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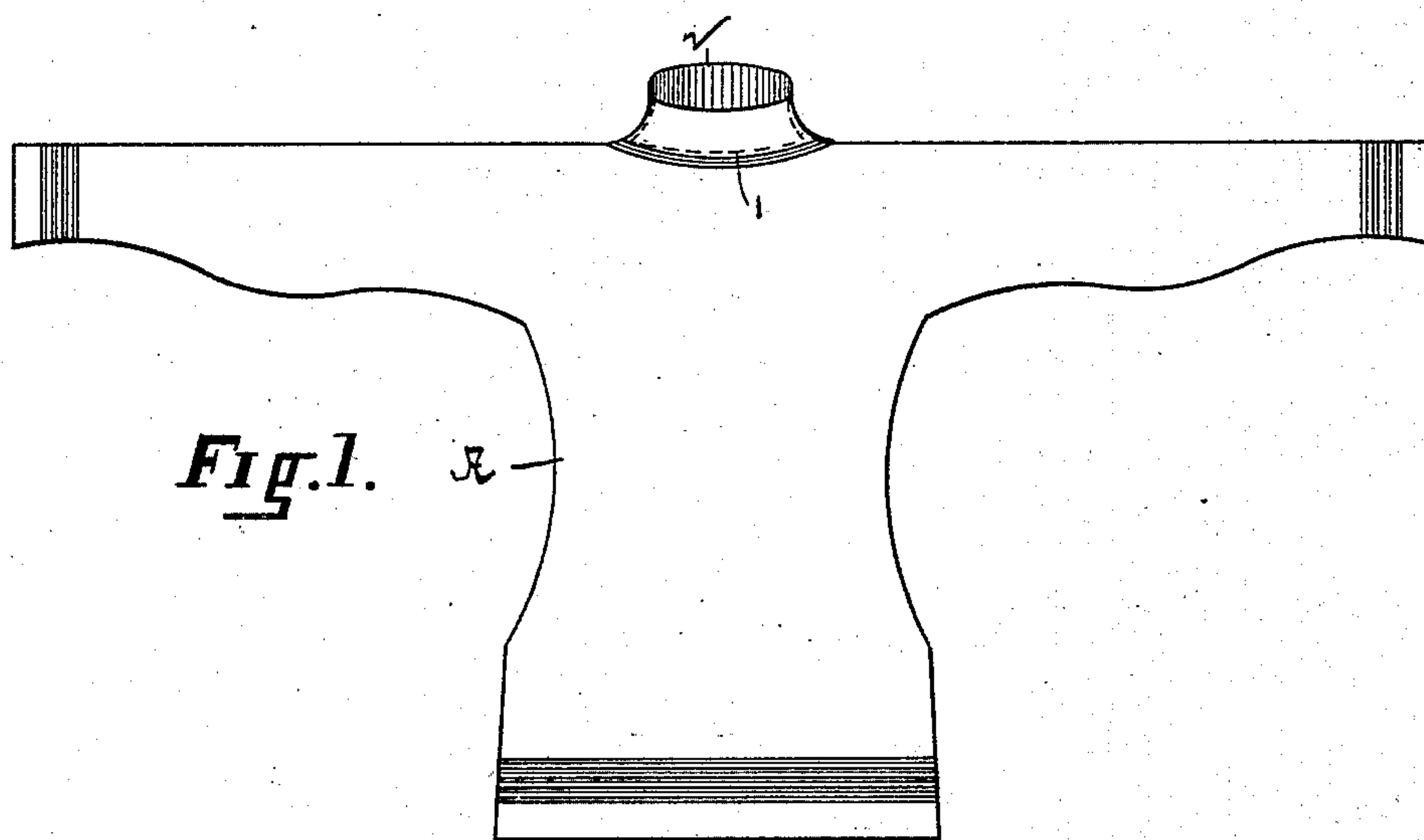


Fig. 1.

