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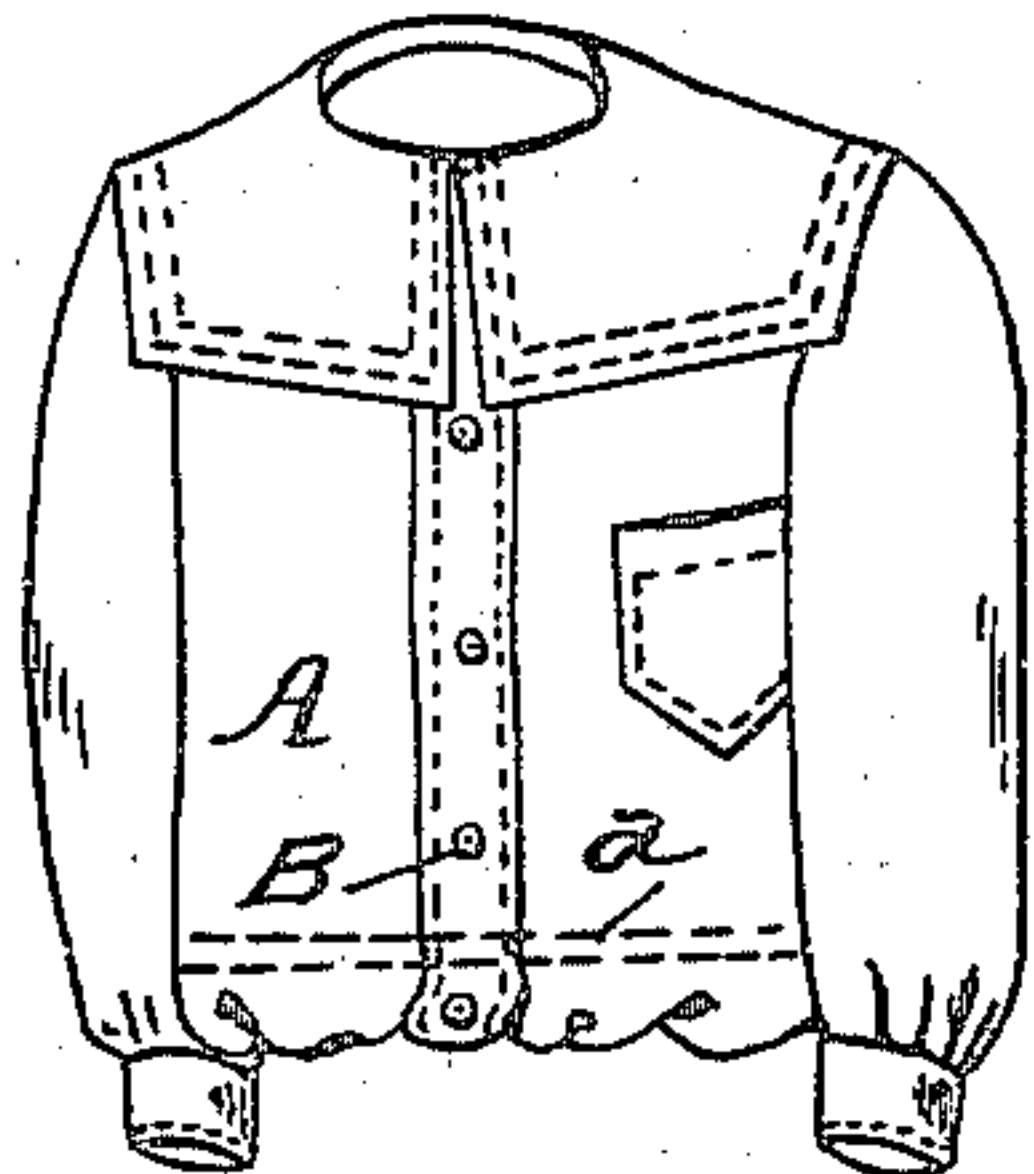


FIG. 1.

