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Fig. 1.

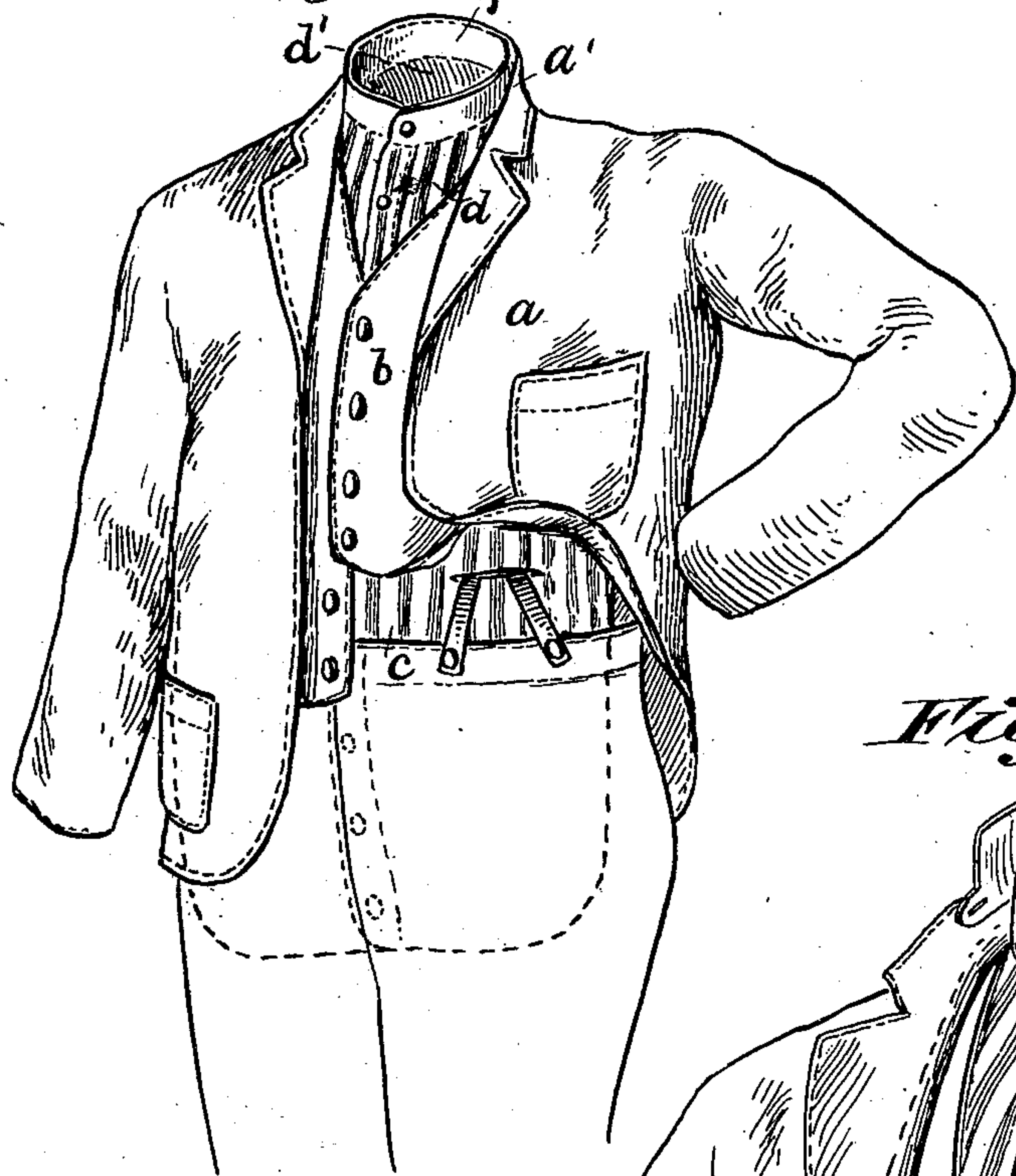


Fig. 3.

