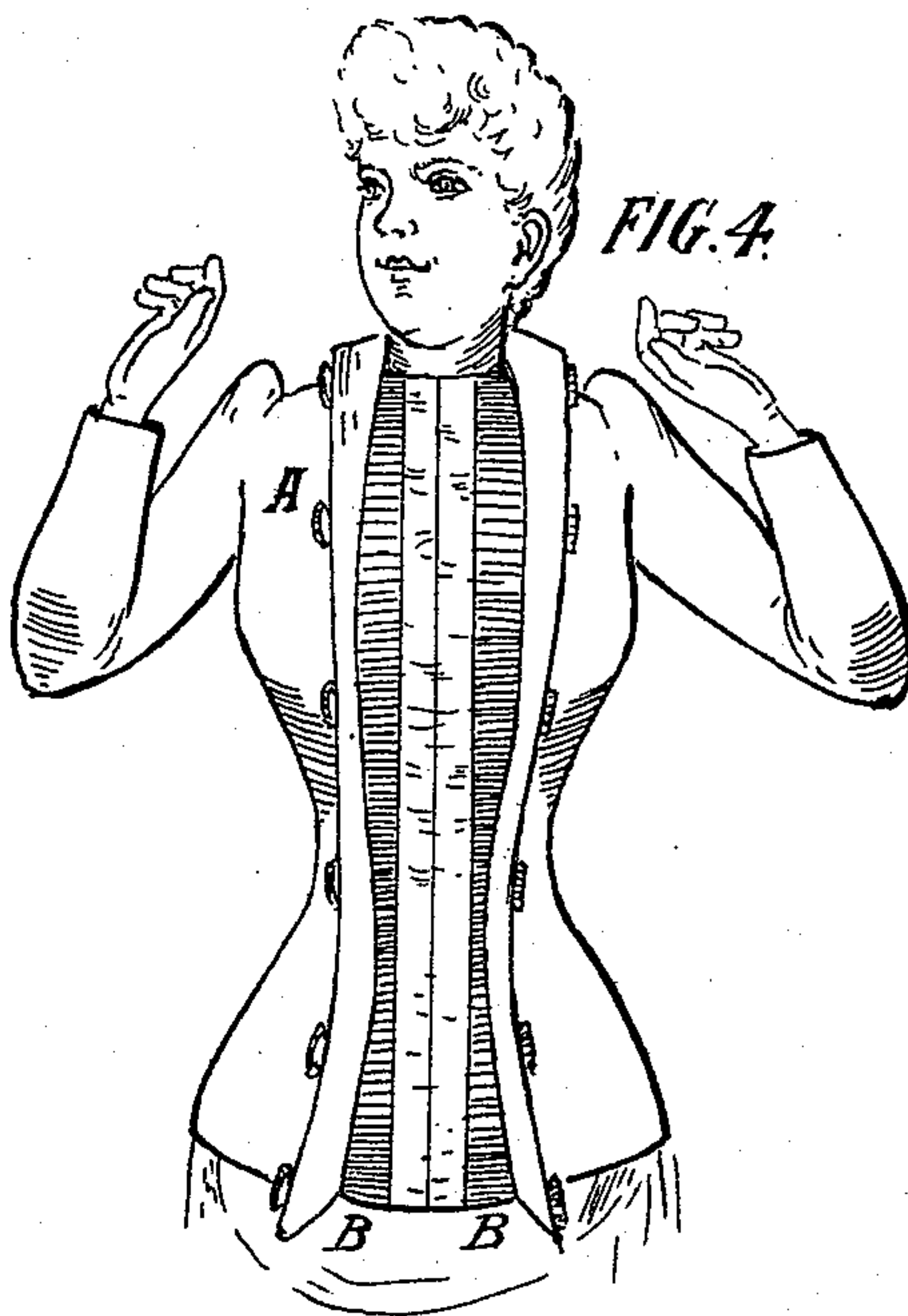
