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Fig. 1.

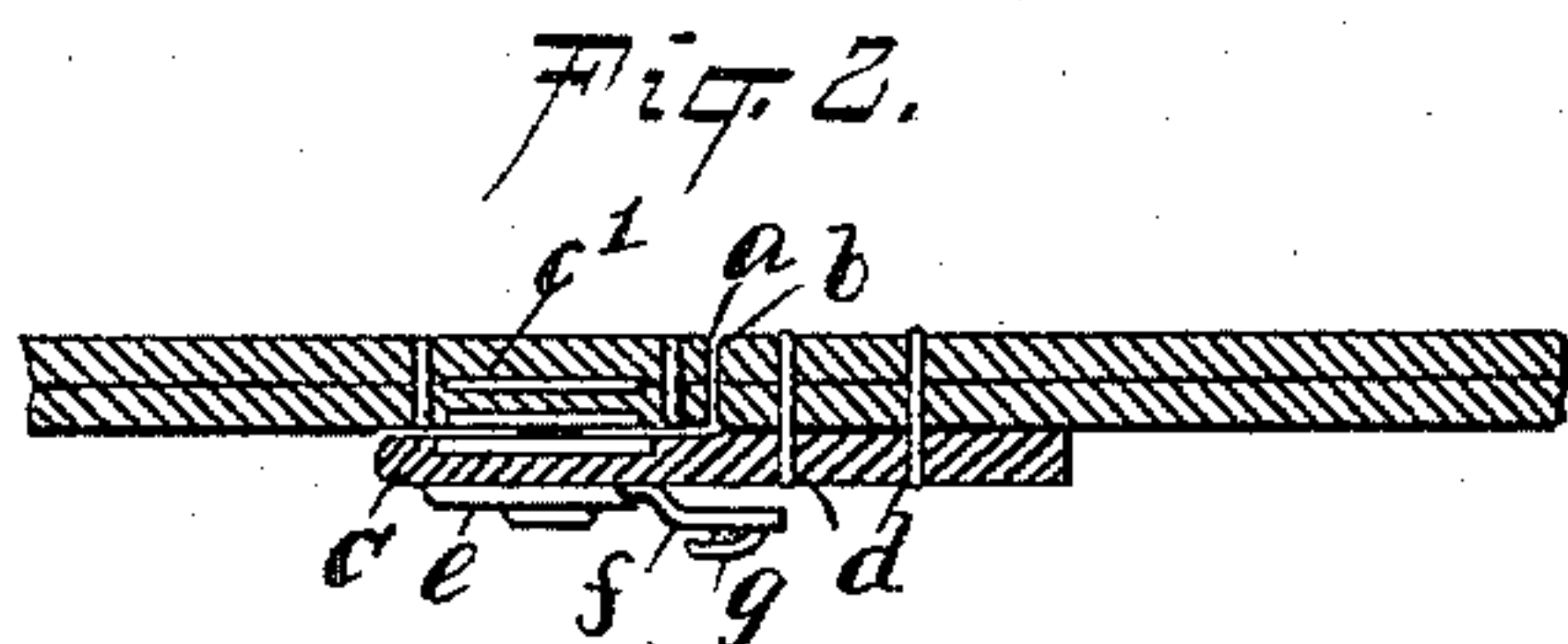


Fig. 2.