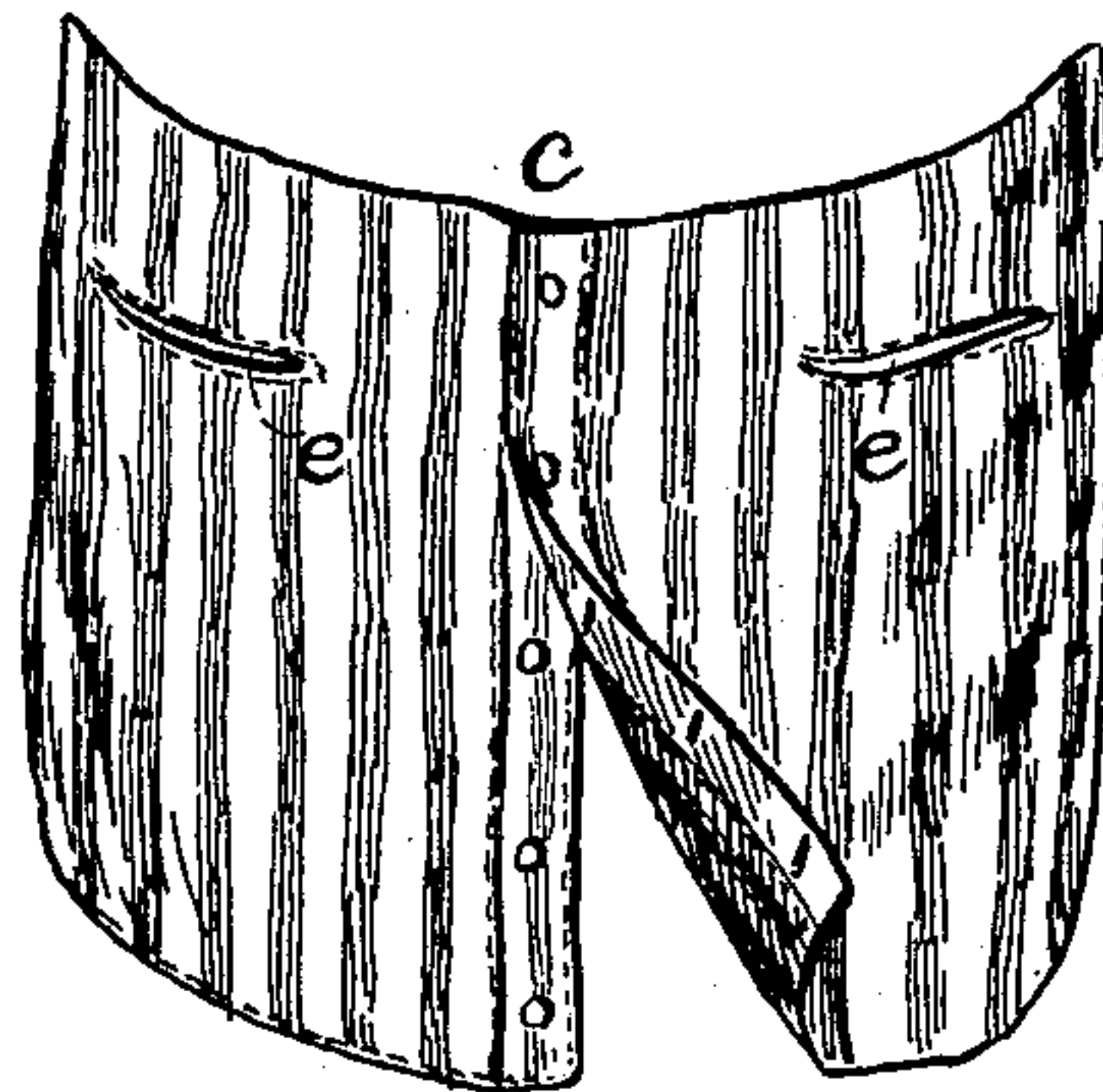


Fig. 2.

