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COMBINED SHIRT OR VEST AND SUSPENDERS.

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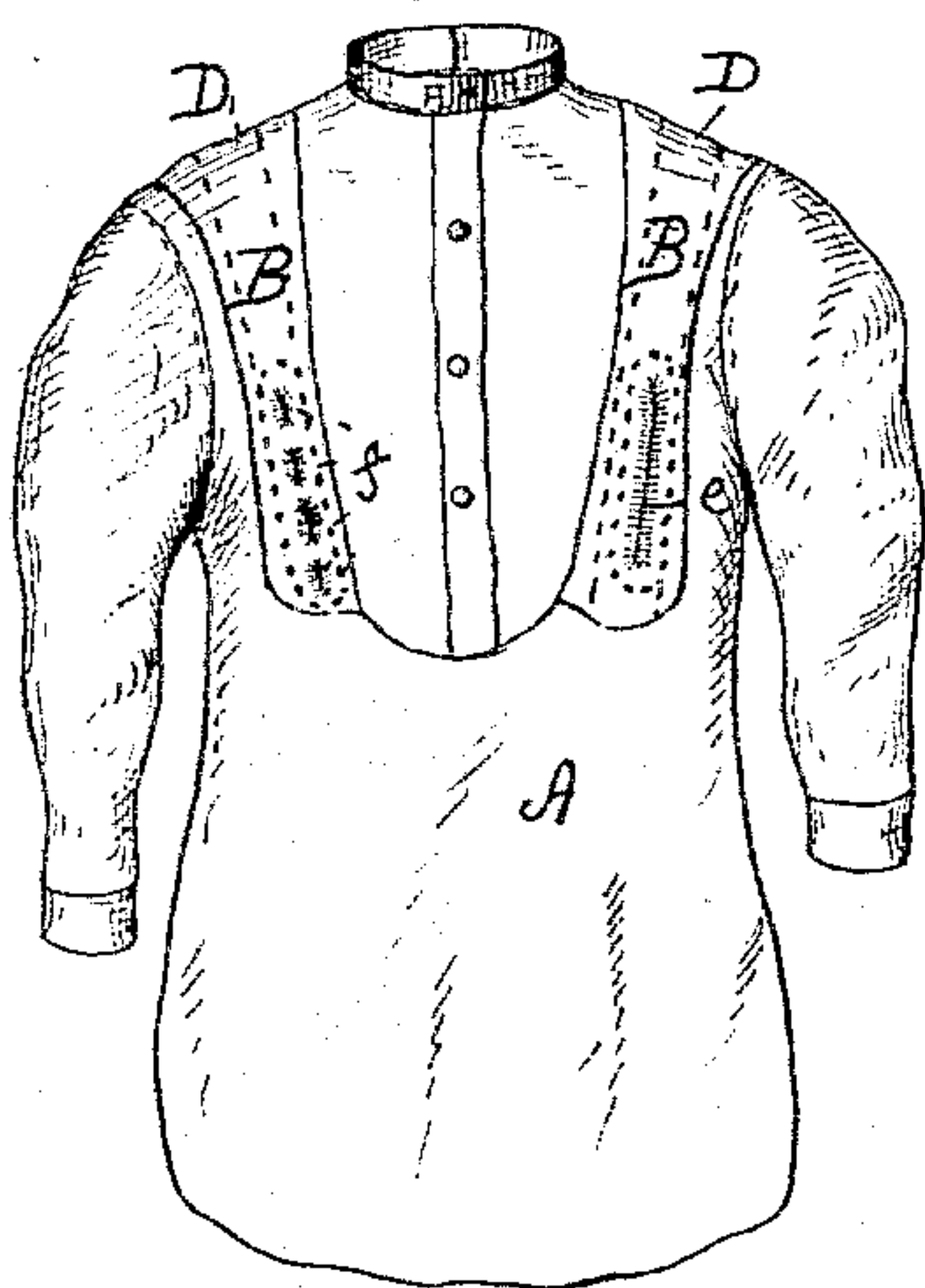