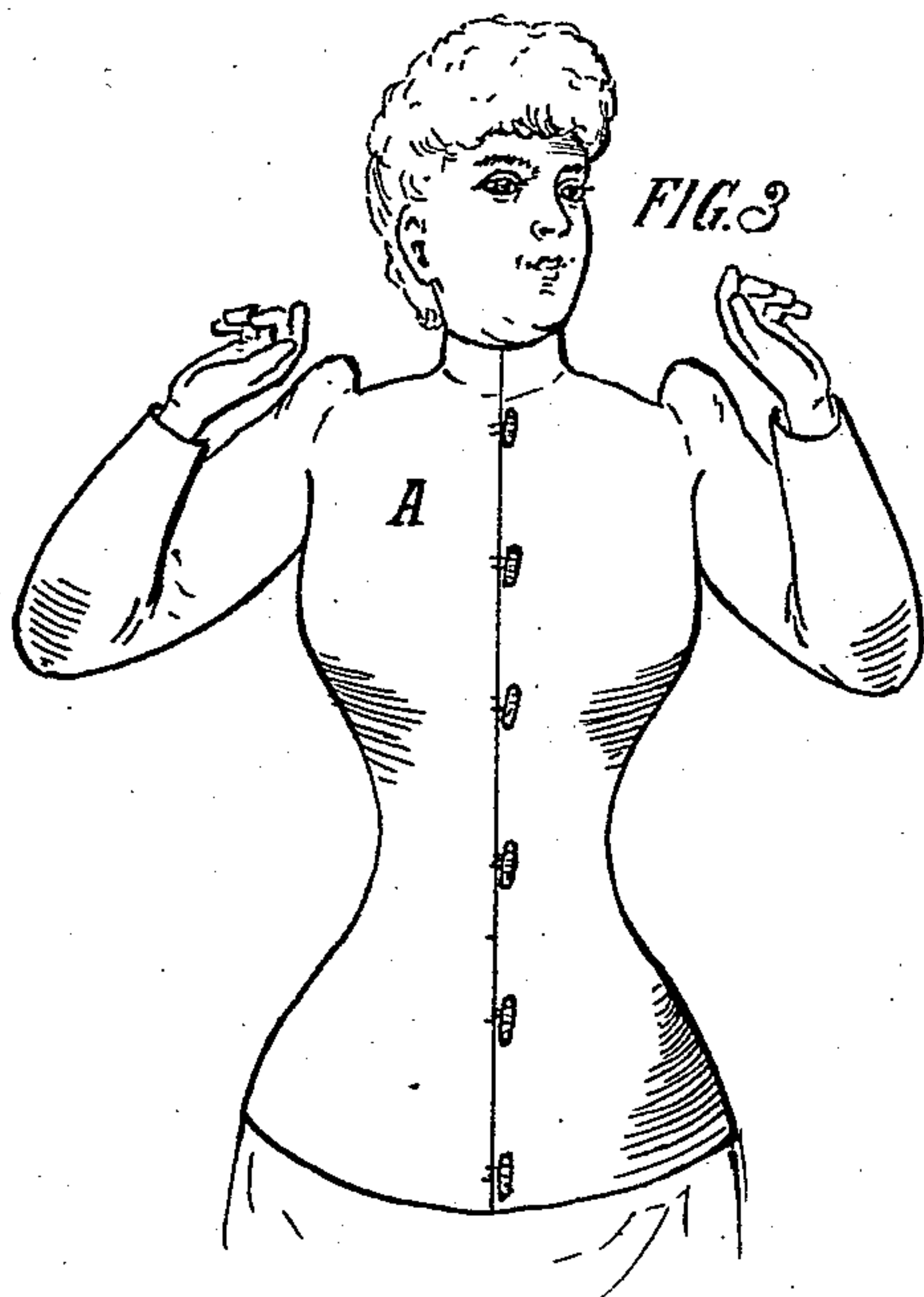
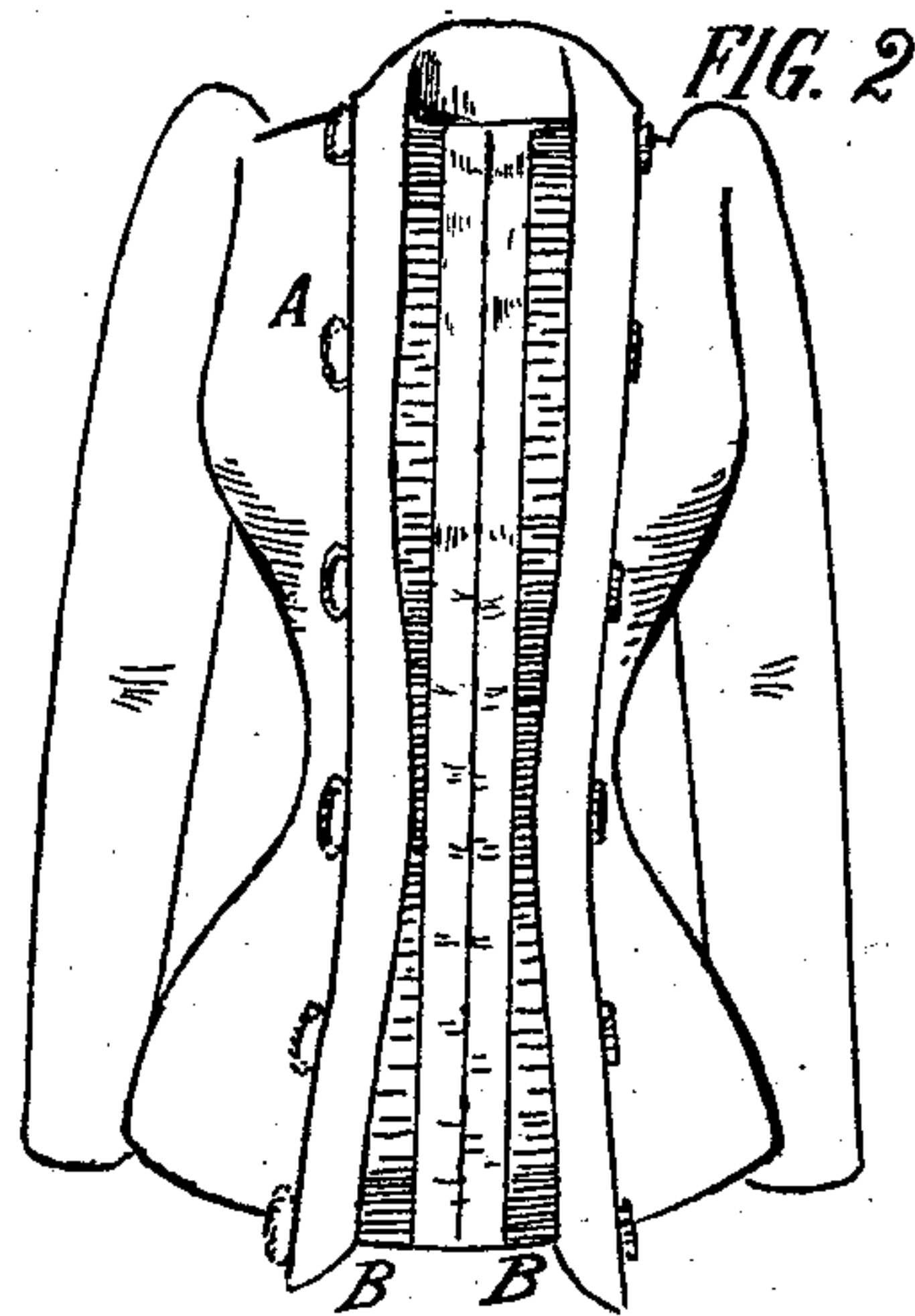
