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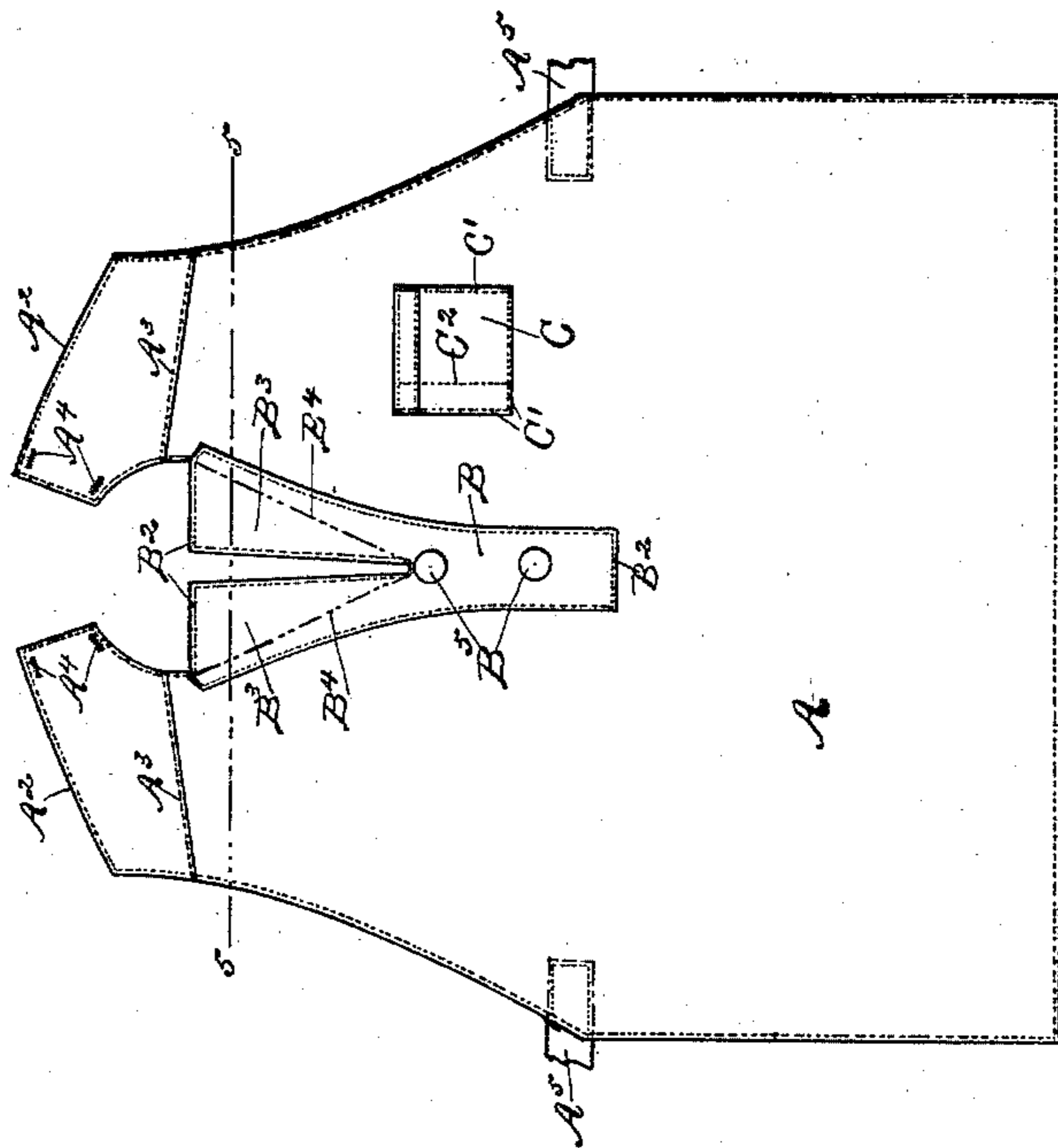
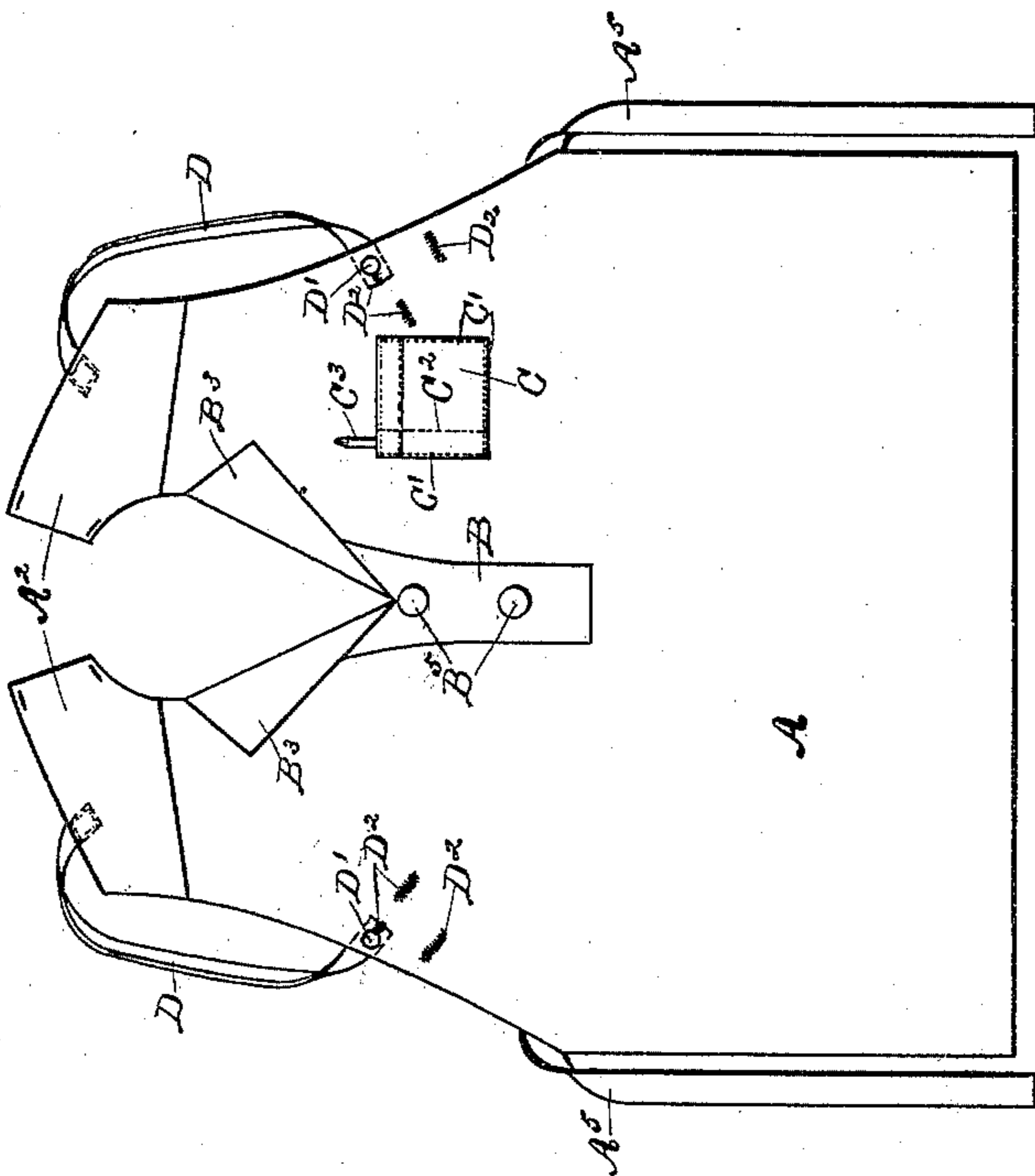