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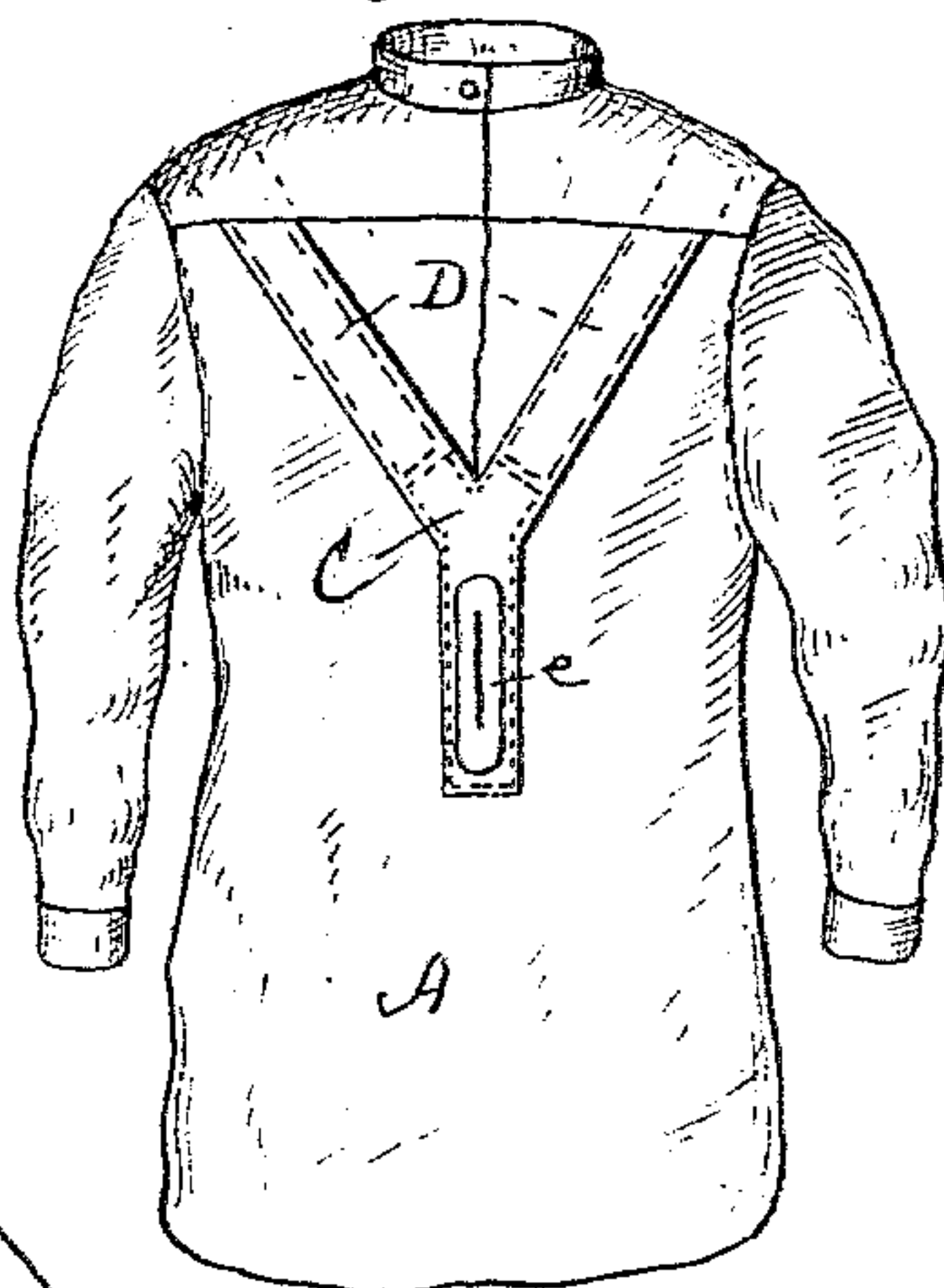


