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Fig. 1.

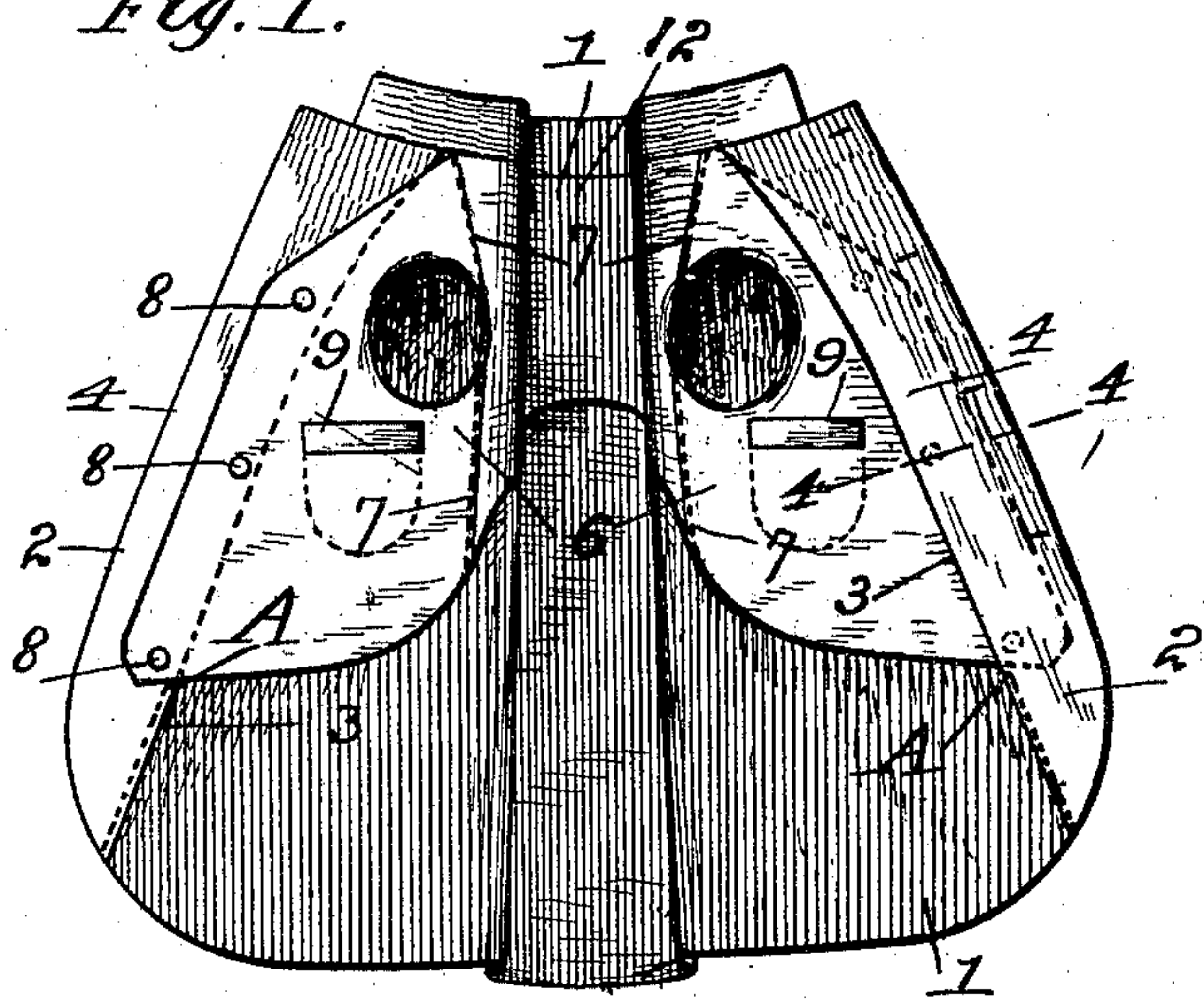


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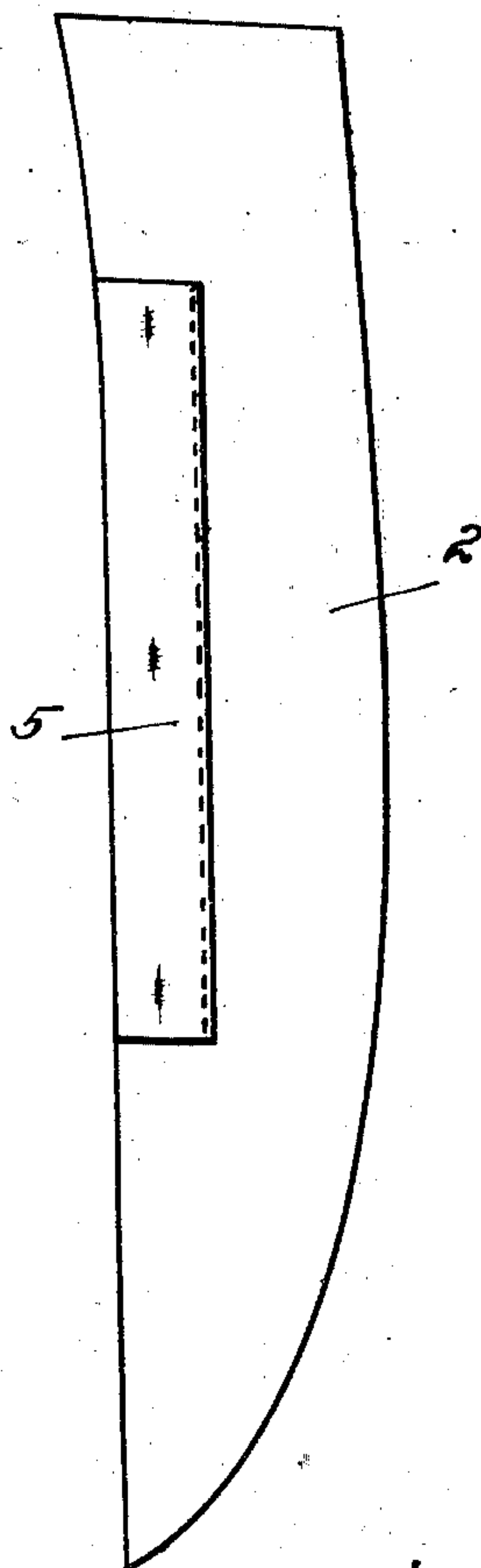


