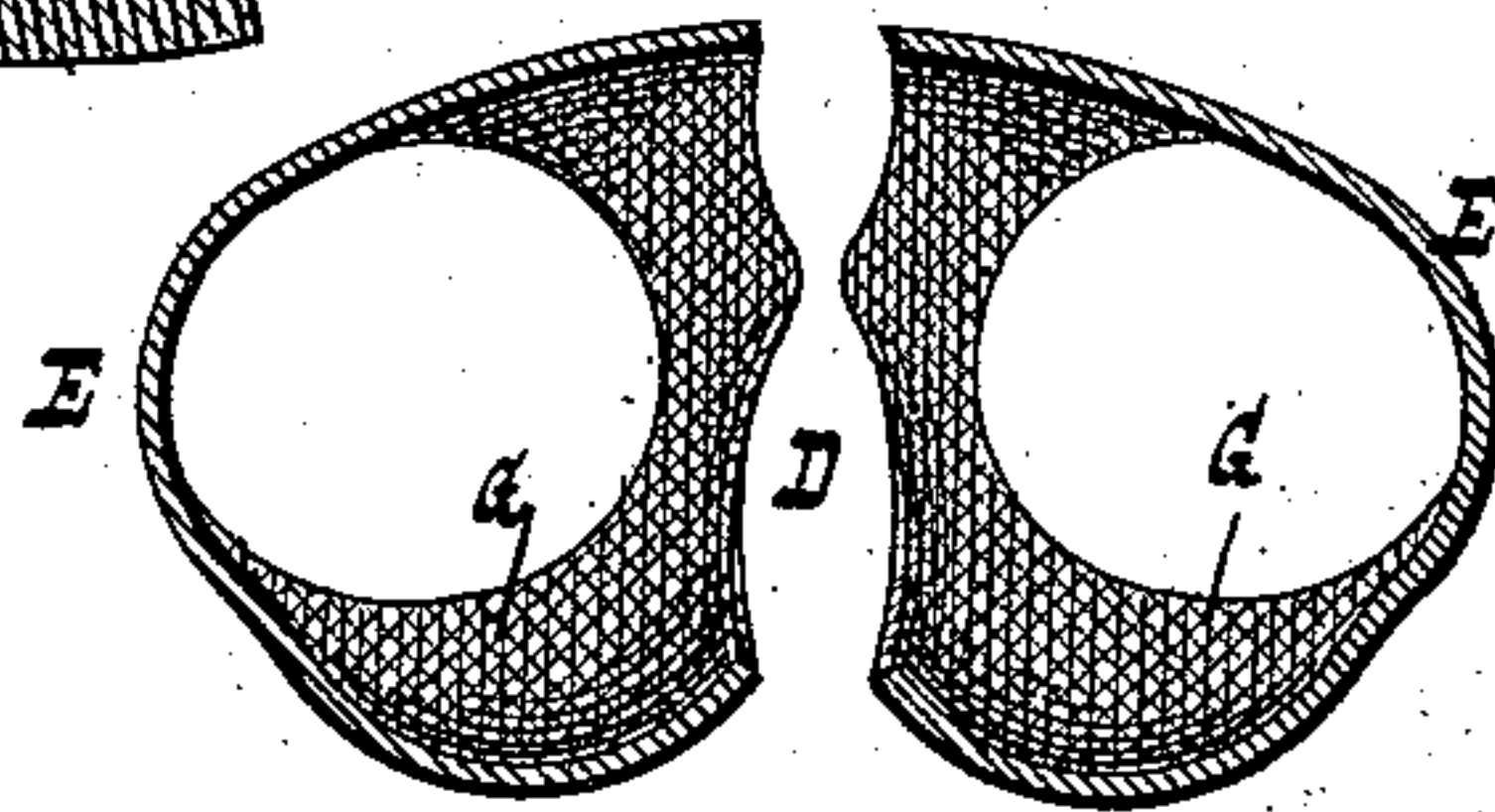


Fig. 4.



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SEAMLESS UNDER-GARMENT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS C. HOPKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Seamless Under-Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a seamless under-garment which is intended to cover the entire abdominal and lumbar regions, the hips, groins, and the adjacent parts, including the thighs and upper portion of the legs.

The invention is more particularly set forth in the following description and claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the garment, and Fig. 2 is a rear elevation. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line *x x* of Fig. 2, looking in the direction of the arrow. Fig. 4 is a similar section of the garment when worn.

The letter A designates the entire garment, which in the example shown is of knitted fabric; but I do not limit myself to any special kind of fabric. The upper end of the garment terminates in an elastic waistband, B, below which the garment increases in diameter, forming the part C, which is intended to cover the hips, and which extends downward to the recess D, where the thigh-pieces E E take their start, terminating at the bottom of the garment in the elastic thigh-bands F F. The inner sides of the thigh-pieces E E are extended on their inner and rear parts so as to form hollow lobes G G, intended to receive the posteriors of the wearer. The recess D is of greater

length on the rear side of the garment than on the front side, and is of such width and extent as will allow the wearer to attend to the calls of nature without hinderance from the garment. 40

The garment covers and protects the abdominal and lumbar regions, the hips, groins, posteriors, and thighs of the wearer, the construction and arrangement of parts being such as to avoid undue strains on them and obtain uniformity of pressure over the entire area of contact of the garment with the body, the position and character of the recess D and of the hollow lobes G being such as to permit that the garment be retained *in situ* at the pleasure of the wearer without the necessity of removal when obeying the calls of nature, thus avoiding the liability of taking cold from exposure on such occasions. 45

What I claim as new, and desire to obtain by Letters Patent, is— 55

As a new article of manufacture, a seamless under-garment provided with an unbroken elastic waistband, a body intended to embrace the hips and the abdominal and lumbar regions, the recess D, and thigh-pieces provided on their inner and rear sides with hollow lobes G and terminating in elastic thigh-bands, substantially as described. 60

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses. 65

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