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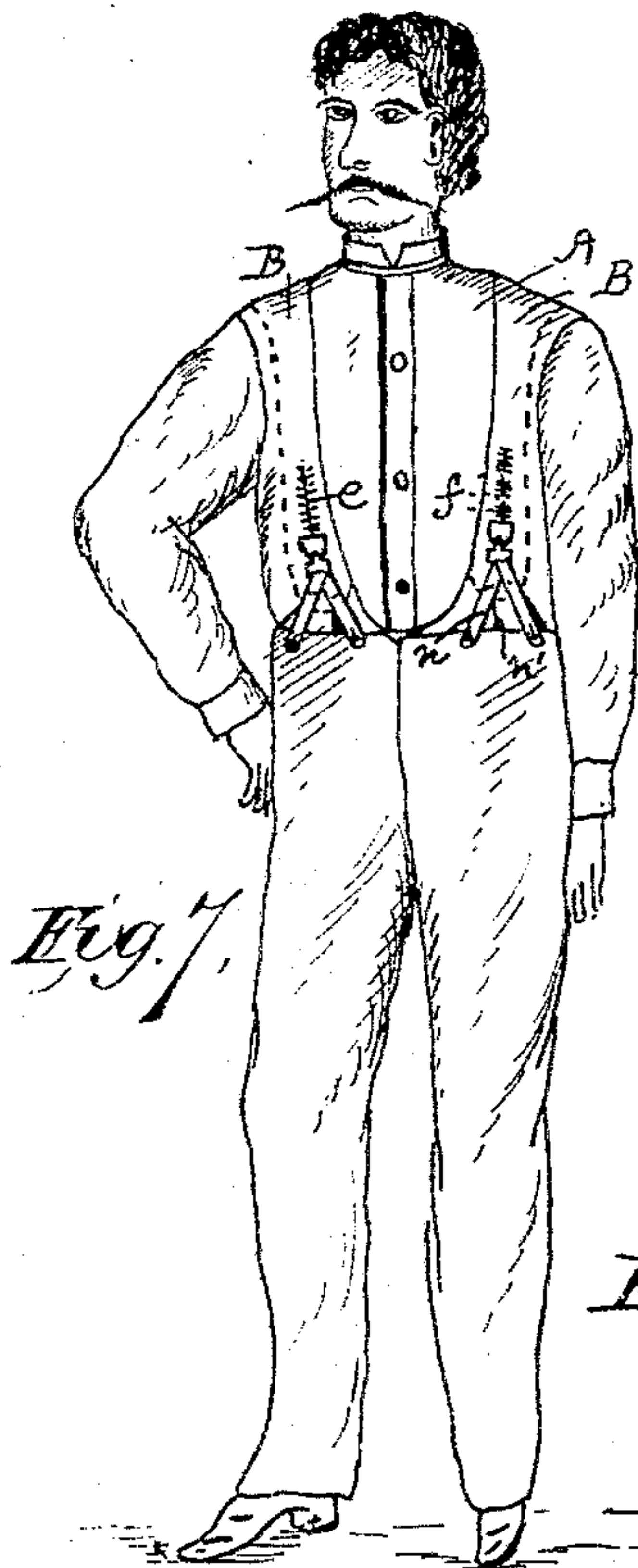
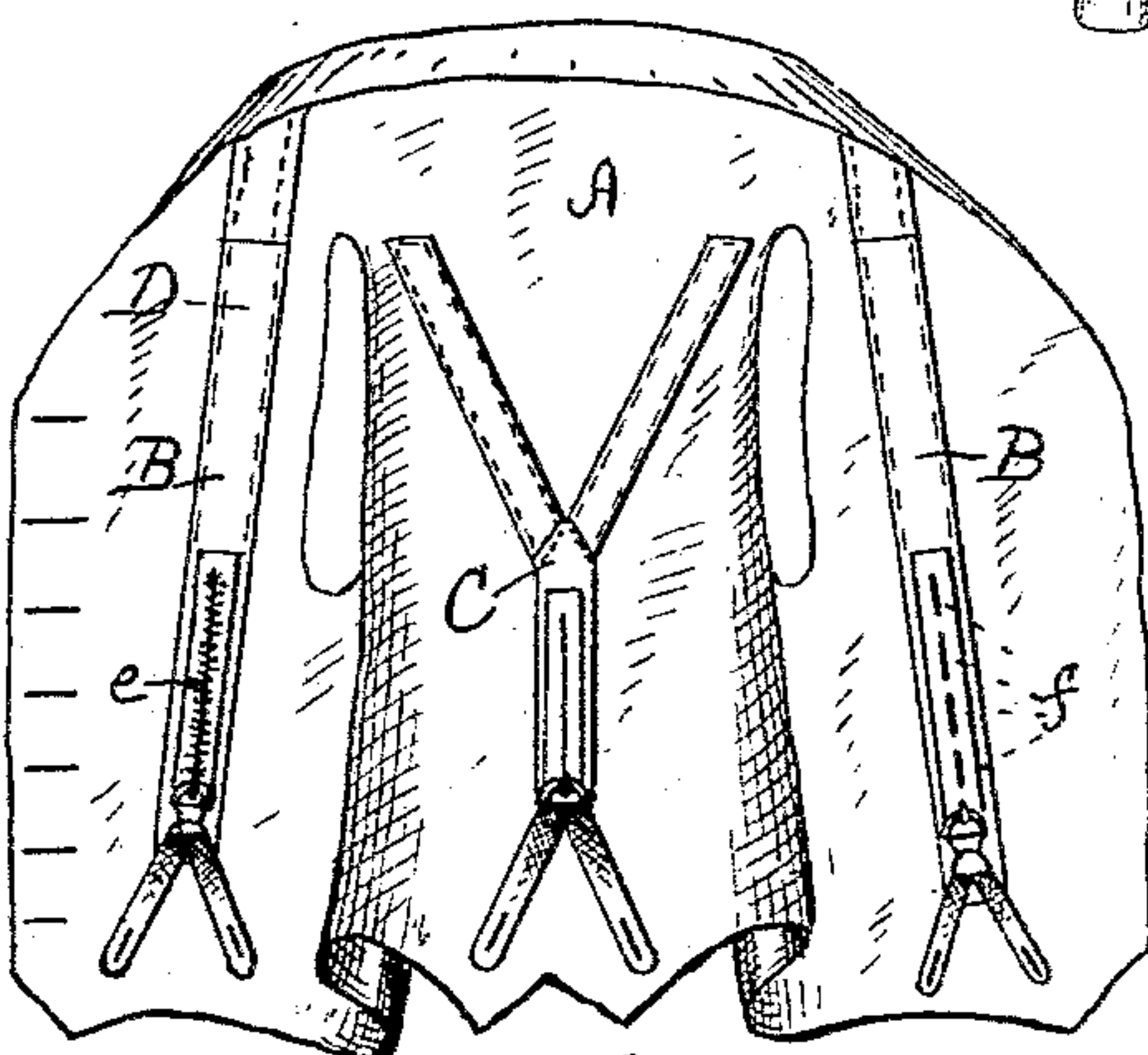