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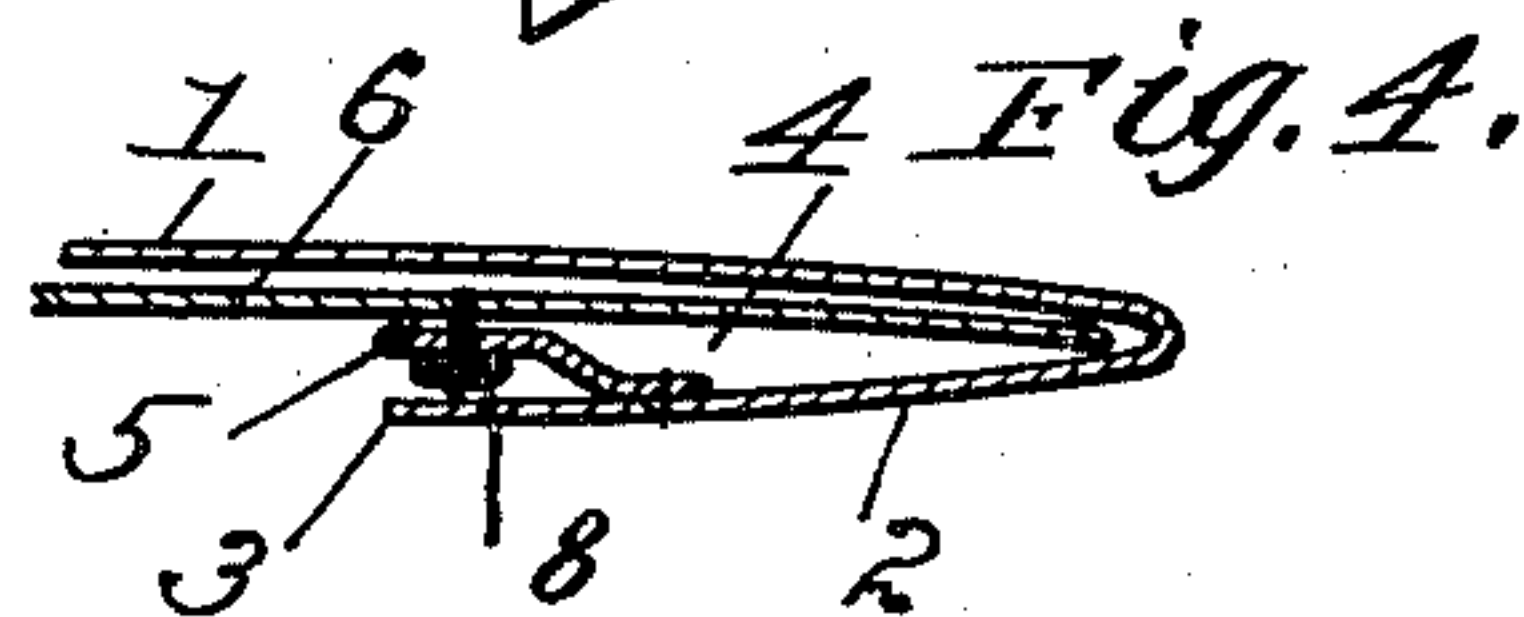
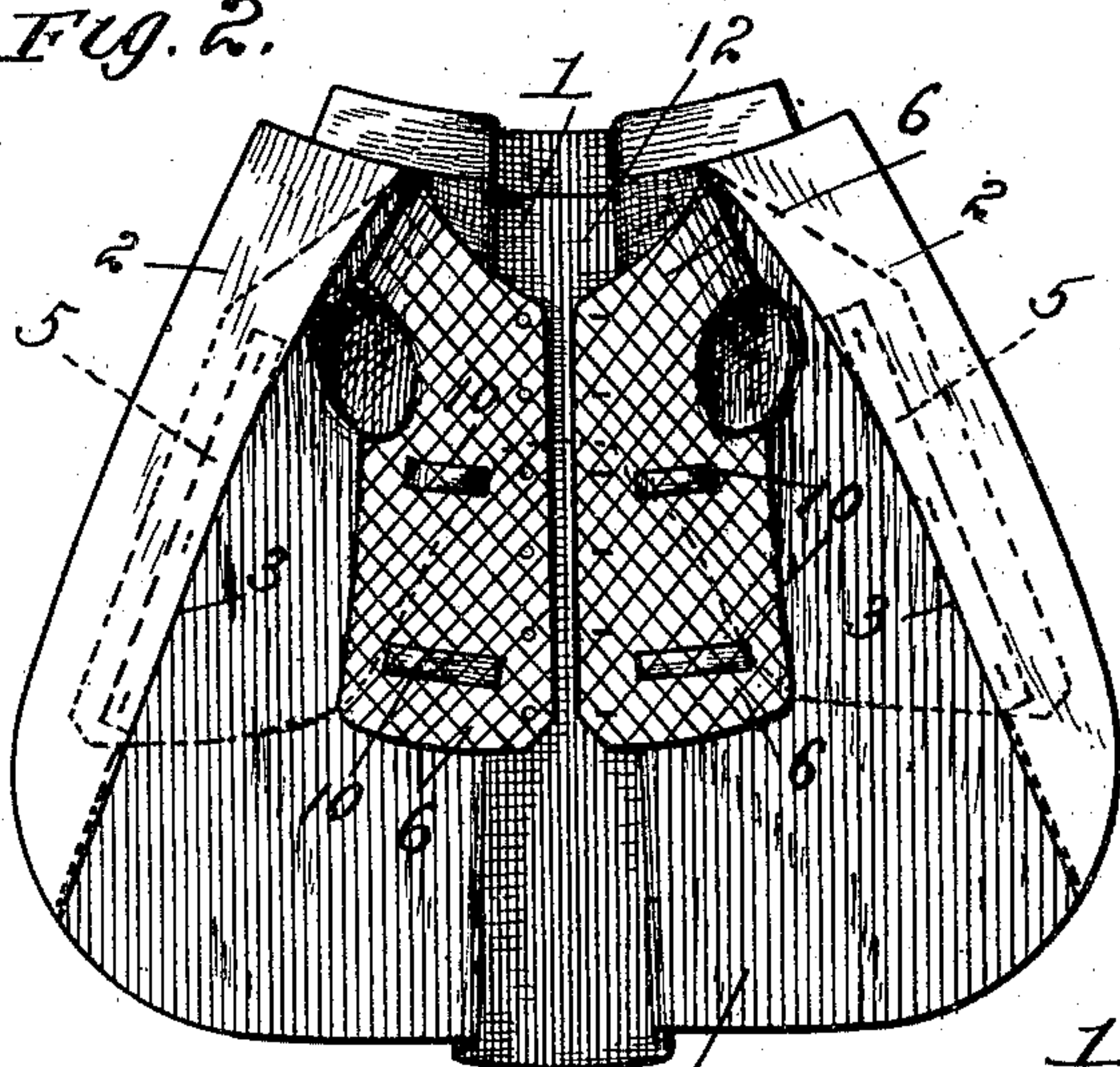
