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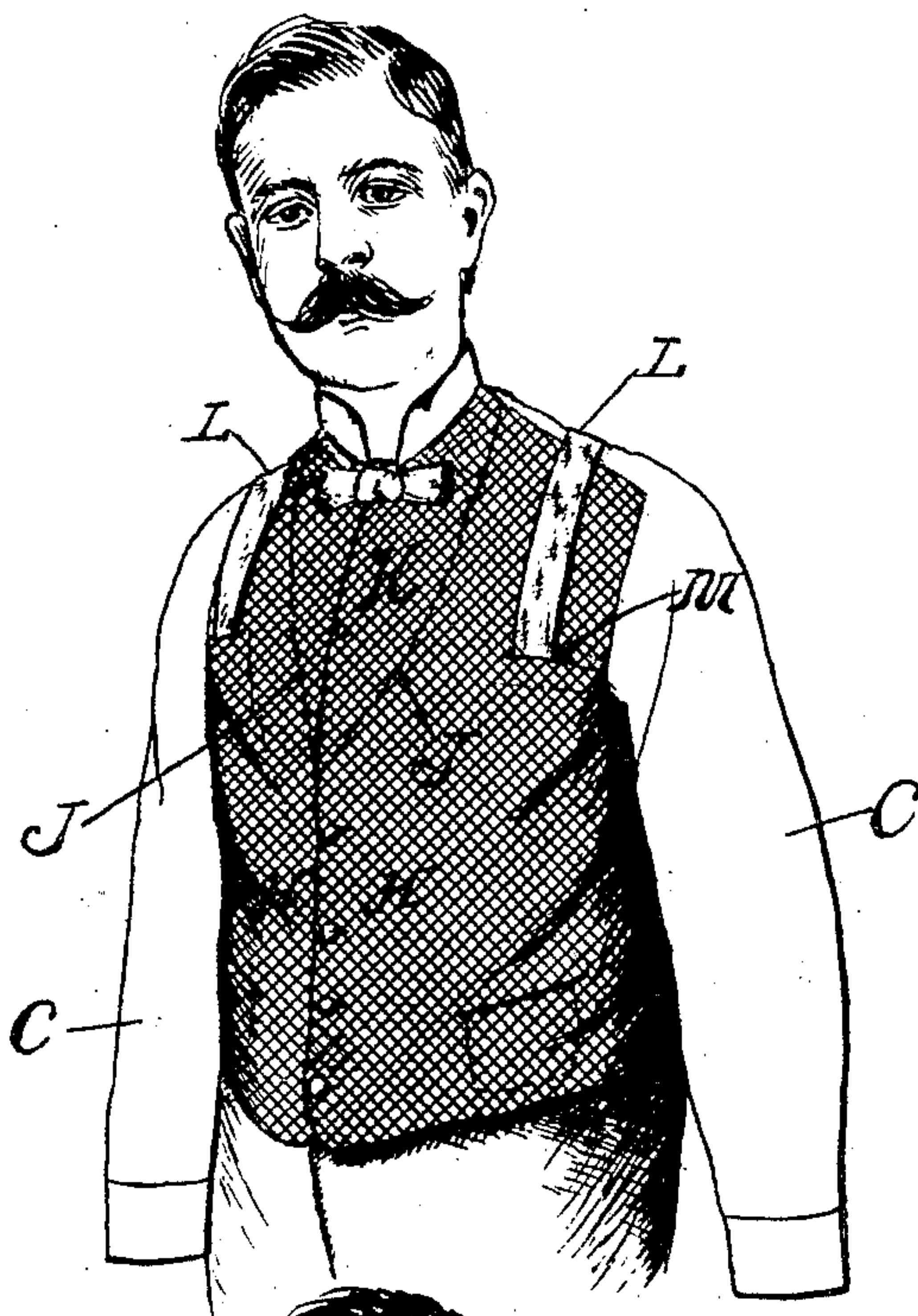
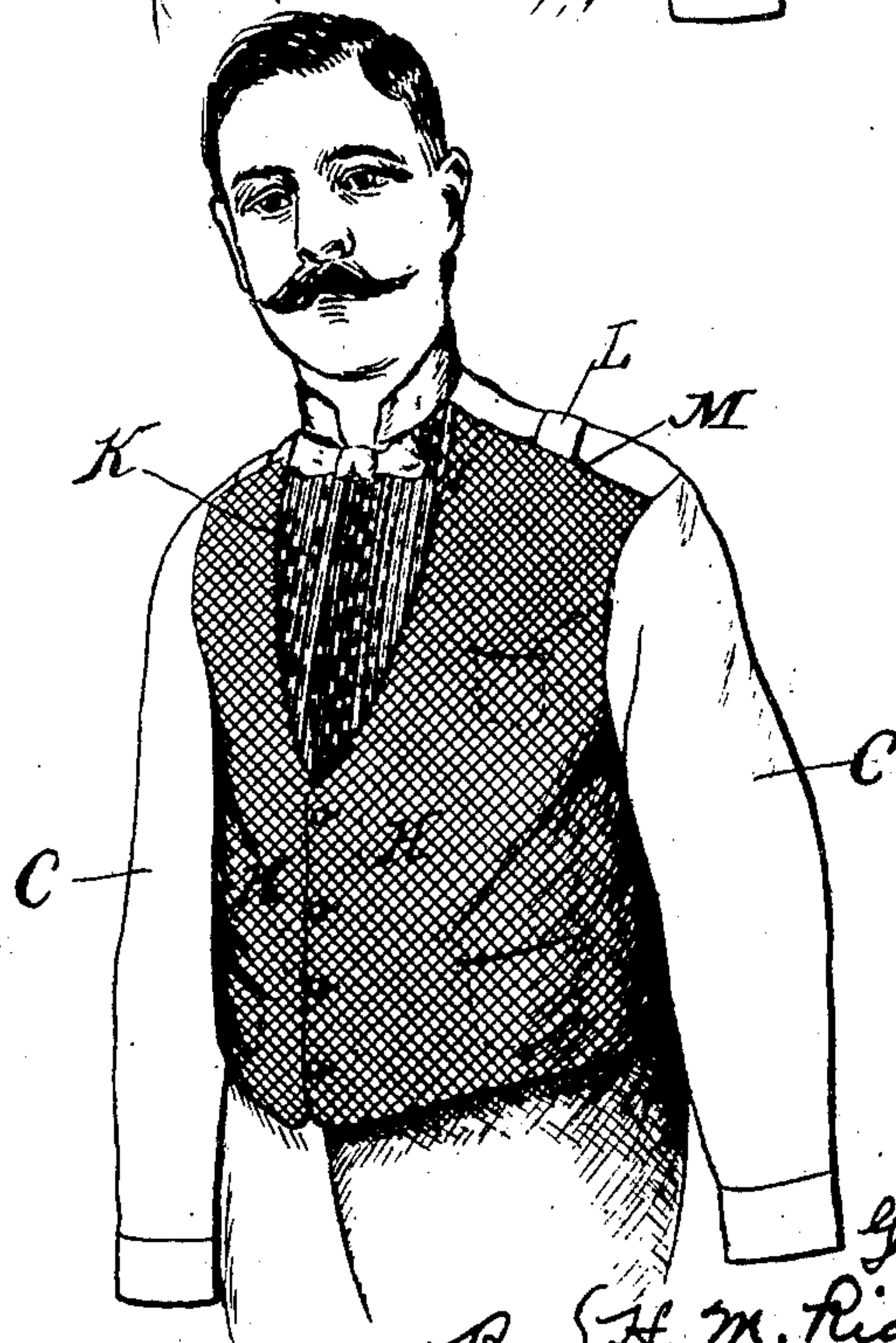