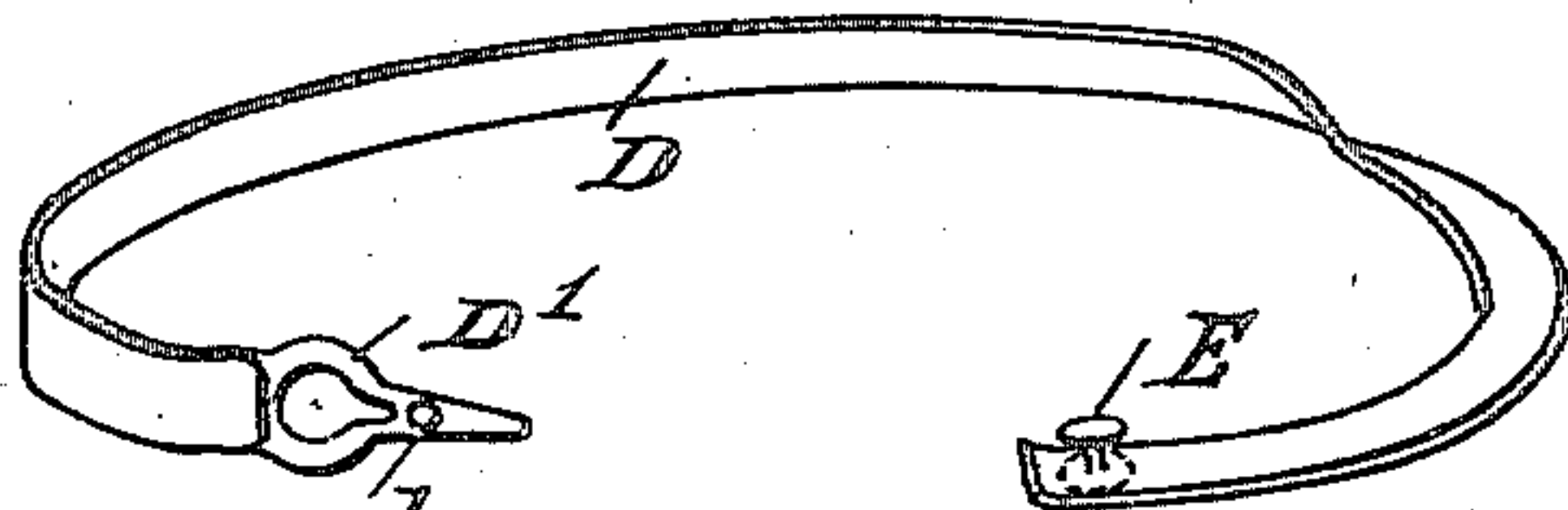


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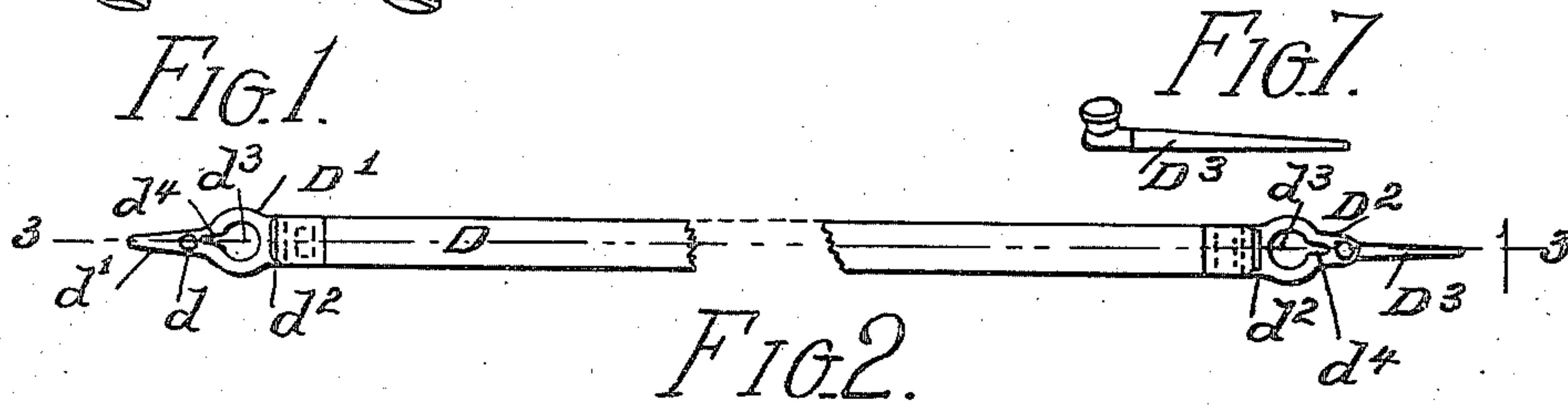