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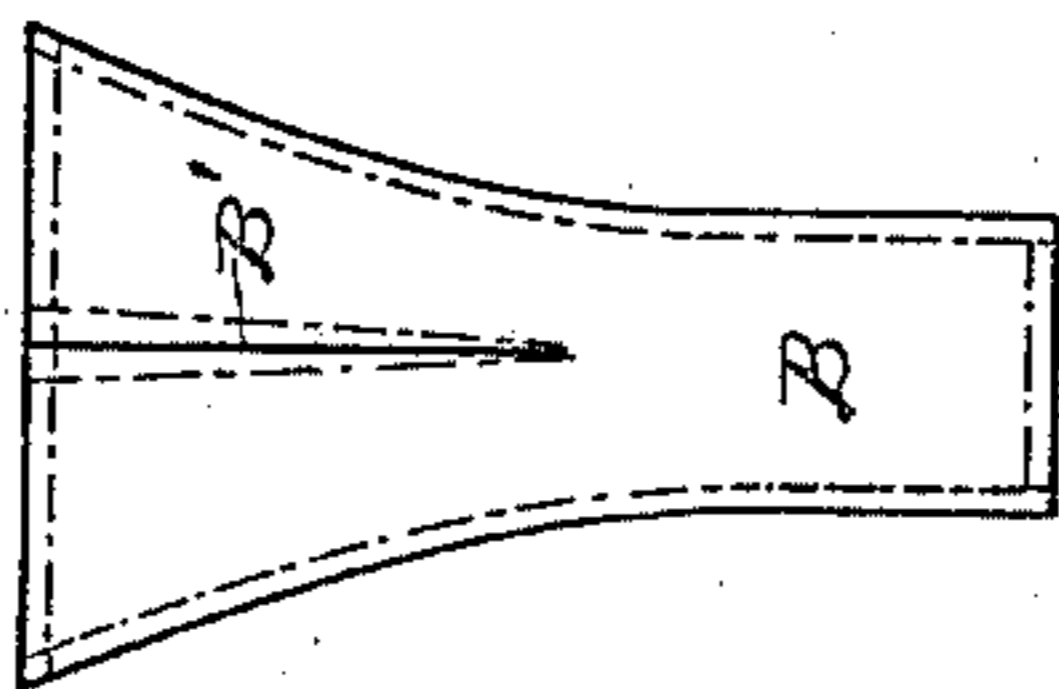
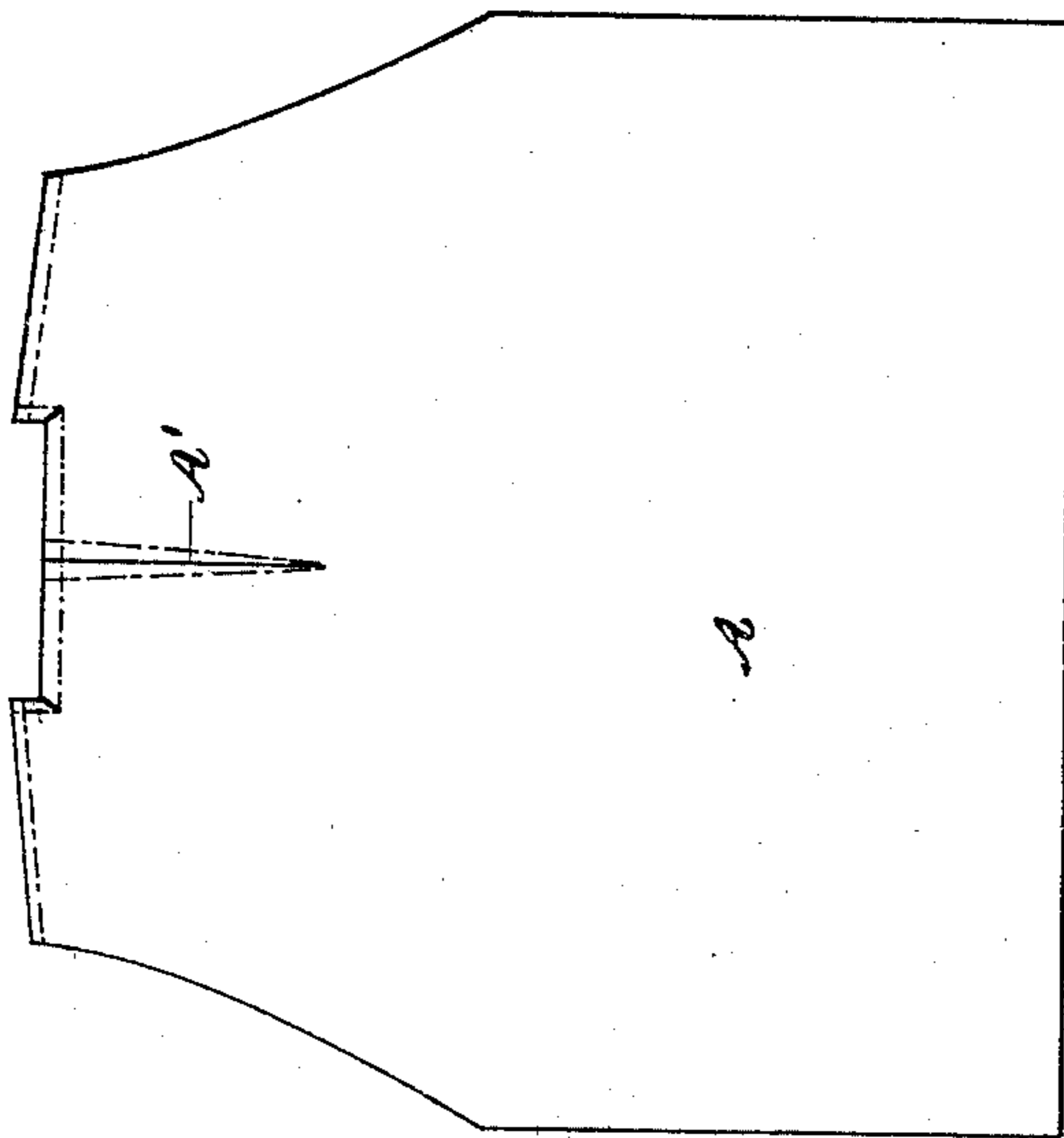