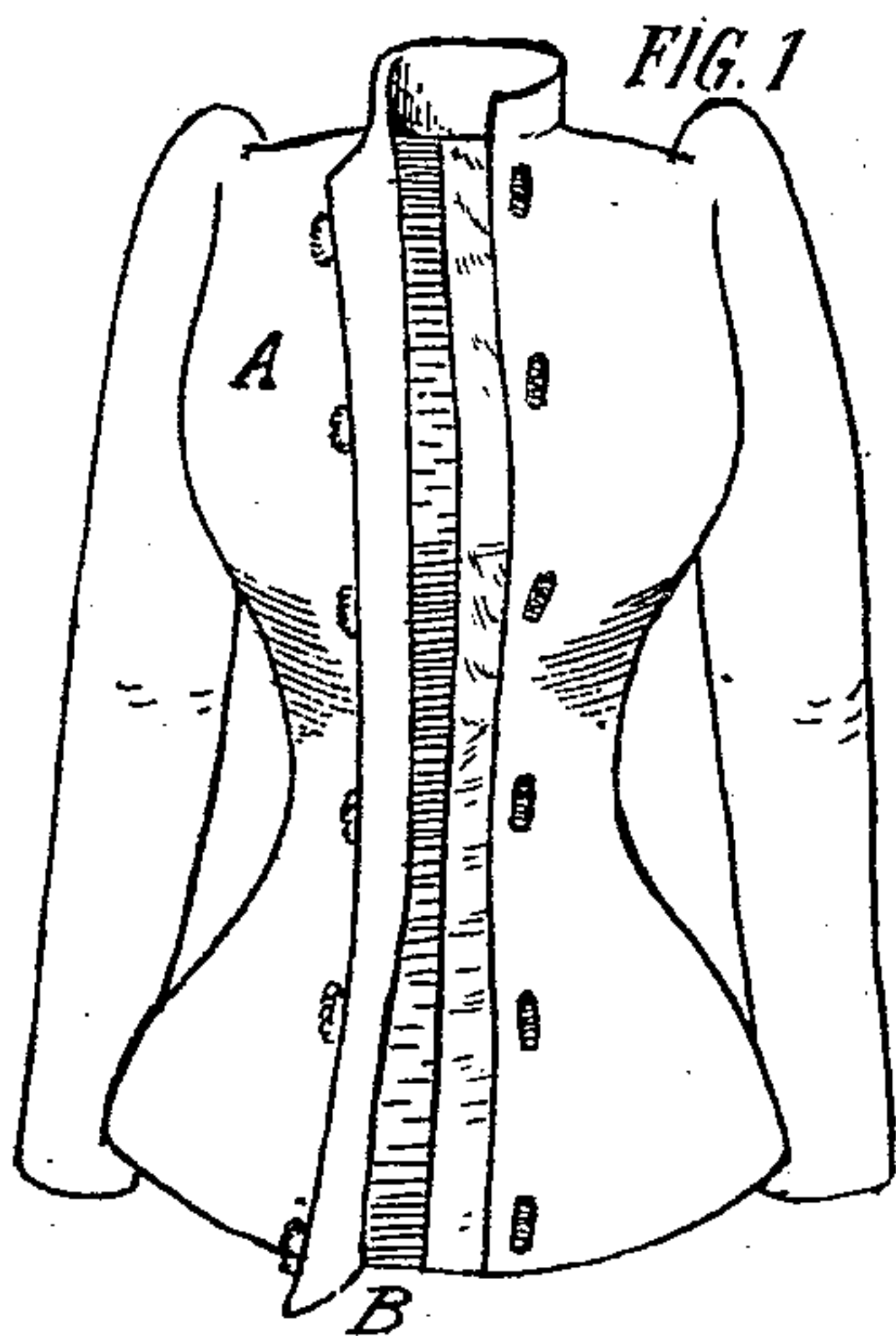


