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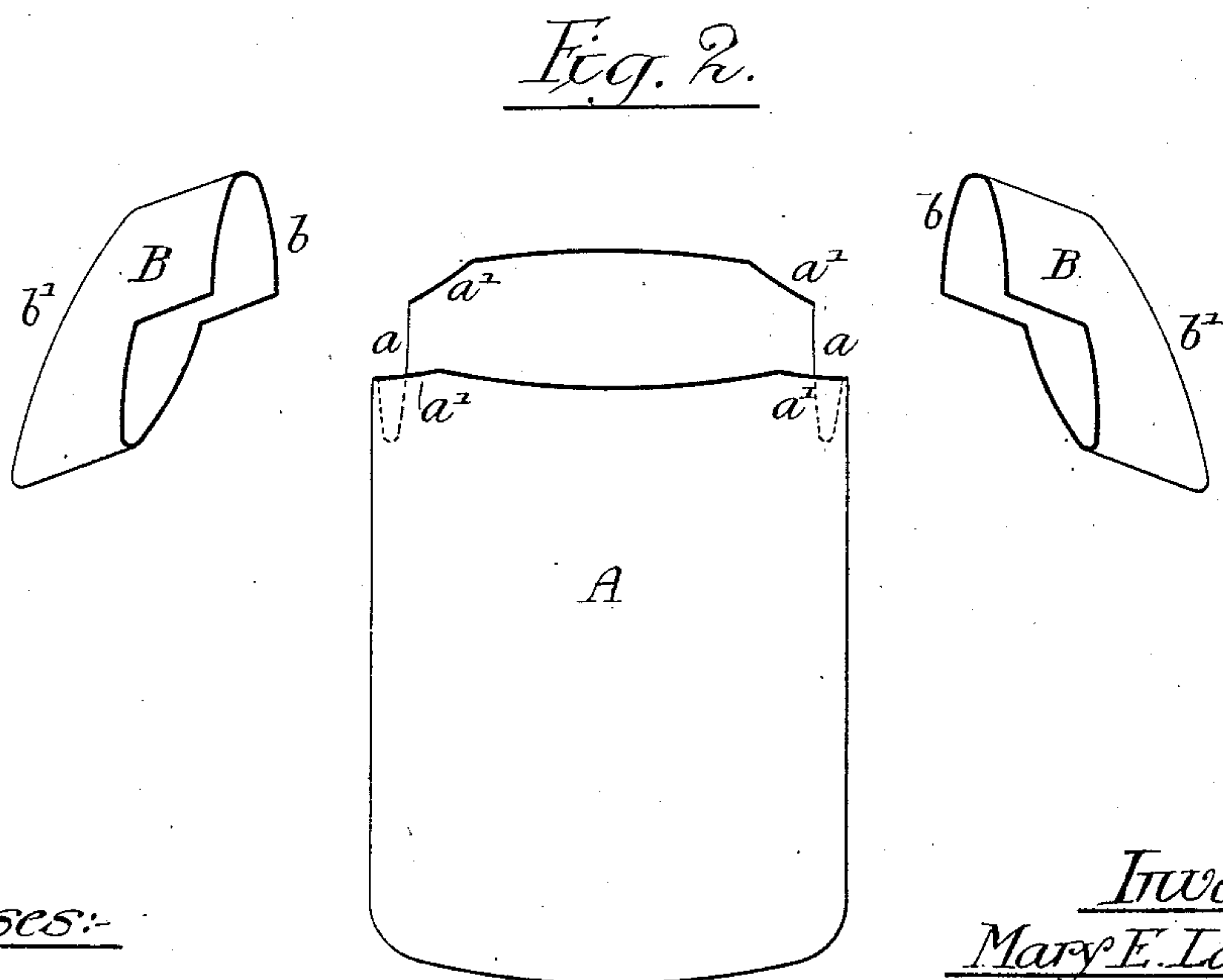
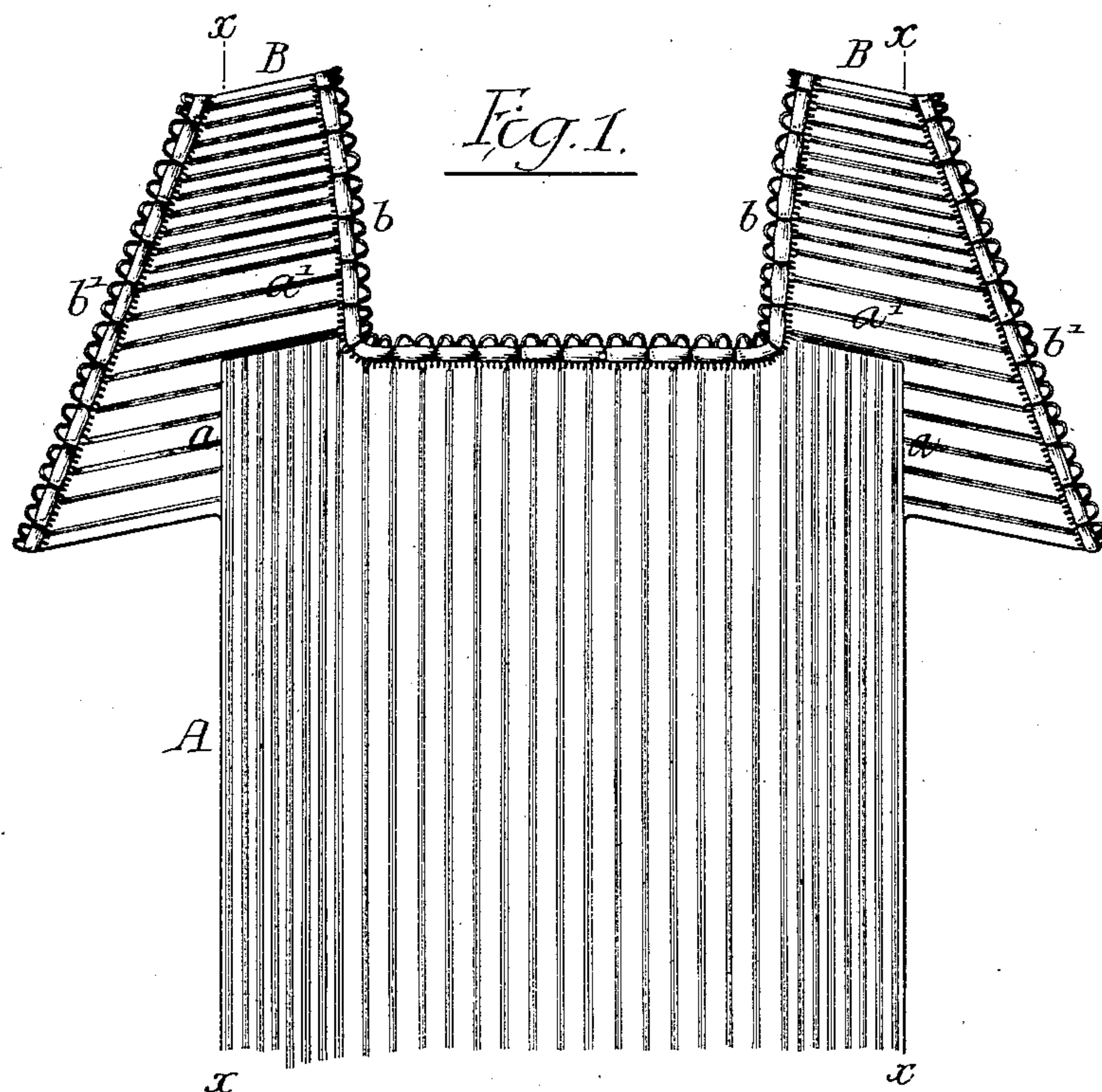
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY E. LANGHAM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Baldwinsville, New York, have invented certain Improvements in Ladies' Vests, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to manufacture a lady's vest or undershirt of the sleeveless type with shoulder-straps and shields, the parts being so arranged that the shoulder-straps will not slip off the shoulders and the shields will not pucker under the arm. This object I attain in the following manner, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a lady's vest, illustrating my improvements. Fig. 2 is a diagram view showing the sections of the vest detached.