Fig. 5.



Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. FILKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Amsterdam, county of Montgomery, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Aprons, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to such improvements; and it consists of the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and subsequently claimed.

Reference may be had to the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in the several figures therein.

Figure 1 is a front plan view of my improved apron with the lapels folded back in position for use. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the lapels unfolded and laid out flat. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the body part of the apron, as the same appears when cut from the fabric-web in the process of manufacture, and provided with the front slit. Fig. 4 is a similar view of the lapel-piece detached. Fig. 5 is a vertical cross-section taken on the broken line 5 5 in Fig. 2.

In the manufacture of my improved apron I cut from a web of cloth or other material desired for the apron the main or body part A, in the form shown in Fig. 3, and cut down the middle of the upper part the slit A'. I also cut out the neckband-pieces A² and secure them to the upper part of the main piece by lines of stitching A³, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The lapel-piece B is cut from the web in the form shown in Fig. 4 and provided with the upper middle slit B'. The lapel-piece is secured by lines of stitching B² to the body-piece, so that the slits in the two pieces coincide, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the edges of the two pieces being turned in, as shown in Fig. 5, to provide finished edges. A lapel B³ is thus formed on each side of the slits A' and B', which may be folded back upon the body of the apron, the folds extending from a point near the end of the slits along the dotted lines B⁴ to the top of the body part of the apron, giving the apron the appearance of a vest or coat and exposing to view the shirt-front of the wearer. The lower part of the

lapel-piece may be provided with two or more buttons B⁵ to add to the vest-like appearance. The ends of the neckbands are provided with means for fastening them together around the neck, as the holes A⁴, adapted to receive fastening-studs. The body part of the apron is also provided with means for securing it to the body of the wearer, as the apron-strings A⁵, and with a pocket C, consisting of a piece of fabric secured to the apron by a marginal line of stitching C'. A smaller pocket is partitioned off from the main pocket by the vertical line of stitching C². The smaller pocket is made just large enough to receive and securely hold a pencil C³, so that it will not slip out when the wearer of the apron stoops and inverts the pocket, as it will from an ordinary larger pocket. I am thus able to provide for grocers, market-men, saloon employés, and others a convenient and tidy apron, which will protect the other garments of the wearer and at the same time give him a genteel and dressed appearance.

When desired, a pair of straps or strings D may be provided, to pass one under each of the arms and connect the neckband-pieces with the body part of the apron, to prevent any displacement of the parts by reason of violent or unusual movements of the arms or body of the wearer. I have shown in Fig. 1 the straps D, each secured at its upper end to a neckband-piece and provided at its other end with a button D', adapted to be inserted in one of the button-holes D² in the body part. By having a plurality of button-holes D² at different points in the body part of the apron the straps can be easily adjusted to fit different-sized persons.

I do not claim lapels, broadly, as such devices have long been in use upon various garments, including shirts, vests, and the like.

My lapels, applied to an apron, are made of a piece of slitted fabric left entire below the slit which separates them. Said piece constitutes a stay at the bottom of the slit in the apron and also provides means for ornamenting the apron-front.

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

In an apron, the combination, with a body having its lower front closed and its upper front slitted, of a lapel-piece slitted for a

part of its length and secured to the body
with its slitted edges superimposed upon the
slitted edges of the body and its end beyond
the slit upon the closed front of the body, and
5 means for securing the apron to the person of
the wearer, substantially as and for the pur-
poses set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand this 9th day of July, 1890.

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