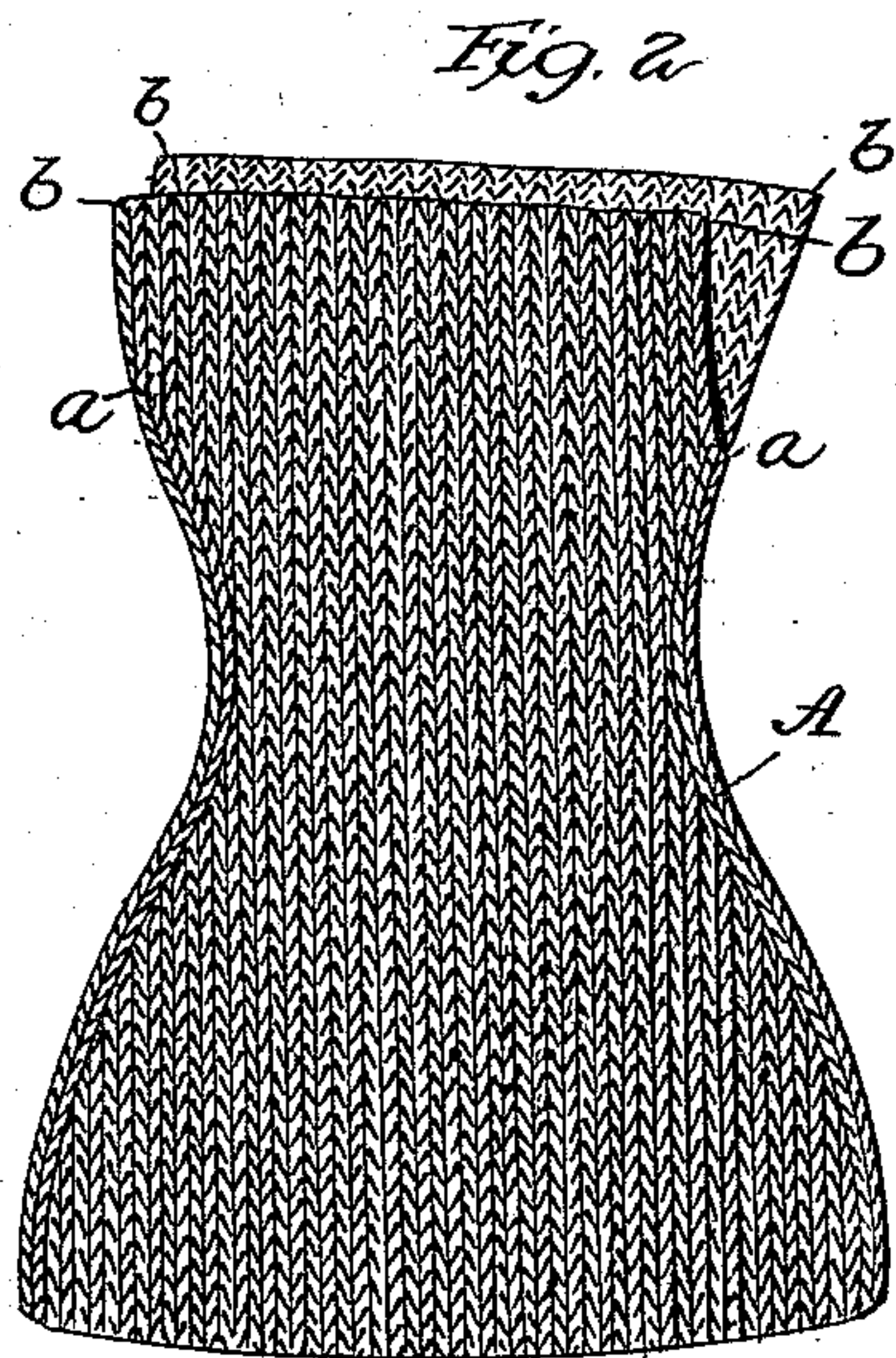
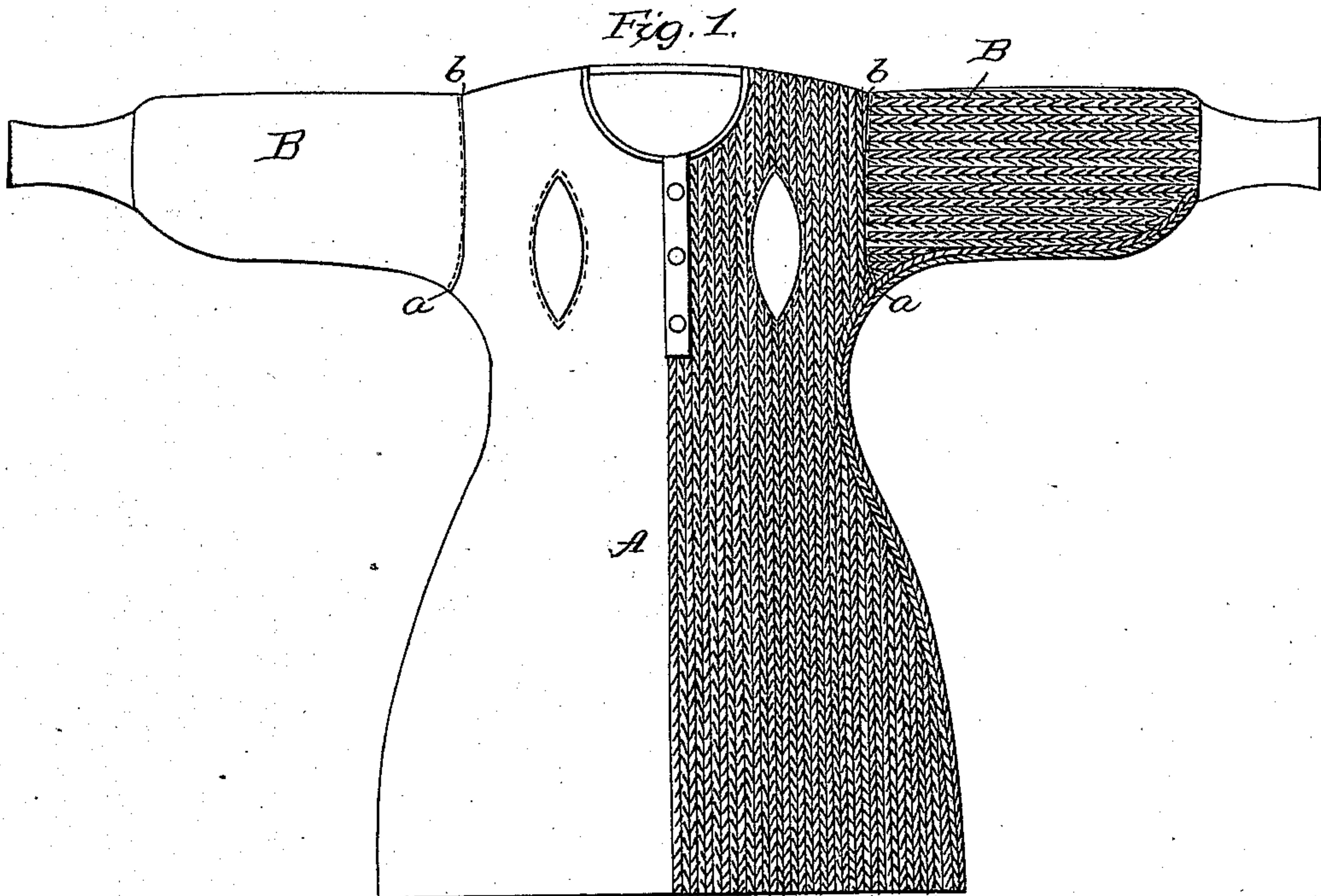