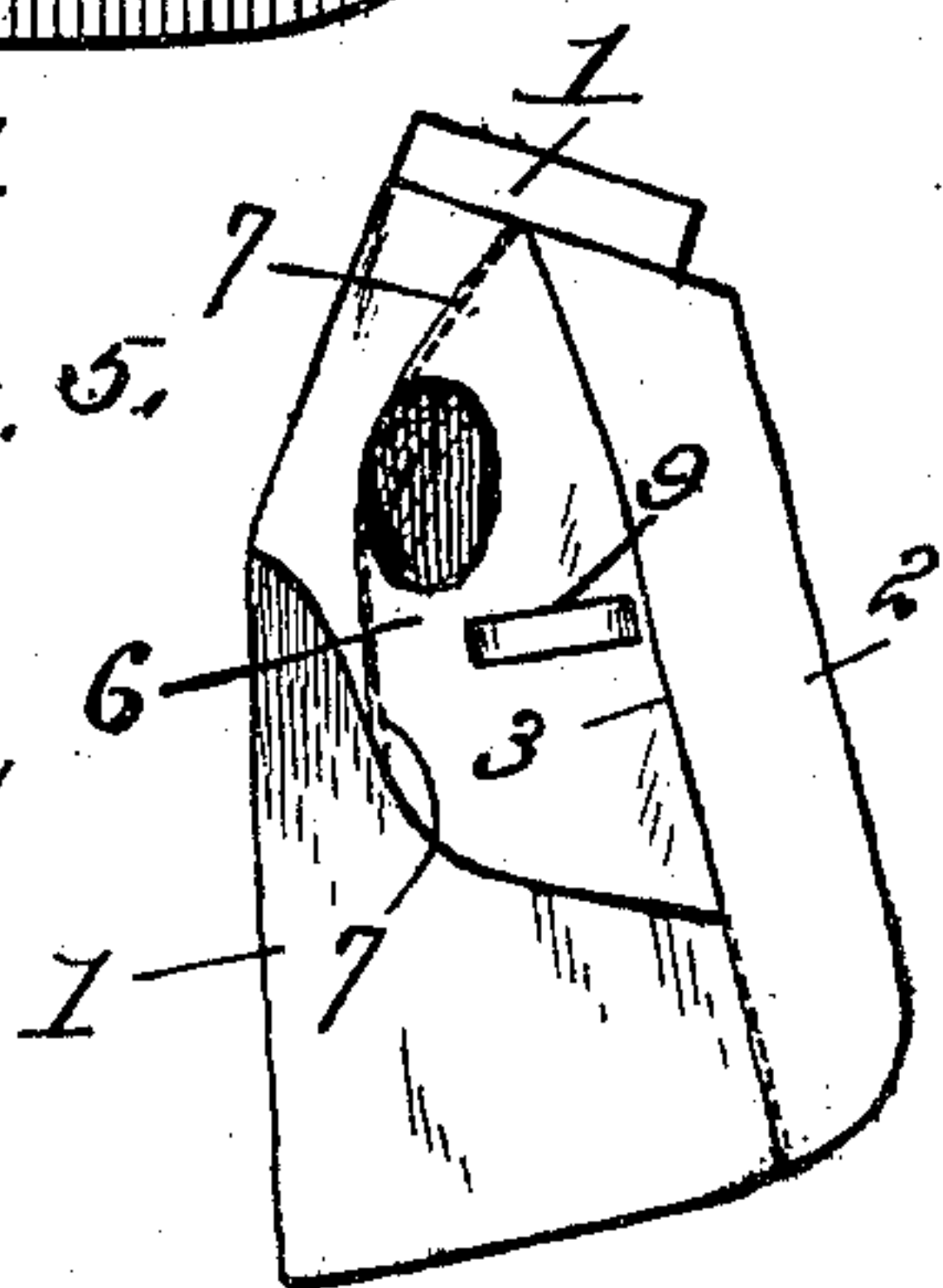