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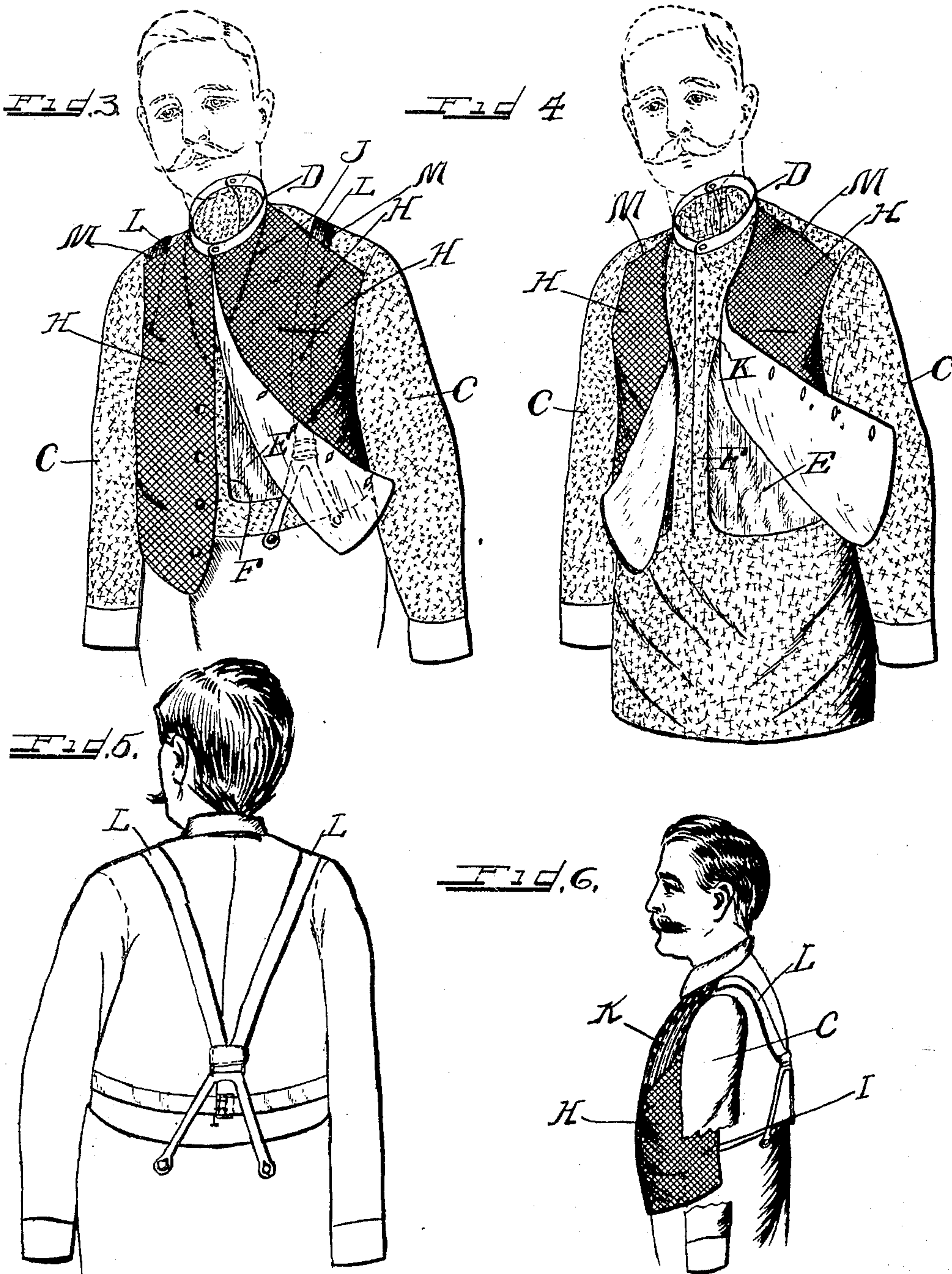
