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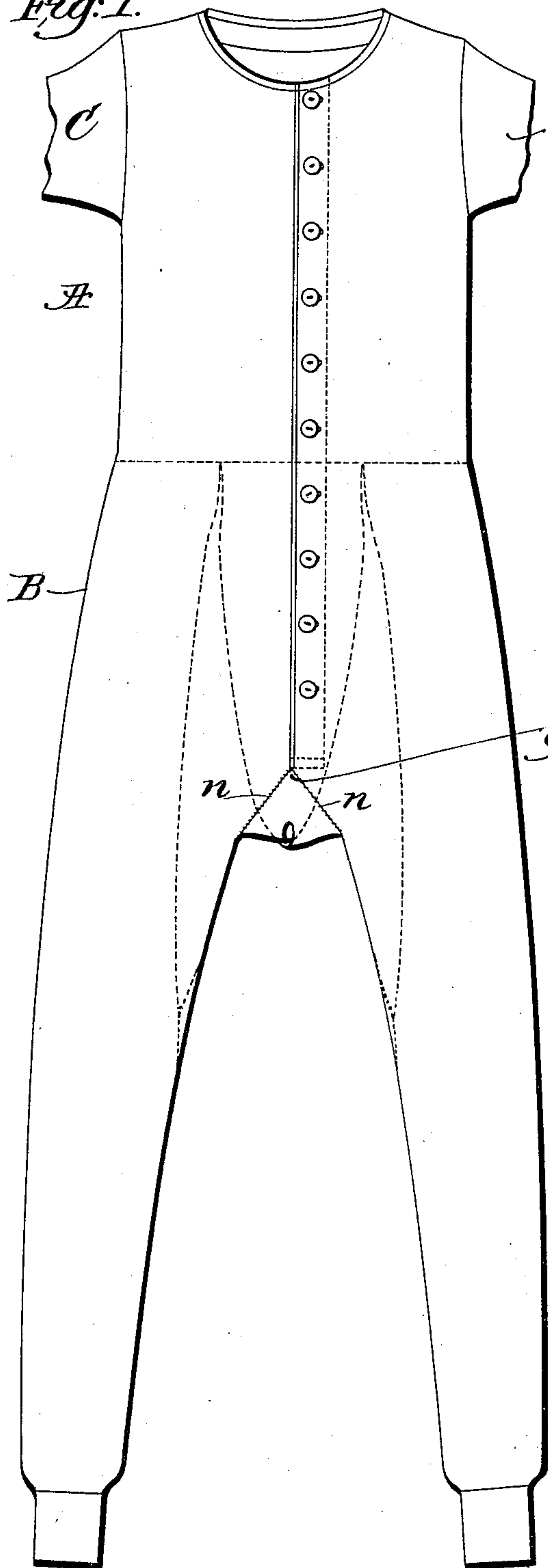
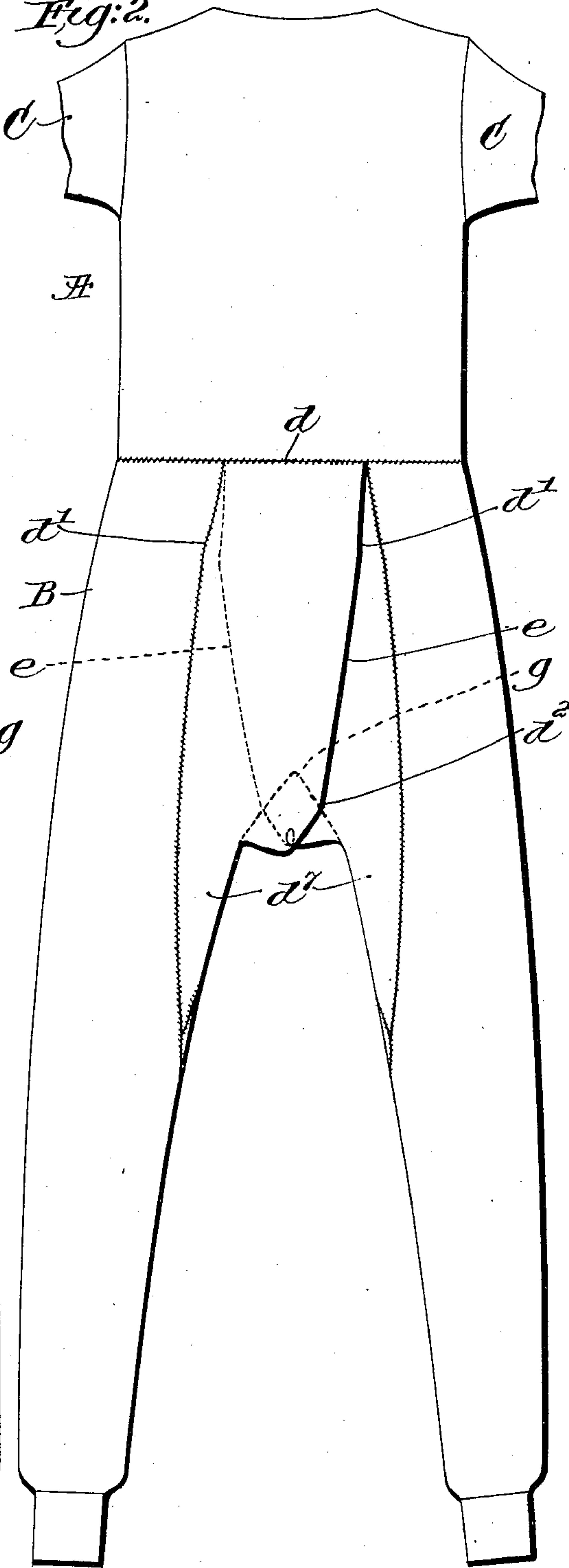


