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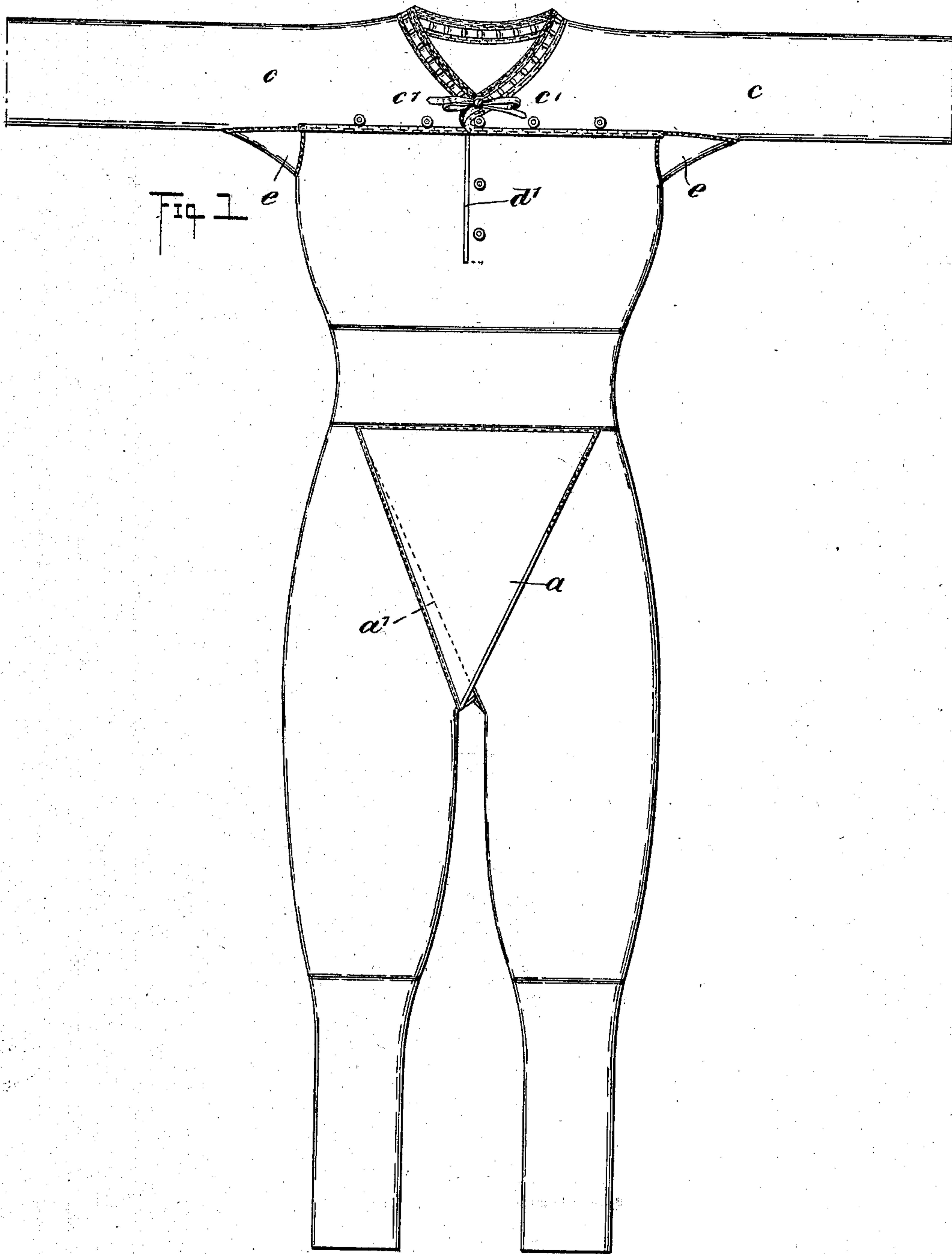
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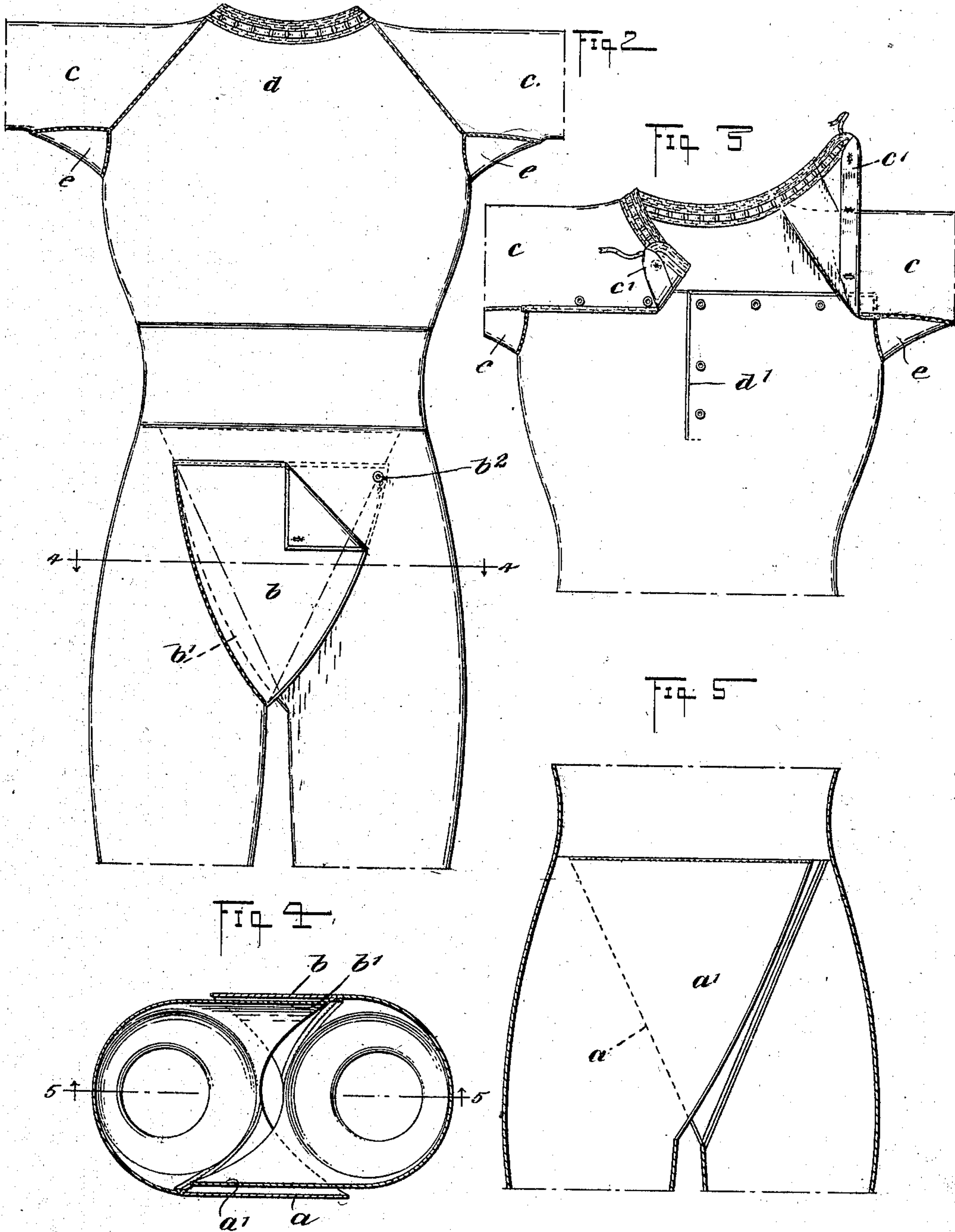
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SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 681,061, dated August 20, 1901.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEREMIAH C. LAUTENBACHER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Schuylkill Haven, in the county of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Garment, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to an undergarment, and especially to that class known as women's "union suits," in which the shirt and drawers are combined into a single continuous garment.