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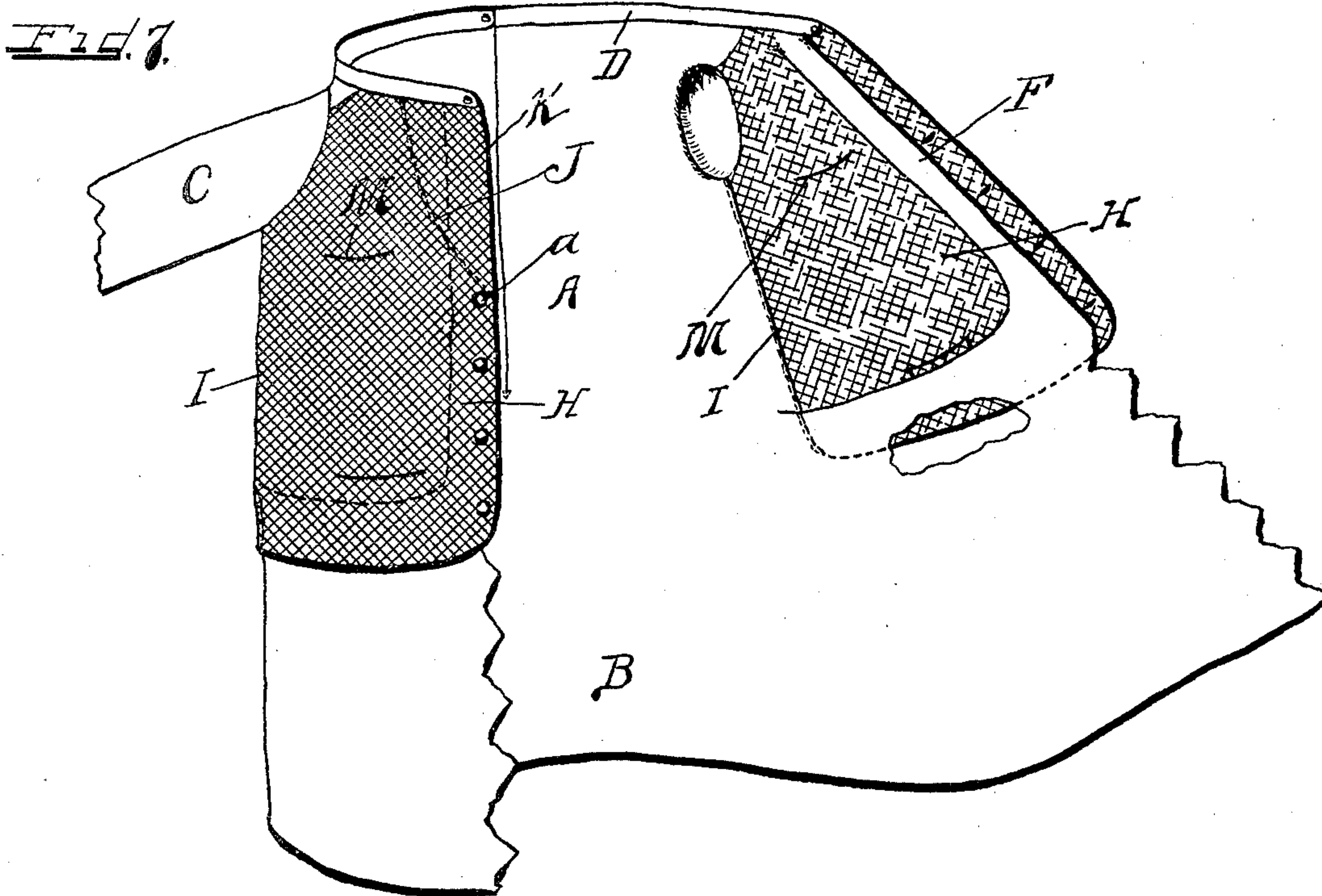