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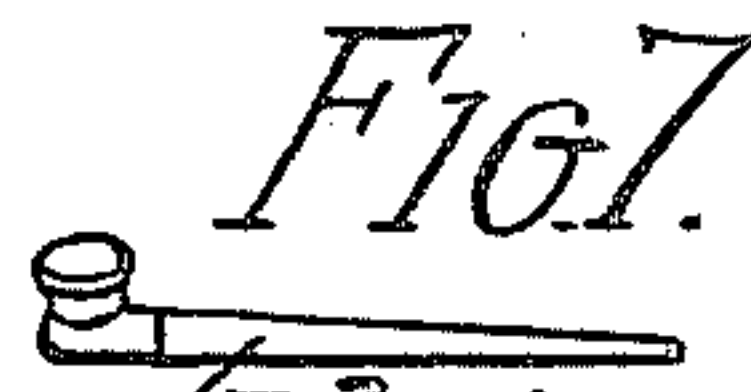


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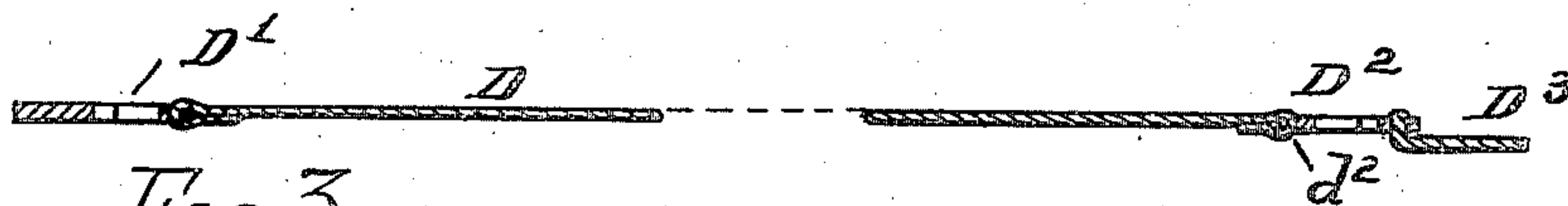


