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Fig. 1.

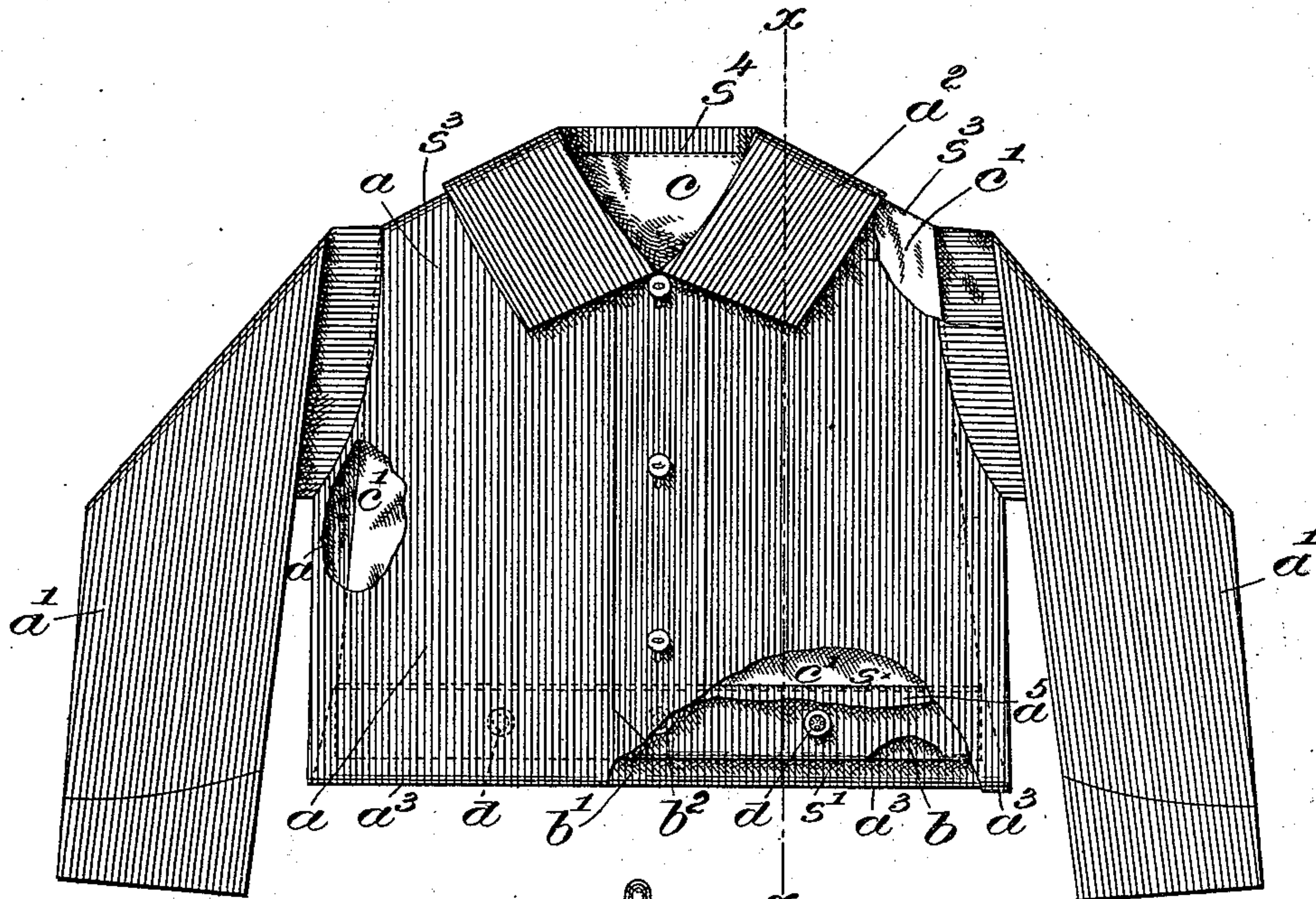
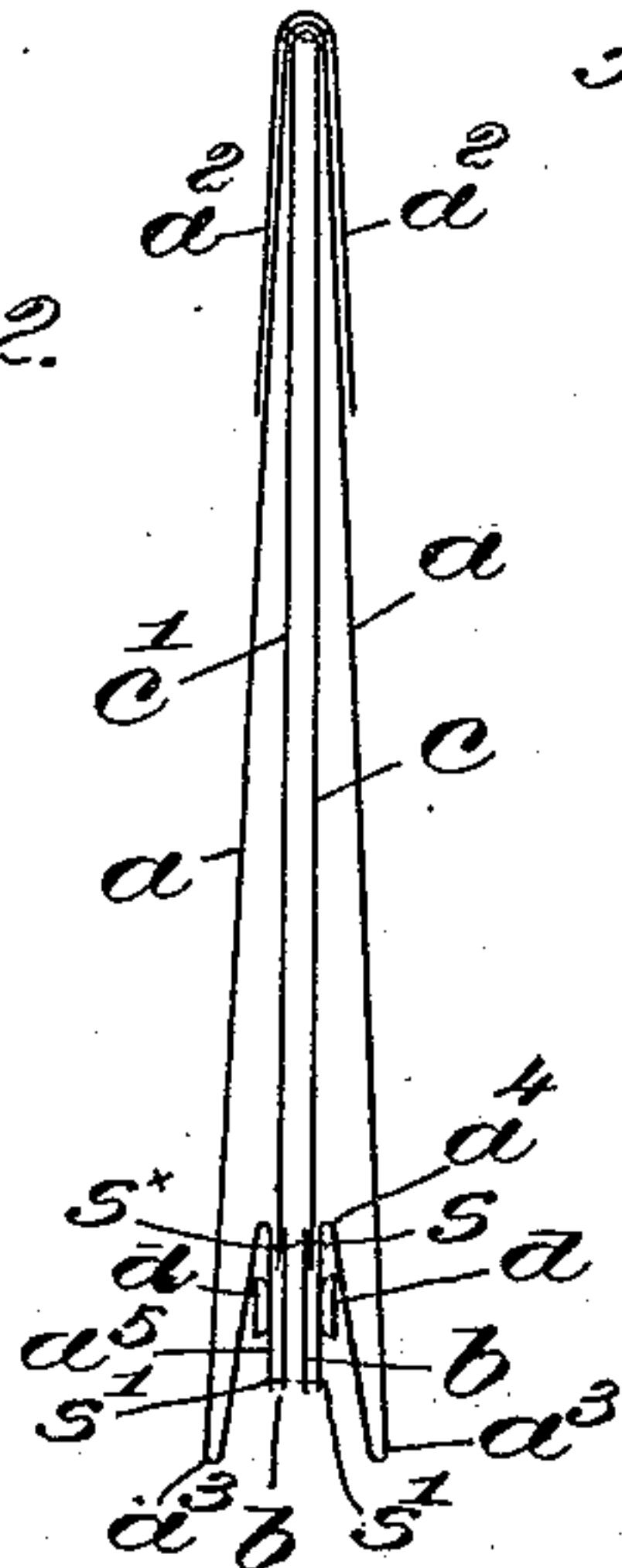