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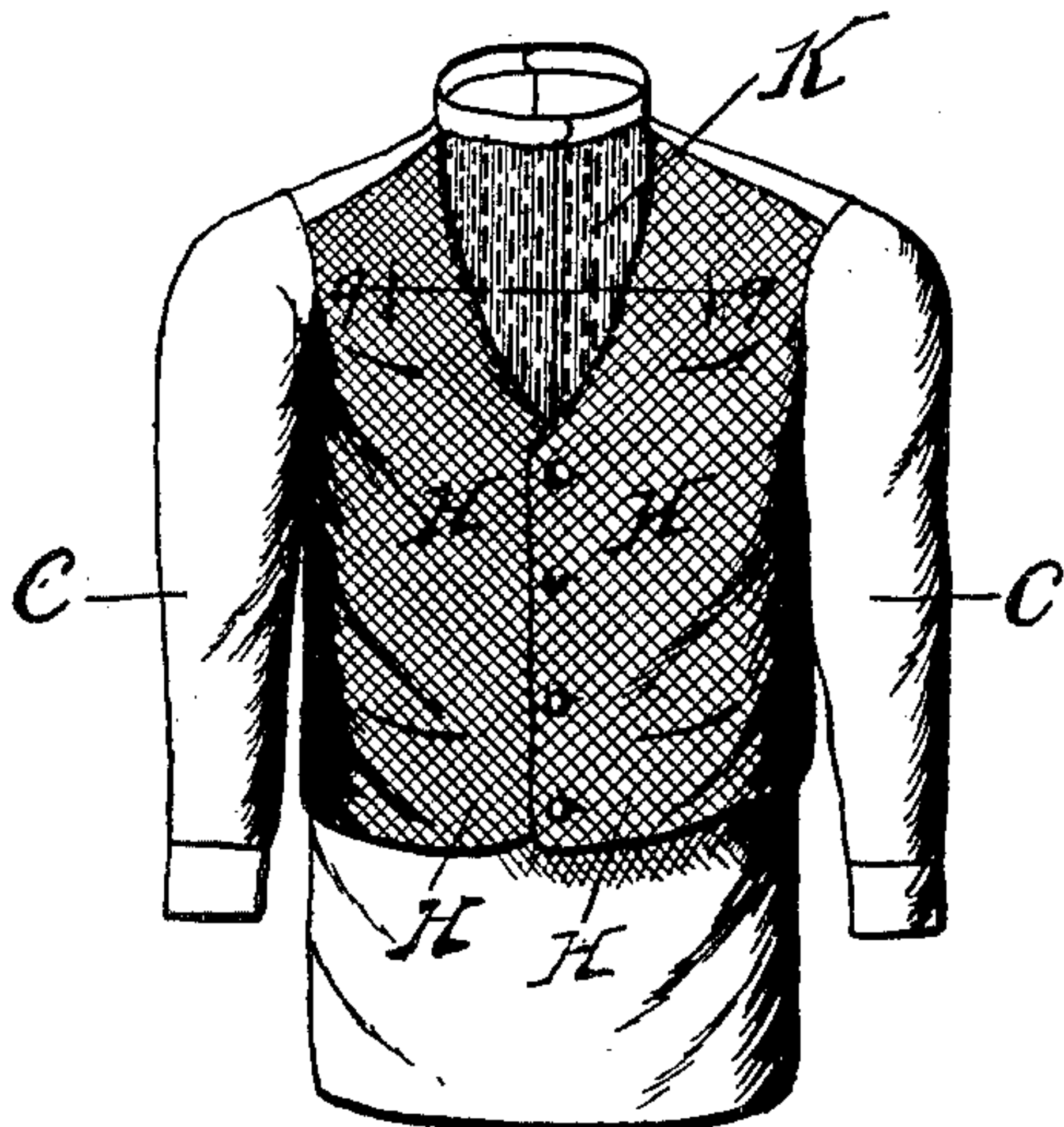
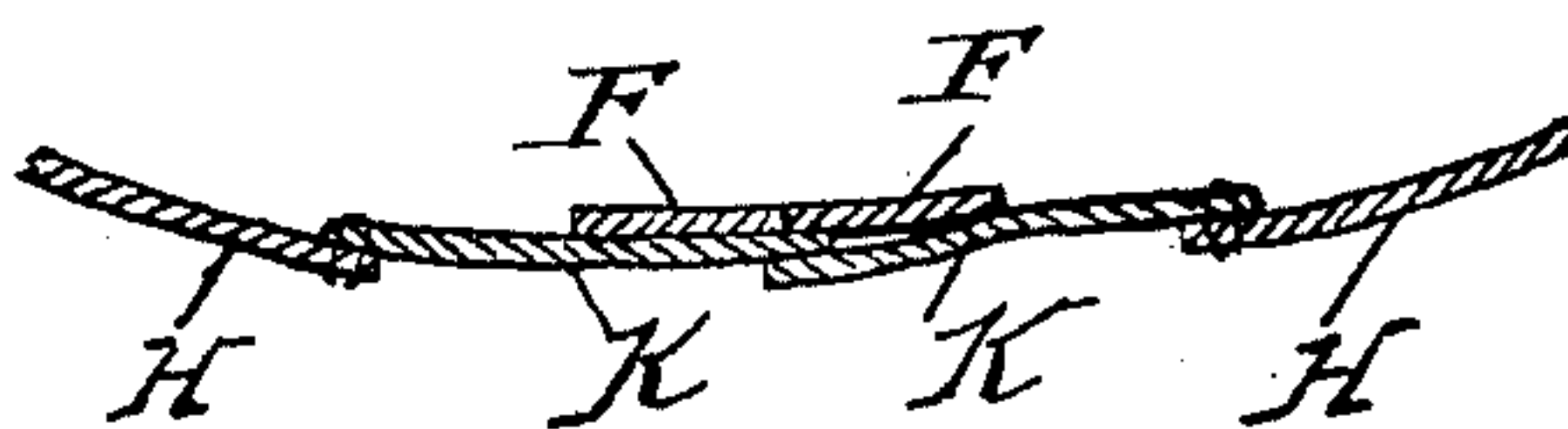