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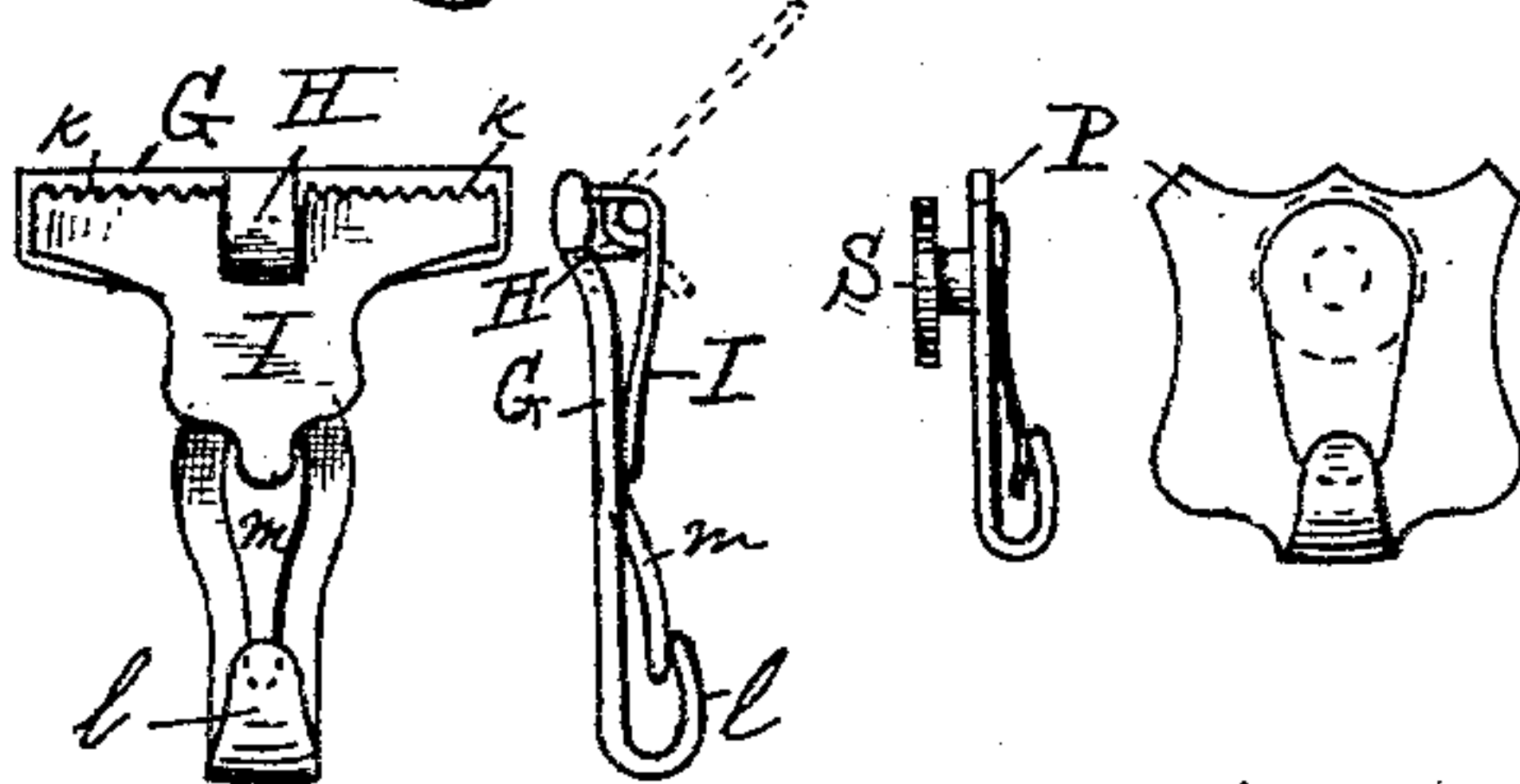