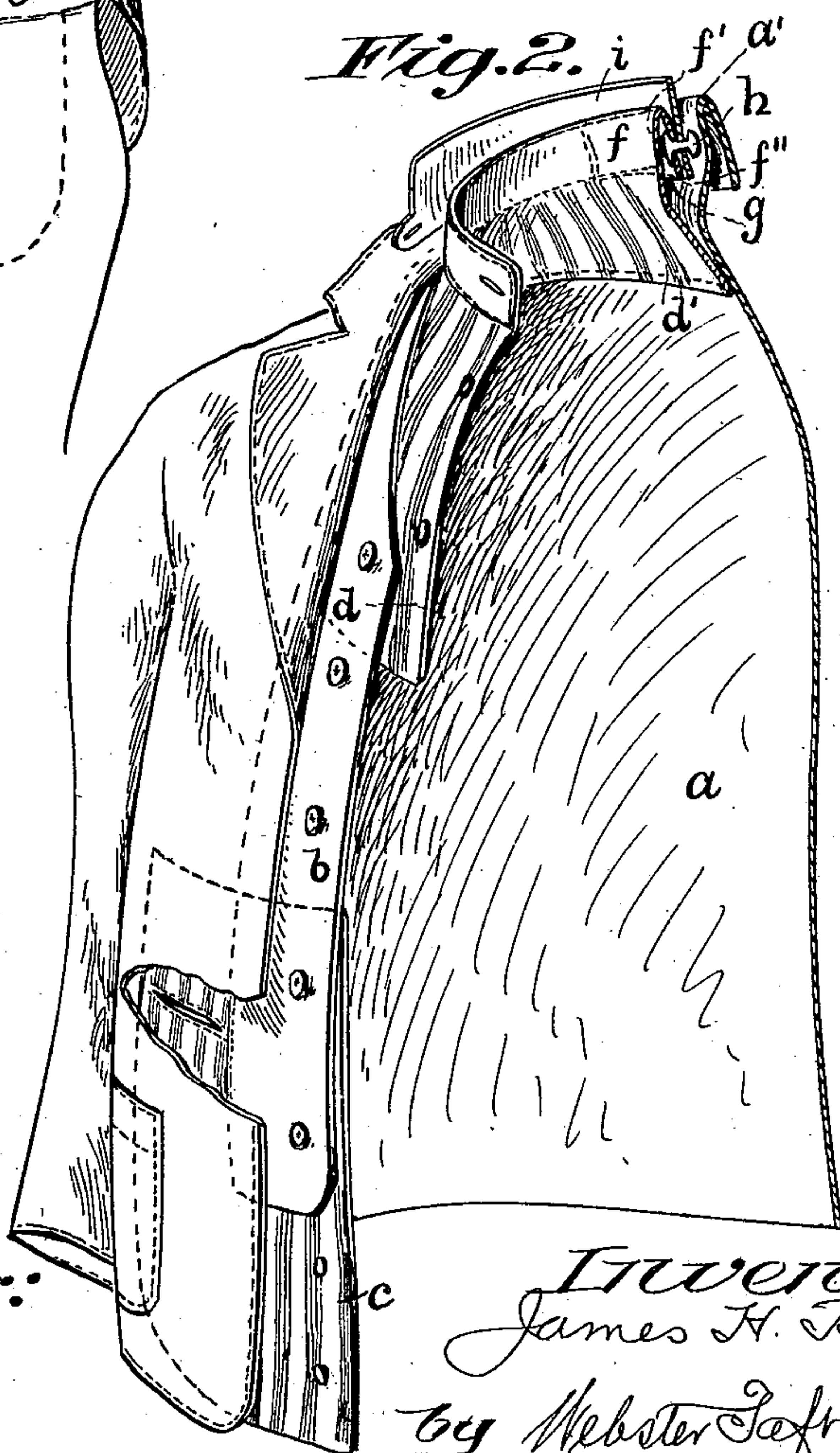