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. TOMLIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Galesburg, in the county of Knox and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in garments, and more particularly to a combined shirt and vest which is especially adapted for use in warm weather or in warm climates.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a dressy garment which combines in one article both a shirt and a vest and to outward appearances embodies the usual shirt with an independent vest.

Another object of this invention is to provide a garment which is particularly adapted for use as a summer garment and presents the effect of a separate vest and shirt, as usual, the garment being well ventilated and so designed and constructed as to promote the comfort of the wearer without in any way causing him to appear insufficiently or improperly dressed; and a further object of the invention is to provide a garment which can be easily and artistically designed and constructed to embody in general effect, as well as appearance, a shirt and a vest of any desired combinations of material.

My invention also has other objects in view, which will be pointed out hereinafter and described in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 illustrates my improved garment as it appears in general use, that part K which corresponds to the exposed portions of a shirt when an ordinary vest is worn being made of the same piece of material as the vest. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the part K of different material from the vest-pieces. Fig. 3 shows one side of the vest thrown open to illustrate the manner in which the garment is made and worn. Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the vest-pieces thrown open and cut away as in an ordinary vest, the widened upper ends of the strips F of the shirt being exposed. Fig. 5 is a rear view. Fig. 6 is a side view showing that the vest-pieces extend below and cover the trousers-

band. Fig. 7 illustrates the garment opened up. Fig. 8 is a front view of the garment, the part K being made of inserts stitched to the vest-pieces and of different material. Fig. 9 is a sectional view on the line 9 9 of Fig. 8.

Referring to the drawings, in which like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all of the figures, it will be seen that my improved garment comprises a back A, a tail B, the sleeves C, and the neckband D, substantially as in an ordinary shirt, the body being cut away where the bosom usually appears to leave the openings E. The front tail B is connected with the neckband by a strip or strips F, generally made of the same material as the tail to hold the tailpiece up in proper position. When the shirt is made to open only in the back, a single strip F will suffice; but if it is desired that the shirt should open in the front or in the front and back the strip should be divided, as indicated in Fig. 4.