A is the body of the vest, made of knitted fabric in the ordinary manner. This fabric is cut on the vertical lines *a* and on the inclined lines *a'*.

B B are the shoulder-straps, made of knitted fabric and of the shape clearly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings. These shoulder-sections B B are cut to fit the body A on the lines *a a'* and are attached to the body portion on these lines. The inner edge *b* of each section B is slightly curved, while the outer edge *b'* is on an incline extending a distance beyond the edges of the body portion A, the lower portion of the sections B forming shields, which rest under the armpits. These shields will to a certain extent protect the dress from perspiration. By extending the strap portions B B within the lines *xx* of the garment the straps are brought squarely upon the shoulders and are not liable to be drawn off the shoulders by the movements of the arms, and as the fabric is made expansible the shield portion will yield to the movements of the arms and fit snugly in the armpits.

As shown in Fig. 2, the body portion A is made of tubular knitted fabric, the ribs running vertically, while the sections B B are also made of tubular knitted fabric, the ribs being at an angle to the ribs of the body portion, and the sections B B are preferably set into the body A at an incline.

It will thus be seen that the vest is so made that the straps will remain in position on the shoulders, and the parts being ribbed, as indicated, will allow the straps to readily yield to accommodate the movements of the arms, and these shoulder-straps are preferably made with the ribs far apart in the lower portion, and in the upper portion the ribs are closer together, so that the upper portion will stretch more than the lower portion.

I claim as my invention—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a lady's vest or undershirt having a body portion cut on the lines *a a'*, the lines *a'* being at an angle to the vertical lines *a*, shoulder-strap sections cut to fit the cut portions of the body, said shoulder-strap sections having extensions at the lower portion forming shields, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a lady's vest or undershirt having a body portion made of tubular knitted fabric, shoulder-strap sections also made of knitted fabric, the upper portion of the body being cut on lines *a a'*, the said strap-sections being cut on lines to fit the cut portions of the body and extending within the side lines of the garment at the upper end and extending beyond the lines of the body at the lower end to form shields, substantially as described.

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

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