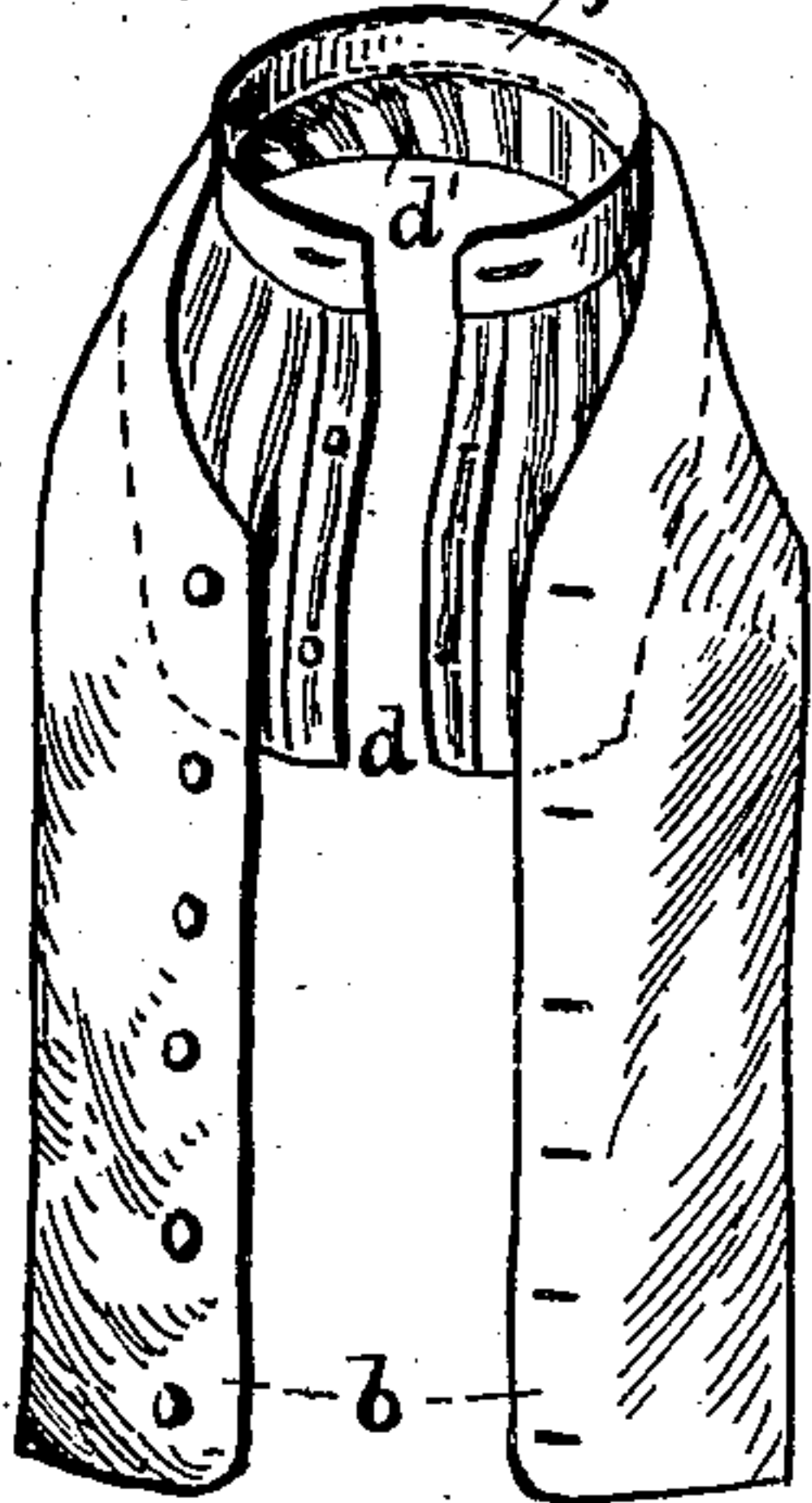