Fig. 2.



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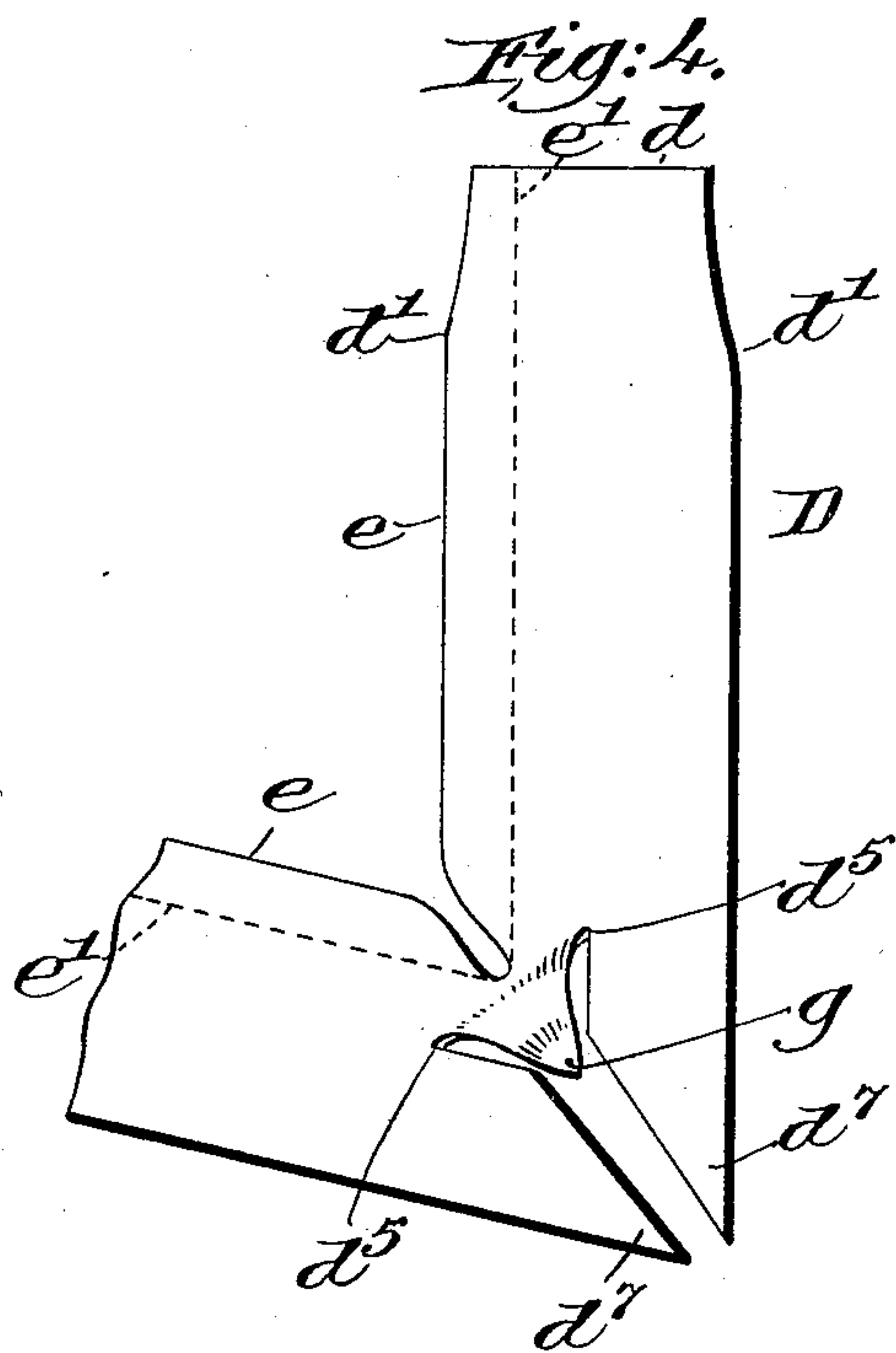
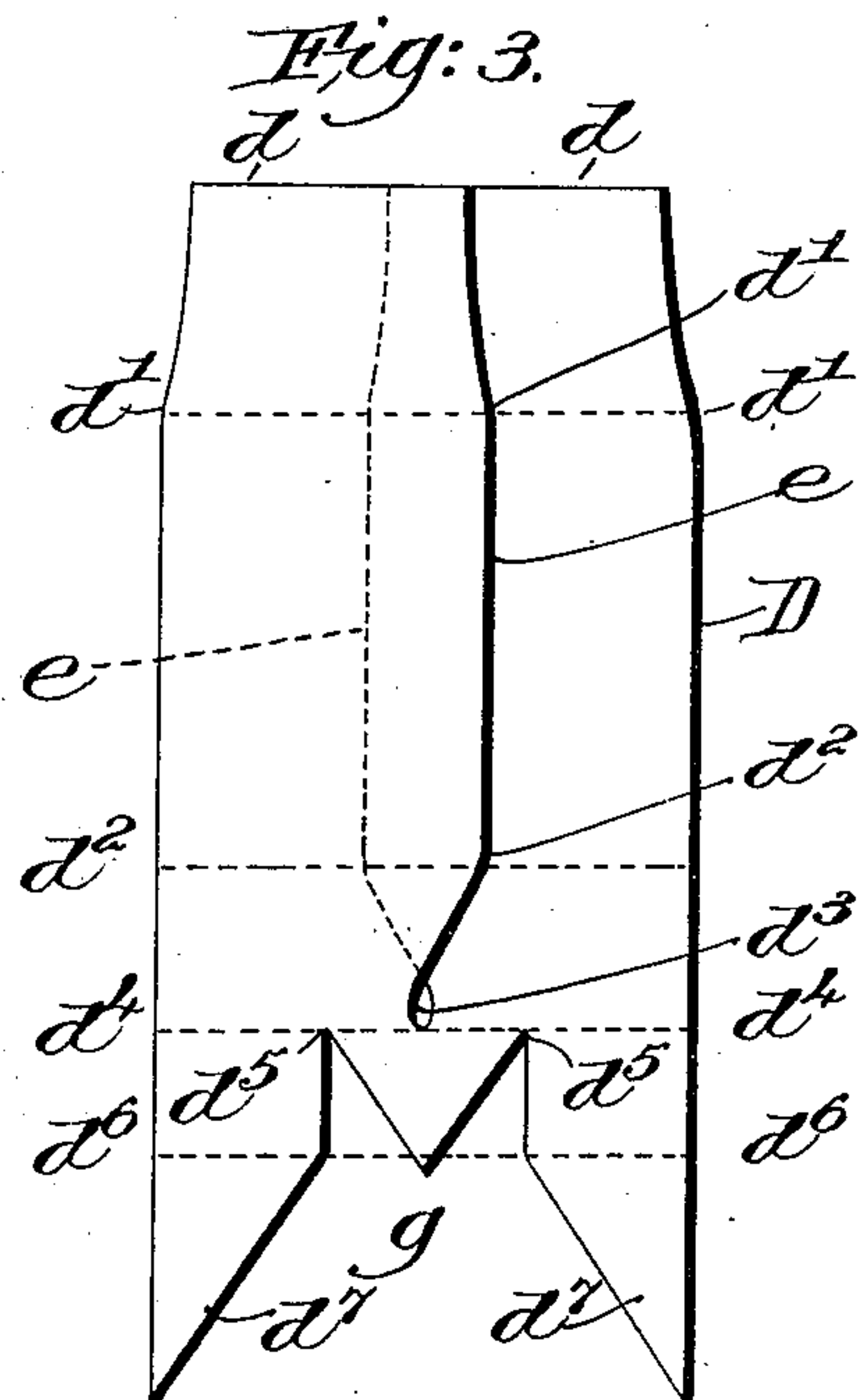
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GERALDINE O'BRIEN COOK, of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Union Garments, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention is intended to be an improvement on the garment shown and described in United States Patent No. 505,953, granted to me October 3, 1893.