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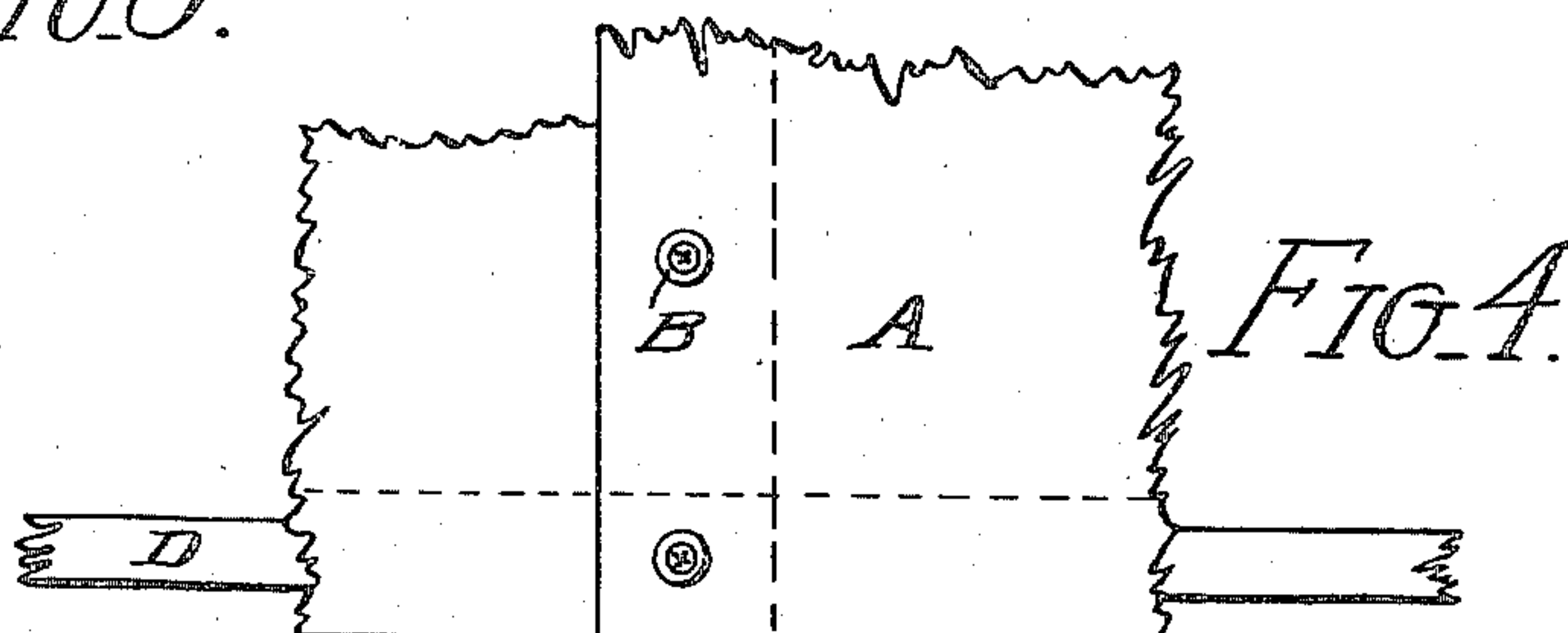


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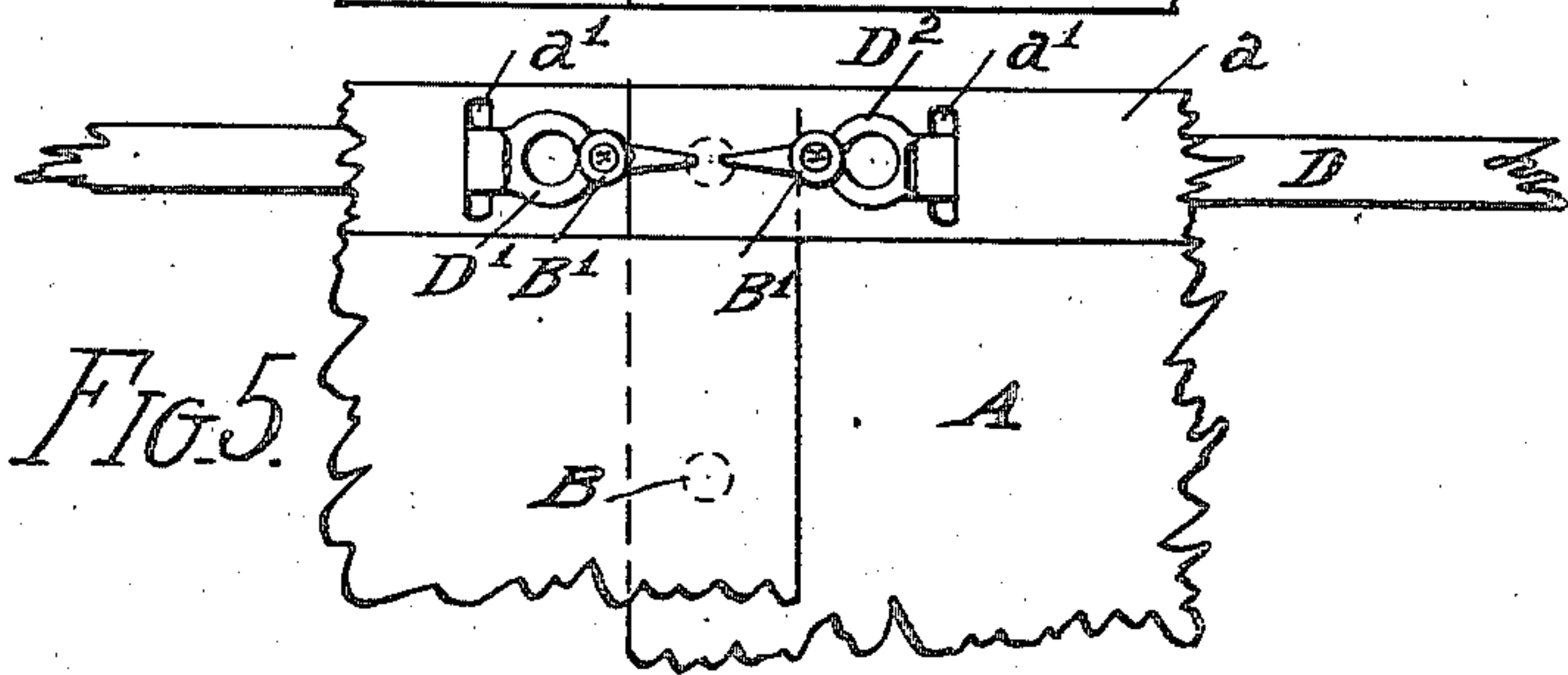