Fig. 5.



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## COMBINED COAT AND VEST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, GERSON LEVITAS and MAURICE GORCHAKOFF, citizens of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, county of New York, city and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Coat and Vest, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the inside of a coat embodying the invention, the portion of the vest on the right-hand side thereof being secured within the pocket formed for it and the portion of the vest on the left-hand side being shown outside of its pocket. Fig. 2 is a similar view, the vest being shown as it appears when brought forward to be buttoned around the wearer; Fig. 3, a detail of the inner side of one of the facings, showing the buttonhole-strip; Fig. 4, a detail sectional view on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 5, a view of the inner side of the coat, the coat being folded.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple combination-garment adapted for use in warm weather and which may be worn simply as a coat or as a coat and vest, as desired. When it is worn merely as a coat, the vest is so disposed as to form part of the lining of the coat and has not the appearance of a vest, the buttons and buttonholes and the lapels of the vest being entirely hidden in the facings of the coat.

Referring to the various parts by numerals, 1 designates the coat proper; 2, the facings on the inner side thereof, which are unattached at their inner edges 3 to the coat proper from their upper ends down to the point A, said facings being sewed to the coat proper from said point A to their lower ends. By this means long pockets 4, having substantially vertical openings, are formed by the facings, one pocket being near the button edge and the other near the buttonhole edge of the coat, the openings for said pockets being between the armholes and the said edges of the coat. To the inner side of the facings, along their inner edges and within the pockets 4, are secured buttonhole-strips 5. The coat proper is made without the usual lining; but secured therein is a vest formed of two

vest-sections 6. These vest-sections are secured to the coat proper by sewing, the lines of stitching being indicated by dotted lines 7. As will be noted, these lines of sewing begin at the upper ends of the vest-lapels, at the lower edge of the coat-collar, and extend downward and inward to the armholes, and from the rear edge of the said armholes they extend to the bottom of the vest, substantially parallel with the inner edges of the facings. The vest-sections are entirely unattached to the coat from these lines 7 of stitching to their outer or button and buttonhole edges and are free to be buttoned over as a vest or to be placed in the adjoining pockets 4, as shown in Fig. 4 and on the right-hand side of Fig. 1, when the garment is used merely as a coat. To the inner side of the vest-sections, along the button and buttonhole edges, are secured buttons 8. These buttons are passed through the holes in the buttonhole-strip 5, the edges of the vest being by that means held within the pockets 4.

Between the lines 7 of sewing which secure the vest-sections 6 to the coat is secured a lining 12, which serves the double purpose of forming the back of the vest and the lining of the upper portion of the coat-back. This lining is employed to give the inner side of the coat a finished appearance; but it will be readily understood that it may be dispensed with and the inner edges of the vest-sections 6 may be so cut and finished as to give the inner side of the garment the appearance of a skeleton-back coat.

The upper ends of the lapels of the vest-sections are secured to the coat at the base of the collar—that is, at the collar-seam—at the junction therewith of the inner edges of the facings 2, so that when the vest-edges are placed within the pockets they are entirely covered. The lines 7 of sewing which secure the vest-sections in place extend from the collar-seam at points adjacent the upper ends of the inner edges of the facings 2 downward and inward to the inner edges of the armholes, the section 12 of lining being also secured at its side edges to the coat by the lines 7 of sewing which secure the vest thereto. The upper edge of this lining 12 is secured to the coat along the collar-seam and its



lower edge is cut in an upward-curved line from the lower ends of the inner edges of the vest-sections to give the lining a pleasing appearance. It will thus be seen that the vest-sections and the section 12 of lining will be secured to the coat by the same lines of stitching, so that no extra seams or sewing will be necessary. The lower edges of the section of lining, curving upward from the lower ends of the inner edges of the vest-sections, give to the inner side of the coat a pleasing appearance and the lining serves the double purpose of a lining to the coat and a back to the vest. It will also be noted that the vest and the lining 12 will be sewed within the coat by three lines of sewing.