Fig. 4.



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COMBINATION-GARMENT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. BURT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Garment, the same being an improvement of an invention set forth in my application for United States Letters Patent filed September 4, 1900, Serial No. 28,988, and allowed November 16, 1901, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in garments, in which certain fragmentary portions or parts are so combined and united with a coat as to produce a complete article of wearing-apparel, as hereinafter fully described, and especially pointed out in the claims; and the object of my invention is to produce a simple, light, and inexpensive garment particularly useful for service in hot weather, which has the appearance of a coat, vest, and shirt, but which is free from the discomfort attending the wearing of so many separate and complete garments during the heated season. This improvement serves a double purpose in providing for the comfort of the wearer and in giving him the appearance of being fully dressed, two considerations that appeal to many with almost equal force.

A further improvement consists of a peculiarly-constructed neckband having for its object the concealment of the back collar-stud and the base of the rear of the collar, so as to produce the ordinary appearance attending the wearing of a shirt and coat, a result unprovided for in my former invention, which also failed to give the shirt, coat, and vest effect above referred to.

I attain these objects by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my garment, portions of the coat-and-vest member being elevated to more clearly disclose the construction; Fig. 2, a sectional view of said garment, showing the constructions thereof, including my improved neckband; Fig. 3, a front view of the abdominal-shirt member detached, and Fig. 4 a front view of the vest and chest-shirt members detached.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The vest, abdominal-shirt, and chest-shirt portions will be referred to as "members," the singular being used for each division, although, as in the case of the two former, each division consists of two parts, because the parts are united when on the wearer by suitable fastening means and practically constitute one member, or said parts might be permanently fastened together, of course, and detachably connected at one side with the coat. It is believed, however, that this last arrangement would not prove to be a satisfactory one for practical purposes.

A coat *a* is employed of any suitable construction so far as its general make-up is concerned, and it has attached thereto the vest member *b*, the abdominal-shirt member *c*, and the chest-shirt member *d*. The front edges of the coat *a* are not designed to be brought together, but are normally separated for a distance corresponding substantially with that which separates the front edges of an ordinary coat when left unbuttoned.

The vest member *b* preferably comprises two comparatively narrow strips (best shown in Fig. 4) stitched or otherwise attached at the outer edges to the inside of the breast of the coat *a* and buttoned or otherwise united at the center.

The abdominal-shirt member *c* preferably comprises two depending flaps stitched or otherwise fastened at their upper edges to the inside of the vest member *b* and of the coat *a*. When the member *c* is made as just described, the overlapping edges of the parts are buttoned together up and down the center or united in some similar manner. This flap is designed to be tucked into the front of the trousers when the garment is worn and not only serves to hold the front part of the garment in place, but also to conceal the undershirt in case the vest member should by any means become displaced or raised above the top of the trousers, as when the arm is elevated. Slits *e e* are provided in the flap *c* for the suspenders to pass through before being buttoned onto the trousers.

The chest-shirt member *d* has a neckband *f* at the top, from which depends a flap *d'*,

and this member, with said flap *d'*, is sewed or otherwise fastened to the inside of the vest member *b* and the coat *a*, the stitches, if thread is used, being taken along the outer edges of said member and the lower edge of the flap. The member *d* is of proper size to fill the V-shaped space above the vest member *b* and is preferably open in front and provided with buttonholes and buttons or other suitable means for fastening the overlapping edges together over the chest. The object of dividing the garment members over the chest, breast, and abdomen and providing closing means for the same instead of rendering them detachable at one side from the coat is to increase the facility with which the garment can be put on and taken off, also to enhance the hang and fit of the same.

I prefer to make the neckband *f* double at the back, as shown in Fig. 2, leaving a pocket *g* between the inner thickness of cloth *f'* and the outer thickness *f''*, in which latter a buttonhole is formed for the reception of the back collar-stud. This collar-stud is shown at *h* and is concealed with the lower part of the collar *i* by the collar *a'* of the coat *a*, which extends up around the back of the neckband *f*. The collar *a'* may be of any desired pattern.

I do not wish to be confined to any particular shape or size of coat and associated members, as changes in these particulars and departures in minor details of construction

other than those hereinbefore alluded to may be made without violating the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, in a garment, of a coat, and a chest-shirt member provided with a neckband of double thickness of material at the back so arranged as to form a holding means and a pocket for the back collar-stud, below the upper edges of said neckband and the coat-collar, the chest-shirt member and neckband being securely attached to the inside of the coat, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, in a garment, of a coat, a vest member having its outer edges attached to the inside of said coat, and a chest-shirt member provided with a neckband of double thickness of material so arranged as to form a holding means and a pocket for the back collar-stud, below the upper edges of said neckband and the coat-collar, and having a flap depending from the back thereof, said shirt member and flap being attached to the inside of said vest member and coat, substantially as set forth.

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

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