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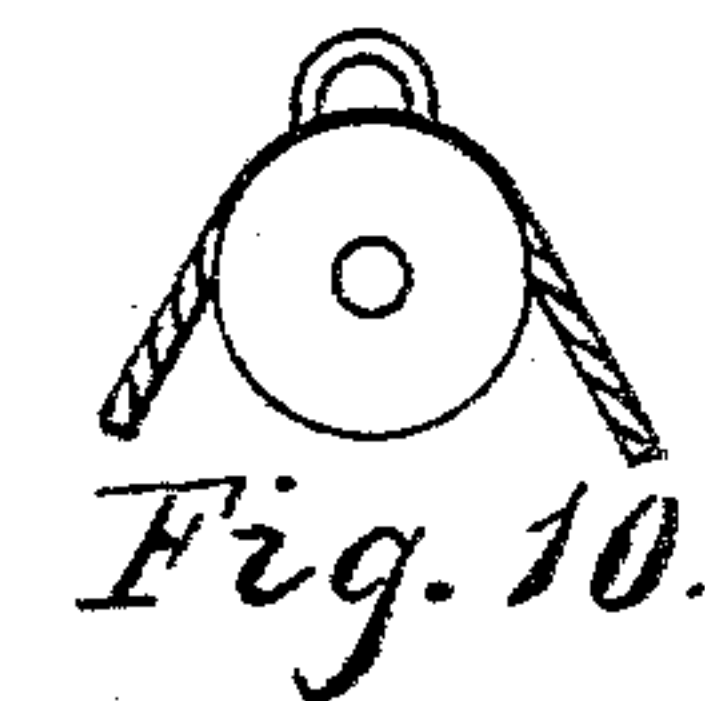


