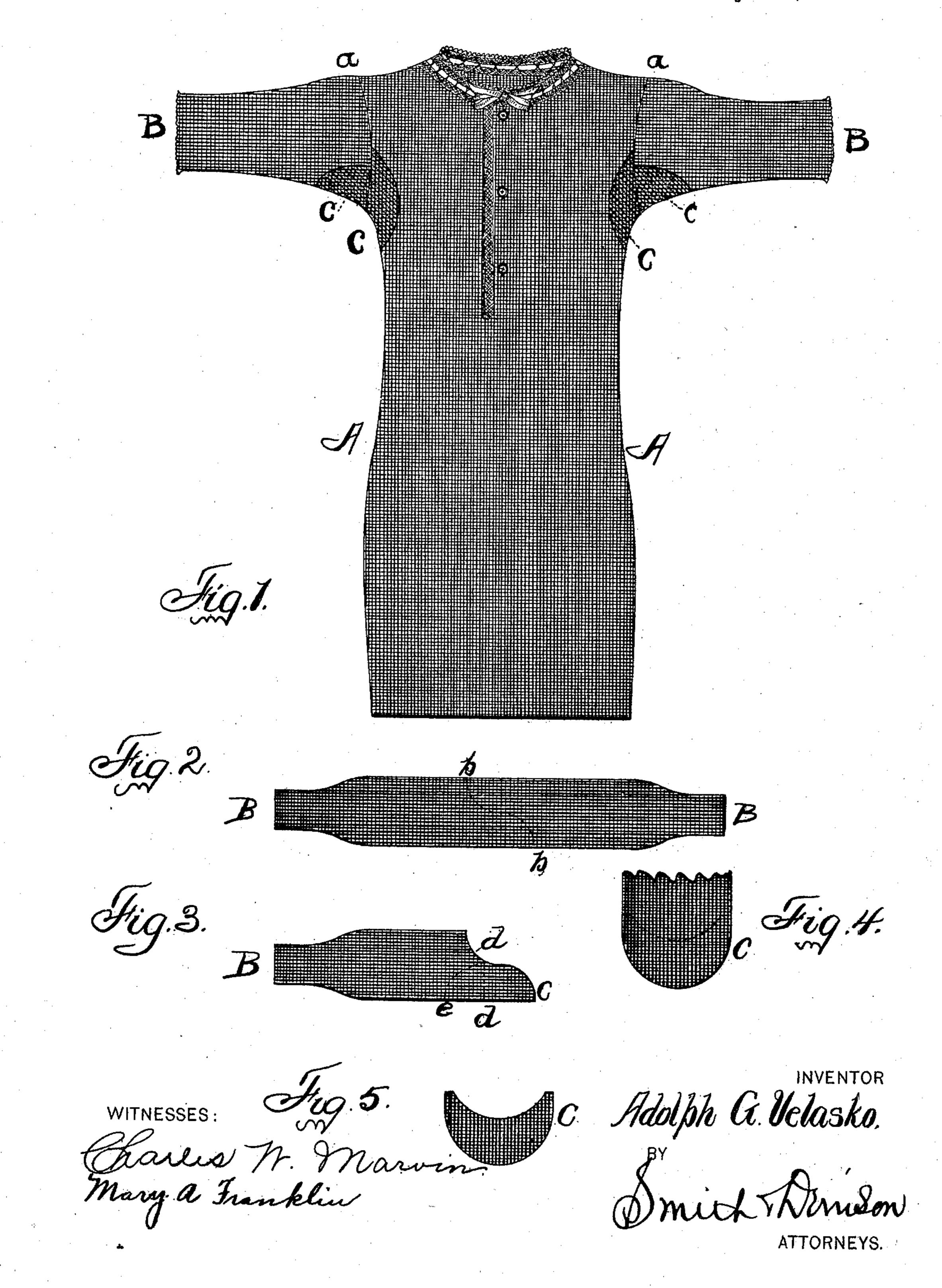
## A. G. VELASKO. UNDERGARMENT.

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## UNDERGARMENT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH G. VELASKO, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Undergarments, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in undergarments, having particular reference to sweat-pads surrounding the armpits of the garment.

My object is to provide a light summer garment with a combined reinforcement and perspiration-absorbent at each of the armpits integral with the sleeve-body and to prevent the soiling of the outer shirt, waist, or garment at that point by perspiration.

My invention consists in the several other 20 new and novel features of construction and operation hereinafter described and which are specifically set forth in the claim hereunto annexed. It is constructed as follows, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a front view of a garment provided with my improved perspiration-absorbing pads, these pads being located upon the inside of the garment. Fig. 2 are the sleeves, being cut upon the dotted line. Fig. 3 is one of the sleeves. Fig. 4 is a blank from which I cut the pad, which is secured to the body of the garment. Fig. 5 is one of these pads detached.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the body of the garment, constructed in the ordinary way, having sleeve-openings a in the ordinary way, to which the sleeves Bare secured. The sleeves Bare constructed by knitting a cylinder, as shown in Fig. 2, and then cutting it in two upon the zigzag or ogee line b, each sleeve-piece then having the form shown in Fig. 3. I then fold the ends c in a suitable distance, as at

the dotted line d, the folded-in portion thus forming a pad, as shown by the dotted lines e in said Fig. 3. A body-pad C, consisting of a piece of suitable material of substantially the shape shown in Fig. 5, is then suitably secured 50 upon the body with its concaved edge coincident with the lower part of the armhole-opening, and then the sleeve-piece is suitably seamed in by suitable stitching through its doubled edge and the pad and the sleeve-piece 55 and the remainder of the edge of said armhole-opening, whereby the pad applied to the body and the folded-in portion of the sleevepiece together constitute a continuous absorbent and the doubled edge constitutes a rein- 60 forcement integral with the sleeve-piece and seamed to the adjacent parts, all extending a suitable distance from the armpit upon said body and sleeve.

The pad C is preferably constructed so that 65 the ribs will lie lengthwise of the body, and the same with the pads upon the arm, so as to prevent irritating the body and arms. I preferably leave the flap ends of these pads loose, although it will be evident that either 70 or both may be stitched at their ends or sides.

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

In an undergarment, the combination with 75 the body, of a sleeve-piece having part of its end folded inwardly and doubling the fabric, a pad upon the body below the armhole, and means to secure the parts together around the armhole substantially upon the line of the 80 fold upon the sleeve portion, whereby said pad and infold create an armpit-absorbent reinforced by said sleeve-fold at their meeting-points.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my 85 hand this 16th day of October, 1897.

ADOLPH G. VELASKO.

In presence of—
MARY A. FRANKLIN,
HOWARD P. DENISON.