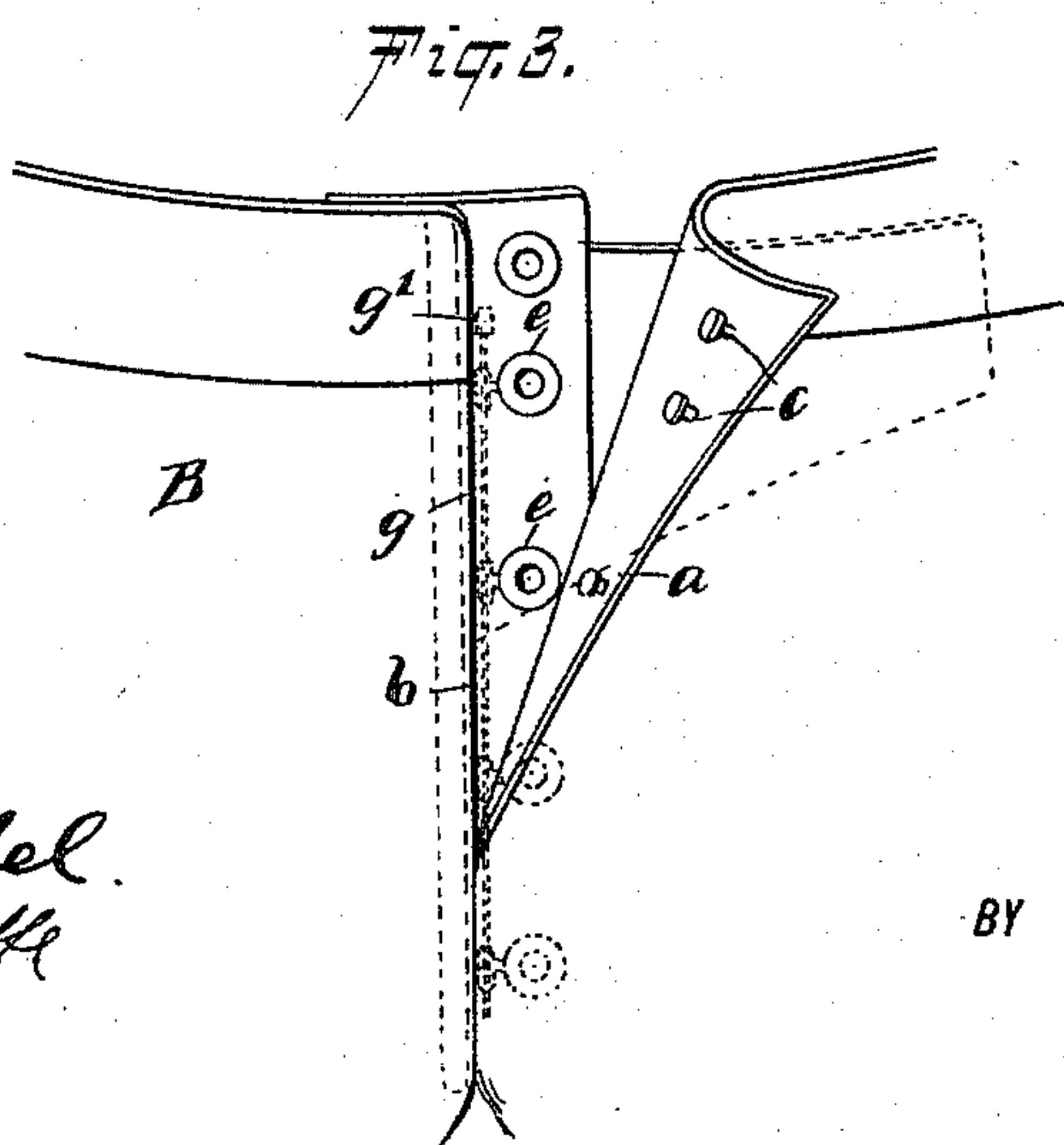


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTTE VAN OOSTRUM, of Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to improve garments, such as vests, trousers, jackets, and the like, whereby the usual open portion thereof will be held closed in an efficient manner and present a neater appearance than when fastened in the ordinary manner.

The invention consists in the novel features hereinafter particularly described, and defined in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing in use a vest embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary horizontal section taken through the vest at the opening, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the fly portion of a pair of trousers embodying my invention.

In carrying out my invention the vest A, trousers B, or other garment is made so that the edges *a b* at the usual open portion of the garment will abut, as shown clearly in Fig. 2, and such edges usually are formed of two thicknesses of material. To the garment thus formed there is secured along a line inward from the edge *a* a series of headed studs *c* of any suitable form, the studs projecting from the inner surface of the garment. In the instance shown the back or base plates *c'* of the studs are between the two thicknesses of fabric.

To the opposite edge *b* of the garment I secure a flap C, as by stitching *d*, and this flap extends across the point of meeting of the abutting edges and beneath the line of studs *c*. On the outer face of the flap a series of fastening devices *e* are provided, these in the instance shown consisting of sockets adapted to receive the heads of the studs *c* and provided with any suitable spring-acting clutch-plate for engaging the heads of the studs. The clutch-plates are each provided with arms *f* for disengaging the clutch-plates from

the head, and all of said arms are suitably connected with a cord *g*, whereby when the free end *g'* of the cord is pulled all the studs will be released.

The special form of fastening devices, it will be understood, is of no moment.

By forming the vest or other garment with abutting edges at the opening therein and providing fastening devices on an additional flap and on the opposed inner surface of the garment it will be seen no overlapped edges appear on the outside and the fastening devices are not exposed to view.

The garments, such as vests, may be provided with buttons, braid, or the like for the purpose of ornamentation.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A garment having abutting edge portions at its open part, an inner flap secured along one of such edge portions and extending by its free edge beneath the opposite abutting edge portion, said opposite abutting edge portion at points inward from the extreme edge having a series of fasteners, at the inner surface, and the underlapping free edge of the said inner flap having fasteners on its outer surface, coöperating with those on the opposed inner surface of the said opposite edge portion, substantially as described.

2. A garment having abutting edge portions at its open part, an inner flap secured along one of such edge portions and extending by its free edge beneath the opposite abutting edge portion, said opposite abutting edge portion at points inward from the extreme edge having a series of fasteners, at the inner surface, and the underlapping free edge of the said inner flap having fasteners on its outer surface, coöperating with those on the opposed inner surface of the said opposite edge portion and an operating-cord connected with one series of the fasteners for simultaneously releasing the same, substantially as described.

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