The vest part of the garment consists of the two vest-pieces H H, which are designed, cut, and made to fit the figure of the wearer similar to the front pieces of an ordinary vest and may be made in any desired style with any number of buttons, the particular cut of the vest being a matter largely of individual taste. The back of the shirt part is also the back of the vest, and the vest-pieces are connected by stitching to the neckband and to the shirt part along the usual lines at the neck, around the armpit, and down the side edges I under the armpit; but the vest opens freely, preferably along the bottom and front, in the manner illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4.

In Fig. 1 I have shown the vest constructed somewhat different from the ordinary vest, being arranged to meet throughout its length from the neckband to the lower button, the stitching J indicating the lines of an ordinary vest cut away above the top button thereof. This stitching J defines that portion K of the vest which corresponds to the part of a shirt which is ordinarily exposed by the usual vest. The part K as thus made a part of the vest-pieces may be of an entirely different material from that of the vest to look more like a shirt as ordinarily exposed. Instead of making the vest-pieces in this manner, with



the part K an integral part thereof, I may cut away the vest-pieces above the top button *a* in a manner similar to an ordinary vest and supply pieces K, made out of the shirt material or of any other shirt material and stitched thereto, as shown in Fig. 8. In this way a more effective and natural appearance is presented by the garment, as the vest-pieces can be made of some vest material and the insert K made of a great variety of shirt material. The same effect may be obtained by cutting away the vest-pieces, as before described, and widening the upper ends of the strip F, as shown in Fig. 4, so that the part K will be of the same material as the back and tail of the garment. Separate pieces may be attached to the upper end of the strip F, as shown in Figs. 8 and 9, instead of widening its upper end, to secure the same result.

The suspenders L will pass up over the back of the shirt in the ordinary manner, Fig. 5, and through openings M in the vest, these openings being located and arranged upon the vest in such a position as will be most convenient to the wearer. In Fig. 1 the suspender-openings M are located opposite the armpits and in Fig. 2 at the shoulders, and the suspenders pass through these openings and support the trousers in the usual manner, as shown in Fig. 3. These suspender-openings may be differently located, as desired, because the vest-pieces are constructed and arranged to be unbuttoned and thrown back, Fig. 3, to give access to the suspenders, so that they can be buttoned to the trousers or unbuttoned and the cast-off manipulated in the customary manner. I prefer to locate the openings M at the shoulders, as shown in Fig. 2, as in this way the suspenders are hidden from view and do not detract from the appearance of the garment when in use; but the openings may be otherwise located without departing from my invention, as access can be had to the suspender-ends and cast-offs however the openings are arranged, and presenting the appearance and effect of both garments in one.

My improved garment combines a vest and shirt in one garment and practically consists

of a shirt without the usual bosom and provided with vest-pieces.

This garment is especially useful in the summer because it is light in weight, well ventilated, and always gives to the wearer a neat and well-dressed appearance. It can be made of any material, and this enables the wearer to make any combination of materials and colors he desires to produce different artistic effects.

The preferred form of the garment (shown in Fig. 1) may be changed by punching inserts K of a material corresponding to the shirt, so that the general effect presented is that of a complete and separate shirt and vest.

This garment can be manufactured and sold at very low cost and in many styles and varieties. It can be made of substantially the same weight as any ordinary negligée shirt; but as the vest-pieces cover the trousers it presents a better and more pleasing effect and gives to the wearer a well-dressed appearance.

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

A garment comprising a shirt having a back A, a tail B, sleeves C C and neckband D, and vest-pieces H H stitched to the shirt along the shoulders around the front portions of the armholes and down the sides beneath the armholes, the bosom of the shirt being cut away beneath the vest-pieces, upon opposite sides of the vertical central portion thereof, thus providing openings E and leaving a strip F connecting the tail and neckband, the garment being provided in the vicinity of the armholes with openings for the passage of the suspenders and the front and bottom edges of the vest-pieces being left free from the shirt, whereby the suspenders may be passed inward through the aforesaid openings in the vicinity of the armholes, thence downward beneath the vest-pieces, thence outward through the openings E and thence downward between the vest-pieces and shirt, substantially as described.

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