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY J. KRAMER, of Boston, county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in a Combined Blouse and Underwaist, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

In the use of blouse-waists, particularly when worn by children, some device is necessary for sustaining the skirt or trousers in order that the blouse may preserve its shape and retain its loose character, and usually an underwaist is employed for this purpose to be buttoned or otherwise attached to the waistband of the skirt or trousers, or suspenders may be used. This necessitates an additional garment, and the lower edge of the blouse itself is usually provided with an elastic band or cord to hold it snugly about the wearer's waist, which is objectionable on account of the rapid wearing out of the elastic, and also from the fact that frequent washing 25
rots or decays the band, so that it will lose its elasticity. If the skirt or trousers are attached to the blouse itself, the latter is soon pulled down closely over the body and its looseness and freedom of movement materially diminished.

In my efforts to overcome the various objections hereinbefore set forth I have invented a combined blouse and underwaist, the latter being connected to the former at suitable points, so as not to interfere at all with the loose and easy fit of the blouse, but yet to afford a firm and comfortable support for the skirt or trousers when attached thereto.

In accordance therewith my invention consists in a combined blouse and underwaist, the blouse proper being of greater fullness and length than the underwaist, and the underwaist arranged within it and secured to its neck and shoulders at its upper edge, so as to leave the fullness of the blouse unfettered, a garment-supporting band being connected to the underwaist, and the blouse having its lower portion folded inwardly upon itself and permanently secured to the band, substantially as will be described.

Figure 1 is a front view of a combined blouse and underwaist embodying my invention and

partly broken out to show the underwaist, and also the means for supporting the skirt and trousers; and Fig. 2 is a sectional view 55 taken on the line $x x$, Fig. 1.

The blouse is composed of a body portion a , sleeves a' , and a collar a^2 , of any usual or desired construction and shape. The lower edge of the blouse is turned under and upwardly 60 upon itself at a^3 to a sufficient height to give the requisite looseness and fullness to the body portion, and it is then turned down at a^4 and secured by a line of stitching s to the waist band or belt b , the lower edge of the latter 65 and the edge of the material of the blouse being stitched together at s' . In turning down the edge of the blouse at a^4 it may be extended to form a portion a^5 , or this portion a^5 may be an attached piece. 70

The underwaist is composed of a back piece c , stitched to the shoulders of the blouse at s^3 and to the neckband at s^4 , while its lower edge is preferably extended between the belt b and downward or attached portion a^5 of the blouse and secured in place by the stitching s at the back. 75

Front pieces c' are stitched at their upper ends to the neckband and shoulder-seams of the blouse and at their lower edges to the 80 front portion of the belt b , between it and the adjacent part a^5 of the blouse, by the stitching s^x , so that the underwaist acts not only as a lining, but as a support for the waist-belt b from the shoulders of the wearer. The 85 front pieces of the underwaist are so arranged within the blouse to form an opening to correspond with the front opening of the blouse.

Buttons or other suitable attaching devices d are secured to the waist-belt and adjacent 90 portion of the blouse back and front to sustain the skirt or trousers, as may be.

Referring to Fig. 2, it will be evident that the waist-belt can never slip down below the fullness of the blouse, nor can the weight of 95 the attached clothing pull or drag the blouse out of shape. The underwaist not only acts as a lining for the blouse, but takes the place of a separate underwaist, and being only attached to the shoulder-seams, neckband, and 100 waist-belt of the blouse is cool and comfortable, supporting the clothing from the shoulders. The waist-belt is separated in front at b' in line with the front opening of the blouse

and closed by a button b^2 , to enter a button-hole in the adjacent end of the belt.

My invention is not restricted to any particular shape or style of blouse, nor to the exact construction herein shown and described for attachment to the waist-belt, so long as the latter is supported by an underwaist permanently attached thereto, the lower edge of the blouse being also attached at or near the top of the belt, whereby its fullness normally falls over and conceals the belt.

I claim—

A combined blouse and underwaist, comprising a blouse proper, and an underwaist arranged within said blouse and permanently secured thereto at its upper edge to the neck

and shoulders, and having a garment supporting band secured to its lower edge, the said blouse being of greater length and fullness than the underwaist and its attached band and folded inwardly upon itself at its lower edge and permanently secured to the garment supporting band, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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