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH DAVAILLON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ladies' Cloaks or other Garments, of which the following is a specification.

The present application relates to a part of the invention described and claimed in my application, Serial No. 353,955, filed June 2, 1890, and is intended as a division of that application.

The object of my present invention is to accommodate a lady's cloak or other garment to the increasing size of the owner or to persons of different sizes.

To this end my invention consists in the construction hereinafter described and claimed. Like letters refer to the same parts in the several figures of the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a cloak embodying my invention with but a single fly or flap. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a cloak embodying my invention and provided with two flaps. Fig. 3 is a front view of the garment fastened upon a person whose arms are thrown up and back; and Fig. 4 is a similar view, but with the front edges of the cloak thrown back to show the flaps and their relation.

The usual sealskin or plush cloak or similar garment is fastened by buttons upon the outside of such garment, and these buttons are frequently quite ornamental and expensive. It has been found, however, that these buttons, under the strain to which they are often subjected by the expansion of the bust of the wearer, either by natural increase of flesh or by varying emotions or by sudden changes in the position of the arms, will be broken off and lost. Moreover, such buttons are usually frayed by use and become unsightly long before the garment shows wear in other places. These buttons are not only expensive, but frequently hard to match, and on this latter account an entire new set is sometimes necessitated by the loss or wear of a single one.

In my previous application I described inner flaps which were to be employed as the real fastenings of the garment, thus relieving the outer buttons of all strain and of the wear

occasioned by the friction in buttoning and unbuttoning.

According to my present invention I continue the use of the inner flaps and add to their functions by the insertion in such flaps of a gore or section of elastic material.

In the drawings, the letter A designates the cloak or other garment, and the letter B is used to mark the elastic gores or sections arranged in the flaps of the same. By the addition of this elastic gore or section a snugly-fitting cloak or similar garment readily accommodates itself to an expansion of the bust of the wearer occasioned by natural increase of flesh or by varying emotions, &c., without detriment to the garment or discomfort to the wearer. Indeed, several persons of very different bust-measures may successively wear a single cloak and it will nicely and comfortably fit each of them.

In practice I find that a garment which is made for a thirty-six bust-measure will, with my improvement, easily accommodate itself to a thirty-nine-inch bust.

It is obvious, moreover, that the allowance for expansion by the use of the elastic section may be varied according to the judgment of the manufacturer or the wishes of the trade.

In garments in which my elastic inner flaps are employed the loops for the outer ornamental buttons should be large enough to give some play, and one side of such garment should lap onto the other side of the same.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A cloak or similar garment provided with the usual buttons or similar fastening devices upon the outside thereof and having one or more flaps secured on its inner side near the front and each flap being provided with an elastic gore or section, and suitable interior fastening devices serving for fastening a cloak by means of the flaps, whereby the outer buttons are relieved of strain and wear and the cloak adjusts itself to the varying sizes of the wearer, substantially as shown and described.

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