It will be noted that when the edges of the vest are secured within the pockets 4 the vest buttons and buttonholes are hidden and that the buttons 8, which secure the edges of the vest within the pockets, are also hidden, nothing being exposed which would indicate the coat to be a combination-garment.

The vest is provided with inside pockets 9, which when the vest edges are secured within the pockets 4 form inside pockets for the coat. The vest is also provided with outside pockets 10, which are between the vest and the coat when the vest edges are secured within the pockets 4 and form safety-pockets, in which valuable articles may be carried with safety.

The inner side of the vest is lined with such material as is usually employed as lining for coats, and the vest itself may be made of any suitable material. It may of course be made of the same material as the coat or of fancy silk or cotton goods. It will be noted that although the garment serves the purposes of a coat and vest it is not any heavier or warmer than the ordinary coat.

It will be readily understood that any suitable fastening devices may be employed to secure the button and buttonhole edges of the vest within the pockets formed by the coat-facings, and it is obvious that, if desired, the coat may be lined; but as the garment is intended for use in warm weather it is preferred to dispense with the usual coat-lining.

It will be noted that a user of the garment herein described need not wear a separate vest. Generally gentlemen do not care to appear in public without wearing the usual coat and vest. In warm weather this extra vest is very annoying, and men frequently resort to the expedient of simply unbuttoning it and permitting it to remain in this unsightly condition. By using this garment the vest may be dispensed with whenever desired and when not in use is practically entirely out of view, nothing being visible which would indicate the coat to be a combination-garment.

The advantages of a garment of this construction for use in warm weather will be obvious. The edges of the vest may be secured

within the pockets and the garment used as a half-lined coat during the warmest portion of the day, and should the evening be cooler the vest may be buttoned about the wearer, giving him a more dressy appearance and affording more protection than as the garment was worn during the heat of the day. It will also be noted that by reason of securing the vest to the coat, as described, the vest will appear to be an independent garment when it is buttoned about the wearer, there being nothing in the appearance of the coat or the vest which would indicate that the two articles constitute a combination-garment. The front edges of the coat are at all times as free as usual.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a garment, the combination of an unlined coat whose facings are unattached thereto at their inner edges for a portion of their length thereby forming pockets open at their inner edges, said inner edges being substantially parallel with the vertical edges of the coat, a buttonhole-strip secured within each pocket at the inner edge of the facing, a vest formed of two vest-sections, each section being secured within the coat by a line 7 of sewing extending from the upper end of the vest-lapels at the collar-seam adjacent the upper ends of the inner edges of the coat-facings to the inner edge of the adjacent armhole, and from the rear edge of the said hole to the bottom of the vest, said vest-sections being unattached to the coat from said lines 7 of sewing to the button and buttonhole edges of the vest, said edges being adapted to be buttoned around the wearer or to be passed within the pockets formed by the coat-facings, and a series of buttons on the inner side of the vest near such vertical edge and adapted to engage the holes of the buttonhole-strip in the pockets, substantially as described.

2. In a garment, the combination of an unlined coat whose facings are unattached thereto at their inner edges for a portion of their length thereby forming pockets open at their inner edges, said inner edges being substantially parallel with the vertical edges of the coat, a vest formed of two sections, each section being secured within the coat by a line 7 of sewing extending from the upper end of the vest-lapel at the coat-collar seam adjacent to the upper end of the inner edge of the coat-facing down and inward to the inner edge of the adjacent armhole, and from the rear edge of said armhole to the bottom of the vest, said vest-sections being unattached to the coat from said lines 7 of sewing to their button and buttonhole edges, said edges being adapted to be buttoned around the wearer or to be passed within the pockets formed by the coat-facings, and a lining 12 secured at its side edges to the coat by the lines 7 of sewing



and its upper edge to the collar-seam, said lining terminating at the lower ends of the inner edges of the vest-sections, and means for detachably securing the free edges of the  
5 vest-sections within the pockets formed by the facings of the coat, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our

signatures, in the presence of two witnesses, this 8th day of July, 1901.

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