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPHINE A. FAYART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Sangamon and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blouse-Garments, of which the following is such a full, clear, and exact description as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use my said invention.

My invention relates to garments of that class usually made of wash fabrics for children's wear; and the purposes of my invention are to provide a waist and a securing device therefor so constructed and arranged as to avoid gaping of the garment, so constructed and arranged that the securing device may be easily withdrawn for laundering the garment and may be readily replaced after the garment is laundered, so constructed and arranged that the garment will readily adapt itself to the person of the wearer, and so constructed and arranged that after the band is once adjusted to the wearer the garment may be put on or taken off without disturbing the connections of the band with the garment.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts shown in the annexed drawings, to which reference is hereby made, and hereinafter particularly described, and pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a blouse-garment embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detached top plan view of the securing device and the means for drawing the same through its sheath or casing in the garment. Fig. 3 is a horizontal longitudinal section through the securing device and the draw-pin or bodkin therein on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an enlarged front elevation of a portion of the lower front part of the garment extended and shows the overlapping fore parts, the positions of the buttons and buttonholes thereon, and the casing at the lower extremity of the garment. Fig. 5 is an enlarged elevation of a portion of the lower part of the garment extended, as viewed from the inside, and shows the overlapping fore parts, the buttons on the inner side thereof,

the casing at the lower extremity of the garment, and the securing device in position in the casing. Fig. 6 is an enlarged perspective view of an alternative form of the securing device. Fig. 7 is an enlarged detached perspective view of the bodkin employed with the securing device.

Similar letters of reference designate like parts in all of the views.

The garment proper, A, may be made of any suitable material and in any prevailing style.

For the purpose of illustrating my invention I have shown a garment of which the general structure is well known, and I will now describe my modifications and improvements as applied thereto.