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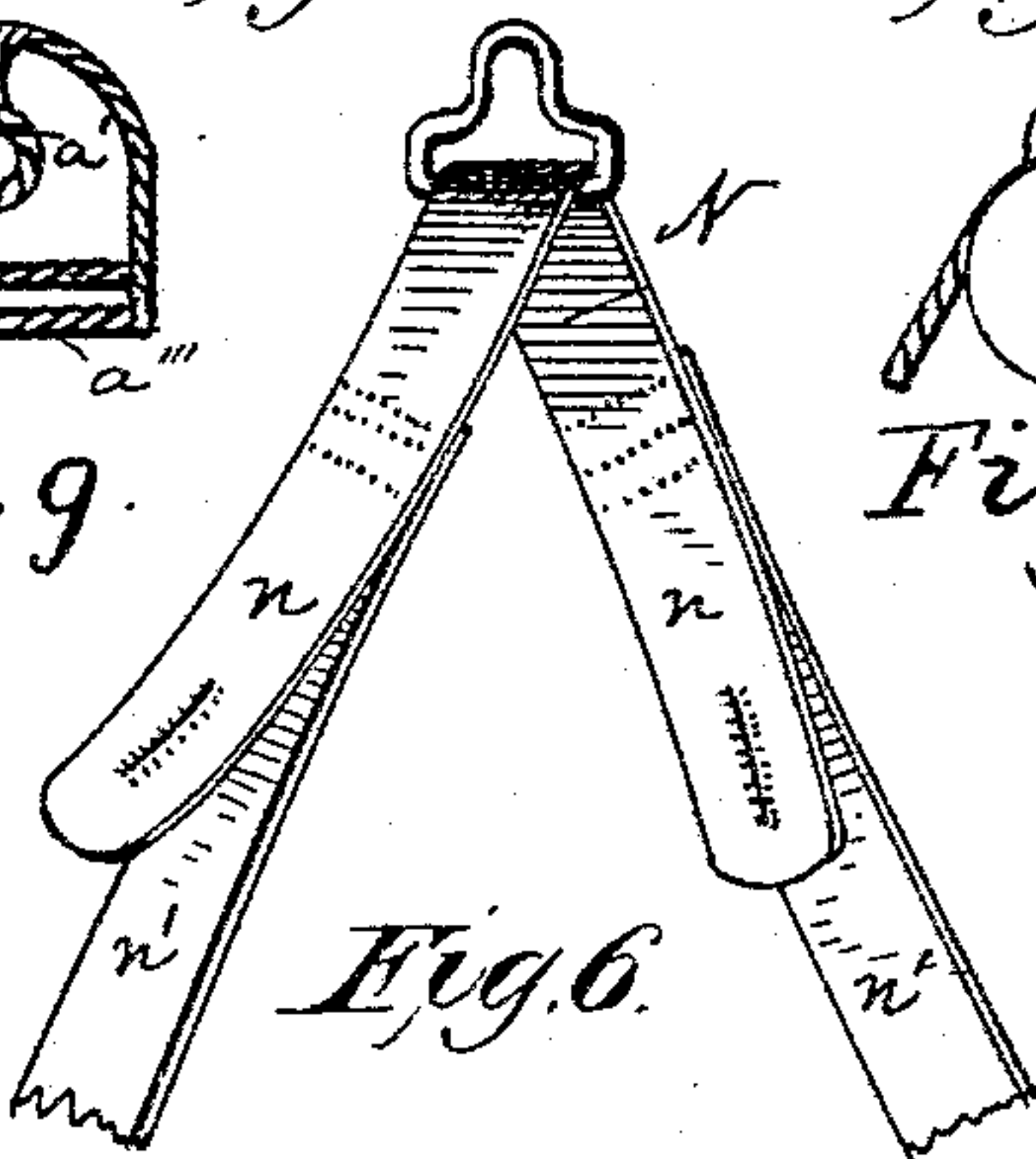