The garment to be herein described has been designed for use by men. In the garment described in said patent each back-flap had a small triangular gore extended from it at that edge which was connected with the front part of the leg, said gore starting from the flap at a considerable distance from its upper end and at a point where the flap was of its greatest diameter. The trouble with the flap and its projecting gore was that it failed in use, owing to its shape, to form an effectual covering for the part of the body that it was intended to cover. I have in this present invention so shaped the gore that it overlaps and forms an effectual covering for the person wearing the garment, so that when the garment is being worn all parts of the person are fully covered.

As I have herein chosen to illustrate my invention both flaps are united in one piece, and the base of the gore starts out from the flap at a point between its selvage edges, and the inner edge of each half of the flap from the point at which said gore starts out from the body of the flap has a selvage edge, which is carried out beyond the point of the flap, such excess of width in the flap from the base of the gore to its end where it is united in the back of the garment providing a large amount of overlap, which cannot be strained apart in wearing the garment.

Figure 1, in front elevation, shows a man's union garment embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a rear side view of the same. Fig. 3 shows the improved flap detached and overlapped in the condition it will occupy when being put into the back of the garment, and Fig. 4 shows the flap spread to remove the overlap and better show its shape.

The body A, the connected bifurcated legs B, and the sleeves C are and may be of any usual construction—such as shown, for instance, in United States Patent No. 527,216, dated October 9, 1894, or No. 594,647, dated November 30, 1897—and in practice the upper ends d of the back-flap D may or will be put into the back of the garment as provided for in either of said patents, to thereby insure fullness at and across the hips of the wearer.

The back-flap shown in this my invention has been especially devised to form a more complete closure of the garment when being worn. In the production of this back-flap the knitting will preferably be started at the end d , and it will be gradually widened from d to d' , leaving selvage edges, and from d' to d^2 each half or leg of the back-flap will preferably be knitted of the same width, and thereafter what is to constitute the overlapping edge of the back-flap is narrowed down to the point d^3 , and some of the loops at that edge are thrown off the needles—say about fifteen needles. Let it be supposed that this operation has been carried on for one half or leg of the back-flap and that the part so far formed is left hanging on the needles. Now the second half or leg of the back-flap is set up on the remaining needles and is knitted down to the line d^3 , as before described. The knitting is now resumed in the two lines d^4 d^5 , and it may be carried down of uniform width to the line d^6 , and then the two parts so being knitted may be narrowed at their inner edges, leaving tapered selvages d^7 , the fabric being run off the needles. After this the loops between d^3 and d^5 , previously thrown off, are again set up on the needles and the gore g is knitted. When a back-flap of this shape is put into the garment, the inner edges e of the widest part of the flap overlap for a great distance, said overlapping commencing substantially at the point d^3 , whereas in the Patent No. 505,953, referred to, each half of the back-flap is not wider at any point between the junction of the gore with the body of the flap and the upper part of the flap where it is joined into the back of the garment.

The part of the flap between the edges e and

the dotted lines e^2 , Fig. 4, shows the additions to the flap and its new shape to insure full covering. The tapered gore g is shorter than the two lower ends b^7 of the back-flap, and said gore, when the back-flap is put into the garment and made a part thereof, is carried under the crotch to the front of the garment, as in Fig. 1, and these edges are united by stitches n into the leg at the front of the garment near the bottom of the opening slit, which is open when the garment is being put on.

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

1. A union garment having a back-flap provided between its lower pointed ends with a pointed gore g , the two parts of said flap between the point of said gore and its upper end which is joined into the back of the garment being widened at their inner edges as e to constitute a broad overlap, said pointed gore g being carried forward under the crotch and directed upward and attached at its side

edges to a part of the front of each leg, substantially as described. 25

2. A union garment composed of a body, bifurcated connected legs, and an overlapping back-flap connected with the back of the garment and carried under the crotch and united to the legs of the garment below the waist-line at back and front, said back-flap presenting a gore g at its lower end, both parts of said back-flap at its inner edges from the base of said gore upwardly toward the upper end of the back-flap being widened to constitute a wide overlap for the back-flap and preclude any possible gapping and uncovering of the body when the said garment is in use, substantially as described. 30 35 40

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

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