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KNITTED UNDERSHIRT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK WILCOMB, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in
5 Knitted Undershirts; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

This invention has been patented to me in the Dominion of Canada by Letters Patent
10 dated January 16, 1889, No. 30,574.

My invention consists of an improved shaped knitted undervest or undershirt, designed to avoid seams as far as practicable by the use of tubular-shaped knitted fabric in
15 the construction of the garment. It is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows the completed garment, and Fig. 2 shows the body of the garment as it is
20 formed on the knitting-machine and ready to be stitched.

Heretofore knitted undershirts or undervests have been made either of straight-knitted tubular fabric, or, if shaped, they have
25 been made of flat fabric united by stitching, and the arms have been made in the same manner and similarly attached.

In the garment herein shown the body A is formed upon a knitting-machine such as
30 that shown in Letters Patent granted me on the 12th day of October, 1886. It is knitted in tubular form and is shaped in the knitting to fit the body, as shown. It may be knitted tubular throughout and cut down from the
35 upper edges *b b* to the point *a* to form the armholes; but preferably it is knitted tubular

from the bottom of the garment to this point *a*, which indicates the bottom of the armholes, and then knitted as a flat fabric from this point to the top, forming front and rear
40 flaps. The front flap is cut out, as shown, to form the neck-opening and slit to form the front opening, the edges of this opening being provided with suitable buttons and buttonholes. The upper edges *b b* of the two flaps
45 are stitched together from the sides to the point of the opening for the neck. The sleeves *B B* are also knitted of tubular-shaped fabric and are united to the body by stitching in the usual way. This form of undershirt or
50 undervest is seamless, excepting the seams where the arms are joined to the body and the seam on the shoulder where the upper edges are united.

I am aware that shaped tubular fabrics are
55 not new, and I do not broadly claim such as my invention.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, an undershirt or undervest the body of which is formed
60 of shaped tubular knitted fabric terminating at its upper part in front and rear flaps stitched on their upper edges and having a neck-opening, and sleeves formed of shaped tubular knitted fabric secured to the edges
65 of the armholes, as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

FRANK WILCOMB.

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