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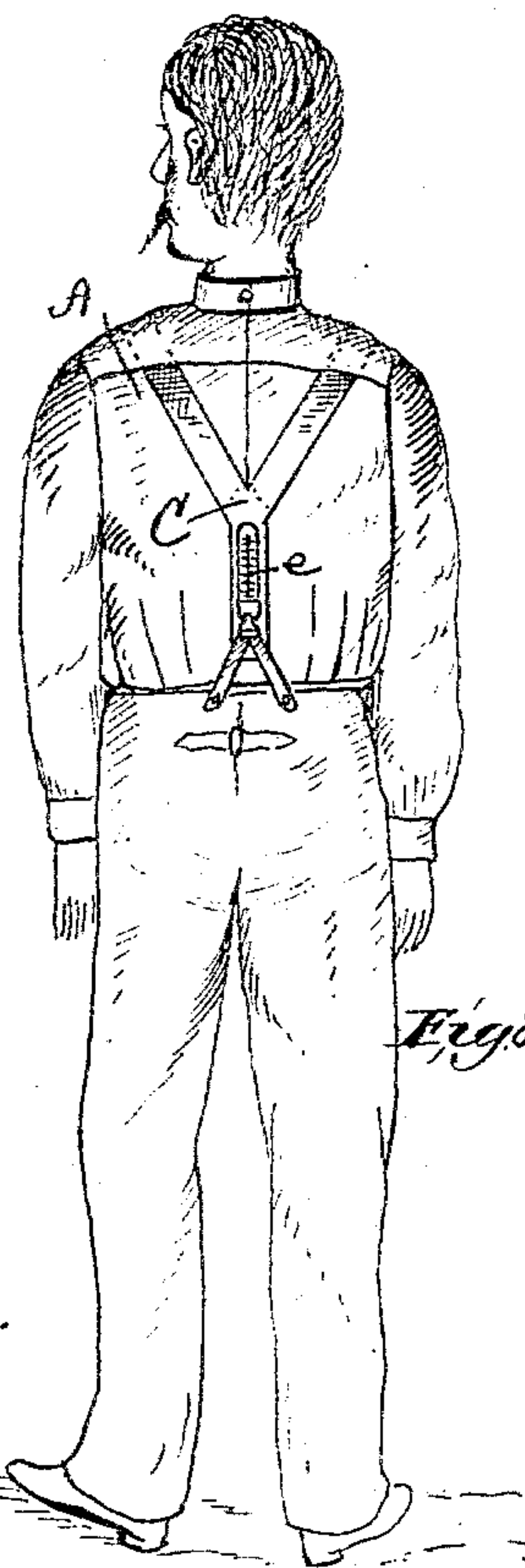


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN THOMAS BRODNAX, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New Orleans, parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Suspenders and Shirt or Vest, of which the following is a full and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in suspenders of the class in which the supporting or suspensory sections are combined with an under-garment, such as a shirt or vest; and it has for its object to so locate and arrange the suspensory sections in connection with the garment as to prevent any pulling upon the bosom, collar, or such other parts thereof as would tend to impair the fit; and also to provide certain improved connecting or fastening devices to secure the button-straps at the front and back of the garment, as more fully hereinafter specified. These objects I attain by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of a shirt, showing my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a back view of the same. Fig. 3 represents a view of a vest, showing the front and back portions of the same and illustrating my invention in connection therewith. Fig. 4 represents a front view of one of the front button-strap connections forming part of my invention and a side view of same. Fig. 5 represents a front elevation and a side view of the button-strap connection to be employed at the back of the garment. Fig. 6 represents a detached view of one of the button-strap connections for supporting the front of the pants and the drawers of the wearer. Fig. 7 represents a front view showing the shirt or garment with my invention applied in position upon the wearer. Fig. 8 is a similar view showing the back of the garment and the suspensory connections. Figs. 9 and 10 represent fastening devices which may be employed in lieu of those shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

The letter A indicates the garment, which may be either a shirt or vest, as may be desired.