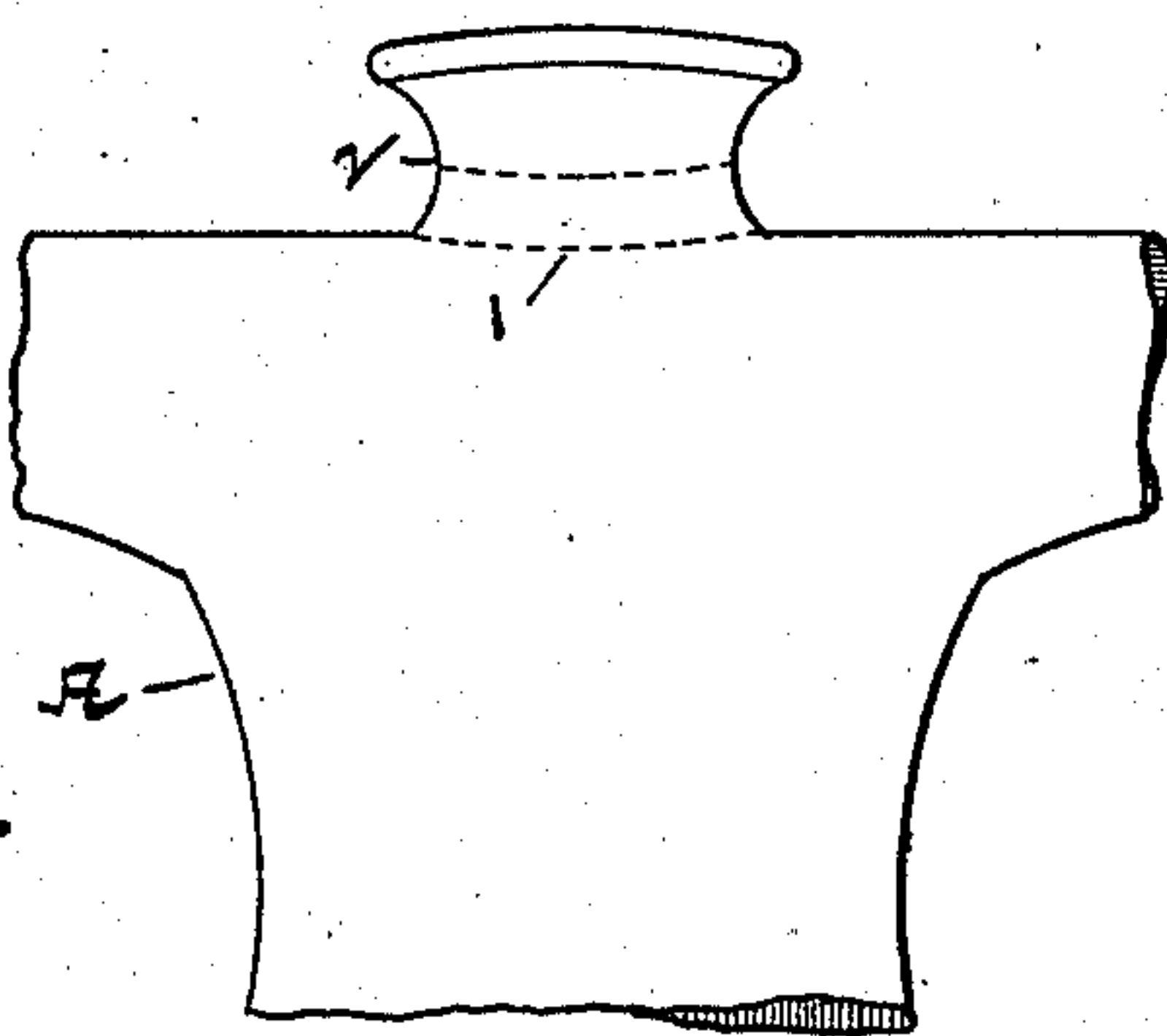


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER BRAMLEY, of Chicopee Falls, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Knit Garments, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part thereof.

My invention relates to the collars of knit garments, and while it is more or less applicable to such garments generally it has especial reference to jerseys worn by men engaged in athletic sports of various kinds. It is customary to make such garments with a folding collar, and so far as I am aware such folding collars have heretofore been made of substantially the same diameter from the point where they are joined to the body of the garment to their extreme outer edge, so that when folded the outer or overlapping portion of the collar is parallel with the inner portion thereof, or substantially so. As these garments are made to closely fit the figure, the strain exerted upon the collar when thus made causes it to rise at the sides and to closely bind the neck of the wearer in front and behind in such manner as to cause a very disagreeable sensation, besides greatly detracting from the otherwise ornamental appearance of the garment. I have found that these objections can be wholly overcome by making the collar of a constantly-increasing diameter from the fold-line to the outer edge thereof, thus making the upper portion thereof substantially bell-shaped.

My invention therefore consists in the knit garment embodying this feature, as herein-after fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, in which like parts are designated by like letters in the several figures, Figure 1 illustrates a jersey embodying my invention, the collar thereof being folded, as when worn. Fig. 2 is a partial view thereof, showing the collar before it is folded.

The letter A designates a full-fashioned seamless jersey, such as is usually worn by persons engaged in athletic sports, and which, except as to its collar, is or may be identical in construction with those heretofore made.

These garments are designed to closely fit the figure when worn, and have a collar composed of an endless band united at one edge to the body of the garment, and having its outer portion adapted to fold over its inner portion upon a line located substantially midway between the two edges thereof. As hereinbefore stated, it has been customary heretofore to make the collar of substantially the same diameter from its inner to its outer edge, whereby the two thicknesses thereof, when folded, are caused to be substantially parallel with each other.

My improvement consists in a knit garment having a collar composed of an endless band of substantially the form shown in the drawings—that is to say, of a slightly-decreasing diameter from the point of juncture with the body of the garment designated by the numeral 1 to the fold-line 2, and from thence to the outer edge of the collar of a constantly-increasing diameter, as shown more clearly in Fig. 2. The outer portion of the collar is thus made bell-shaped, and when folded said outer portion curves downwardly and away from the inner portion, as shown in Fig. 1. I also prefer to make the outer portion of the collar of a slightly greater length than the inner portion thereof, as shown. By reason of thus constructing the collar it is prevented from binding the neck in any direction, and its outer or overlapping portion occupies the same position under all circumstances, regardless of the amount of strain which may be exerted upon the garment. The line of juncture of the collar with the body of the garment, moreover, cannot be drawn from beneath the overlapping outer portion, but is always concealed by the latter, thereby greatly adding to the appearance of the garment.

The improvement herein described can obviously be applied to garments other than knit jerseys, and I do not wish to limit myself to such application thereof; but its use is especially advantageous in connection with the particular kind of garment shown and described. It insures to such a garment, under all the various conditions of athletic sports, a graceful and neatly-fitting collar, and thereby meets a want long realized by persons accustomed to their use.

I do not wish to limit myself to a collar of the exact conformation shown in the drawings, as the same can be modified within reasonable limits without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. The knit garment herein described, having a folding collar composed of an endless band, which from its line of juncture with the body of the garment to the fold-line thereof is of a slightly-decreasing diameter and from said fold-line to the outer edge thereof is of a constantly-increasing diameter, substantially as described.

2. The knit garment herein described, consisting of a seamless jersey having a collar composed of an endless band united at one edge thereof to the body of the garment, said collar having a slightly-decreasing diameter from said line of juncture to a fold-line located between its edges, and having a constantly-increasing diameter from said fold-line to the outer edge thereof, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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