The object of the invention is to afford a complete covering for the person at the crotch of the garment and yet enable this part of the garment to be readily and fully opened both at the front and back.

This specification is a specific description of one form of the invention, while the claim is a definition of the actual scope thereof.

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 views.

Figure 1 is a front view of the invention. Fig. 2 is a back view thereof. Fig. 3 is a front view of the bosom, partly opened. Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5 5 of Fig. 4.

At the front of the garment from the crotch upward are arranged two overlapping, essentially V-shaped flaps *a* and *a'*. These may be of any vertical extent desired. I have here shown them extending to the waist, which I consider the maximum extent for efficiency of the garment. If desired, they may be made much shorter. The flap *a* lies outermost and has its right-hand edge wholly or partly free. Its upper and left-hand edges are fast to the body of the garment. The flap *a'* has its right-hand and upper edges fast to the garment, and its left-hand edge is free. This structure insures an effective covering for the stomach and crotch of the wearer and yet by drawing the flaps apart the person may be entirely uncovered at these points when desired.

At the back of the garment two flaps *b* and *b'* are located. These flaps are essentially of the same form and arrangement as the flaps

a and *a'*, excepting that I prefer to have the outer flap *b* entirely separate from the garment at its right-hand edge and partly separate at its upper edge. The free corner thus formed at the upper right-hand side of the flap is secured removably by a button or other fastening *b*². This arrangement of the flap *b* is preferred, since it is generally desired at times fully to uncover the buttocks of the person, and by so disposing the flap in question this exposure may readily be effected. By reference to Fig. 4 it may be seen that the legs of the garment are separated from each other at the crotch, the flaps at the front and back running into each other. When the garment is properly adjusted on the wearer, the flaps will lie closely together and fully cover and protect the person, and yet by drawing the flaps apart an ample opening may be made.

The sleeves *c* of the garment at the front extend continuously without the intervention of a seam to the neck, the neckband being formed on or secured to the inner edges of the sleeves. The back *d* of the garment is formed with diagonal edges and extended up to the neckband, the sleeves being joined to said back edges, as shown in Fig. 2. The sleeves being extended continuously over the bosom substitute the body of the garment at this point, the body being cut correspondingly low. (See Fig. 3.) The inner extremities of the sleeves are extended to form points or flaps *c'*, which meet and are buttoned or tied together and also to the top of the body.

The body of the garment may have a short slit *d'* therein at the front, and gussets *e* may be employed at the armpits in the usual or any preferred manner. This construction makes a neat and comfortably fitting garment and enables the bosom thereof to be amply opened for the purpose of getting into the garment or for uncovering the bosom of the wearer.

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

A garment having at each of its front and rear sides at the crotch, two overlapping flaps extending into close proximity to the waist and separate from the body of the garment

at opposite edges, one flap being separate at
its upper portion from the body of the gar-
ment and provided with means for remov-
ably fastening it thereto at said upper por-
5 tion, the legs of the garment being separate
at the point in or under the crotch, and the
separate edges normally meeting or approxi-
mately meeting each other.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
name to this specification in the presence of 10
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