At the lower extremity of the garment the fabric is turned inward and upward and stitched so as to form a casing α , extending entirely around the lower extremity of the garment. The fore parts of the garment overlap, as clearly shown in Figs. 1, 4, and 5. Buttons B are secured to one fore part and fit in buttonholes in the other fore part. On the inner side of the fore parts buttons B' are secured, one on each fore part. On the inner side of each fore part is a slit α' , opening into the casing α . The securing device in its preferable form consists of three parts—viz., an elastic strip or band D, a buttonhole-plate D', secured to one end of said band, and a combined bodkin and buttonhole-plate D², secured to the other end of said band. When the securing device is in place in the casing, the plates D' and D² engage with the buttons B', as clearly shown in Fig. 5. The plates D' and D² are pierced near their free ends by holes, in which a detachable pin D³ fits, the pin serving as a bodkin to introduce the securing device into the casing in the garment. I prefer to use the buttonhole-plate having a bodkin d^2 integral with the plate D', as shown; but it is obvious that the buttonhole-plate may be modified, as shown, and a detachable bodkin D³ may be used therewith without departing from invention. It is obvious also that the plate D² may be used at both ends of the elastic band, and the detachable bodkin D³ may be used therewith without departing from my invention. Instead of using an elastic band having at both ends a button-

hole-plate, such as D' , or an elastic band having at one end a buttonhole-plate, such as D' , and having at its other end a combined bodkin and buttonhole-plate, such as D^2 , or a buttonhole-plate, such as D' , usable with a detachable bodkin, substantially such as D^3 . I may, without departing from my invention, use an elastic band having at one of its ends a button E and having at its other end a buttonhole-plate, such as D' , or a buttonhole-plate, such as D^2 , usable with a detachable bodkin, substantially such as D^3 . In case a button is used at one end of the elastic band one of the buttons B' on the inner side of the garment will be omitted, and in its place a buttonhole will be made in the garment to receive the button E . It will be seen, then, that it is only essential to provide at each end of the band means for connecting the extremities of the band with the buttons B' or equivalent fastening device on the inner side of the fore parts of the garment in such manner that the garment will gather on the band, so that the lower part of the garment will expand with the stretching of the band and will be drawn together by the contraction of the band and in such manner that after the band is inserted in the casing and its ends connected with the securing devices on the fore parts of the garment and the band once adjusted to the person of the wearer the garment may be put on or taken off without disturbing the connection of the band with the garment, and means for opening the casing and introducing the elastic band therein, substantially as described.

The plates D' and D^2 are of somewhat greater width than the band D and have transverse slots d' , through which the ends of the band pass, and the ends of the band are doubled back and stitched on the band, so as to secure the plates to the band. The plates D' and D^2 have round openings d^3 , with slot extensions d^4 . The openings d^3 are of such size as to permit the buttons B' to pass freely therethrough, and the slot extensions d^4 are of such size that the shanks of the buttons fit loosely therein.

By reason of the plates D' and D^2 being wider than the band D the plates when introduced into the casing and pushed there through open the casing, so that the band may be easily introduced. This feature is of

great advantage, because it is found in practice that after a garment has been laundered the starch used in laundering causes the sides of the casing to stick together, and in order to facilitate the insertion of the band it is necessary to open the casing the full width of the band. If the casing is not thus opened, it is found in practice that the band sticks in the casing and there is great danger of breaking the band or tearing the garment. An additional advantage is that by having the case fully open, so that the band may move freely therein, the fabric gathers uniformly on the band, the elastic action of the band is more evenly distributed, and a better adjustment and set of the garment is attained. An additional advantage is that by using an elastic band, as distinguished from a draw string or a cord, the width of the band serves a useful purpose in holding a wider part of the garment in close contact with the body of the wearer; thereby preventing the tucked-up part of the garment from slipping down, to the discomfort of the wearer and to the detriment of the appearance of the garment.

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

In a garment of the class described, the combination of a main fabric having overlapping fore parts, also having a casing extending around the lower part of said fabric, also having in each fore part a slit opening into said casing; securing devices on the inside of the main fabric, one of said securing devices being contiguous to each of the slits in the main fabric; a detachable elastic band fitting loosely in the casing in the fabric; securing devices secured to the ends of and wider than said band and adapted to receive a bodkin, also adapted to engage with the securing devices on the fabric; and a bodkin fitting in the securing devices on said band and serving in connection therewith to open the casing in the fabric; as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name, at Springfield, Illinois, this 8th day of August, 1899.

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