B indicates a re-enforce at each side of the front of the garment, and C a re-enforce at the back thereof, and D indicates straps or lining applied between the garment and the re-enforce thereof.

The lower parts of the re-enforce and lining or straps thereof are provided with vertical slits *e*, or with a series of button-holes, *f*, the edges of the said slits or button-holes being overseamed or finished with the usual button-hole stitch to prevent wear or raveling, the slits or button-holes serving to permit the passage of the button-strap-connecting devices, so as to secure the same to the front ends of the re-enforce and the lining or straps therein, as hereinafter more fully explained.

In the case of a vest, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, the re-enforce is applied inside of same, or between the vest proper and the lining thereof, in the latter case the slits or button-holes being made through the lining, as well as the re-enforce.

By making the re-enforce of stouter or stronger material than that of which the garment is made the introduction of lining or straps therein may be dispensed with.

The letter G (see Fig. 4) indicates the fastening device for connecting the front button-straps with the re-enforce at the front of the garment. The said device is composed of a metal plate having struck-up lugs or bearings *H* midway between its sides, between which is pivoted or journaled a clamping plate or lever, *I*, having serrated edges *k*, which take into the re-enforce and hold the plate to any adjusted position thereon. The lower edge of the plate *G* is provided with the usual hook, *l*, and tongue *m*, by means of which the link of the front button-strap, *N*, may be secured thereto.

The front button-straps, *N*, are formed each with two free ends, *n n'*, which may be provided with button-holes or other fastening devices, the ends *n* serving to support the pants and the ends *n'* the drawers, of the wearer.

The letter P indicates the back fastening button-strap connection, which consists of a shield-shaped piece of metal having a hook at its lower end for the button-strap link, and a button, *S*, to be secured to the rear button-hole or slit of the garment re-enforce.

In using my improved invention, after the garment is in proper position upon the wearer the front button-strap connections are secured to the lower parts of the front re-enforce by inserting said connections through the slits or button-holes therein and clamping the devices thereto. The rear button-strap-fastening device is secured by passing the button thereof through the slit or button-hole in the back or rear re-enforce.

The figures shown at 9 and 10 are intended to show that other fastening devices may be used in connection with the upper suspensory section or re-enforce. Fig. 9 is made of wire with a head or button, *a'*, adapted to be inserted in either of the slits or button-holes of the re-enforce, and the lower bars, *a'' a'''* serve as bearings for the button-hole straps. Fig. 10 is a cord-sheave, which can be hooked to the lower ends of either of the devices shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

In the construction of my under-garment it will be seen that I dispense entirely with tabs or hanging attachments, which are objectionable, not only from the liability of their being ripped or torn from the garment, but from the fact that they necessitate a much higher point of connection with the garment than in my arrangement, and hence cannot be made to hold the same in as neat or comfortable a manner.

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

1. The combination of an under-garment having a re-enforce at each side of its front and another re-enforce at or about the center of its back, each re-enforce provided with a vertical slit, or with a series of vertically-arranged slits, as described, with the button-strap provided with devices for connecting it to the pants, and for connecting it adjustably directly with the slits in the re-enforce, substantially as described.

2. The combination of a shoulder-supported garment having a re-enforce at each side of its front and at or about the center of its back, the said re-enforces being each provided with a vertical slit, or with a series of vertically-arranged slits, as described, with the independent straps, each provided with an adjustable fastening device adapted to engage directly with the material of the re-enforce at each side of the slit and at any desired point thereof, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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