

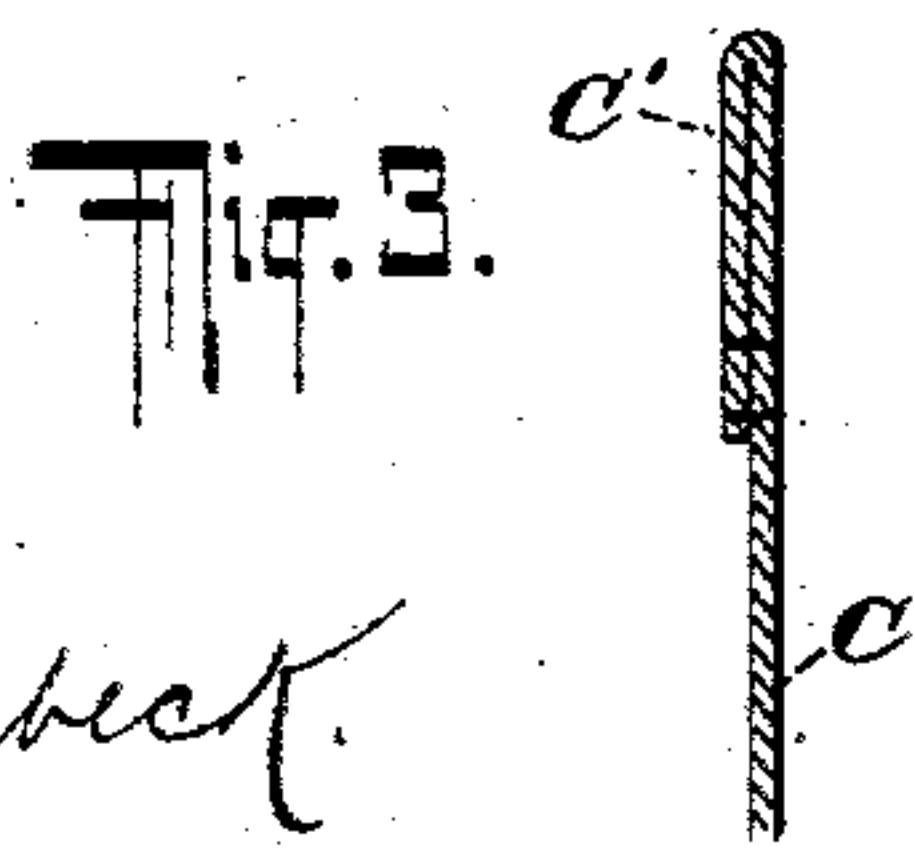
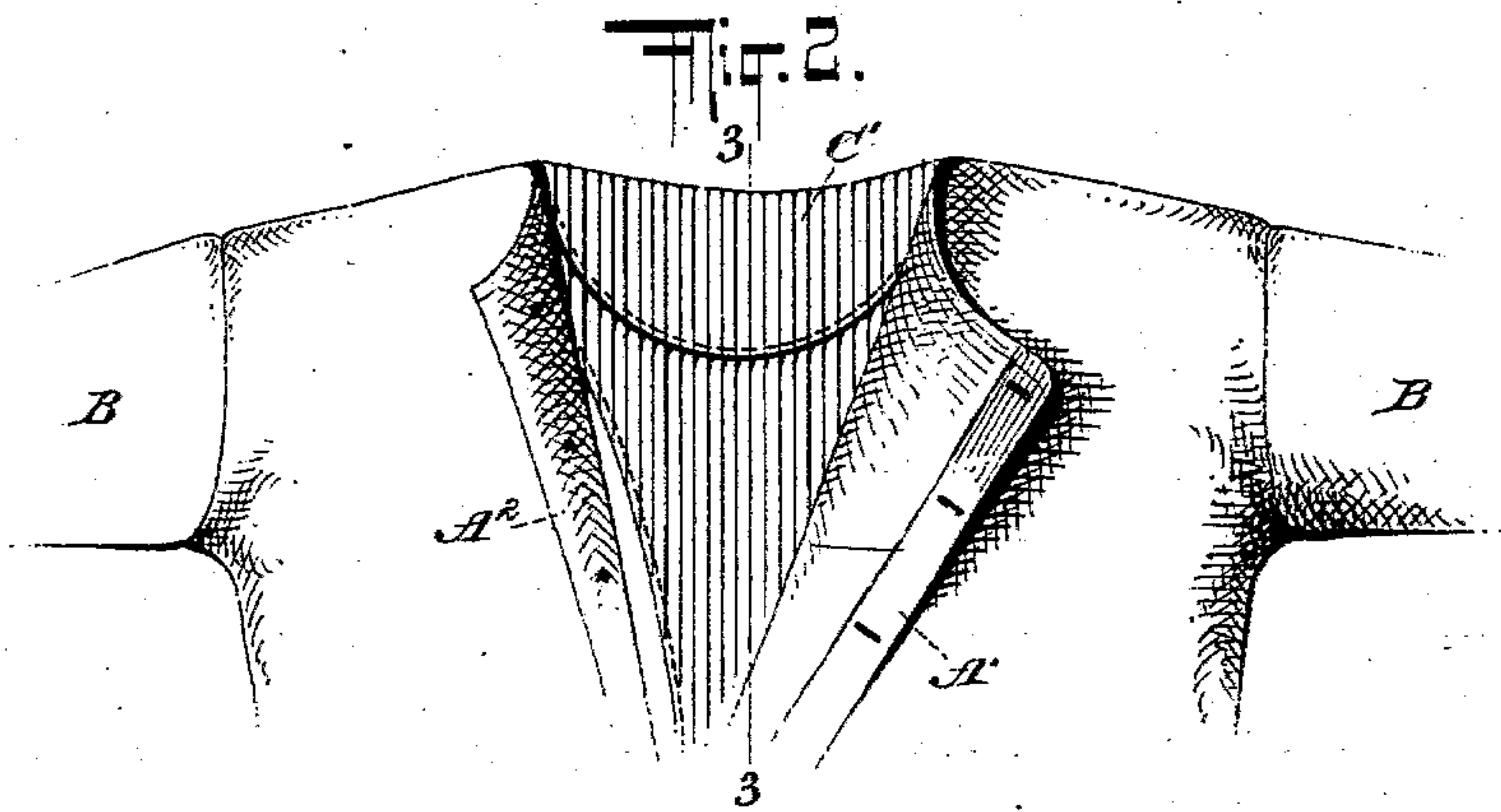
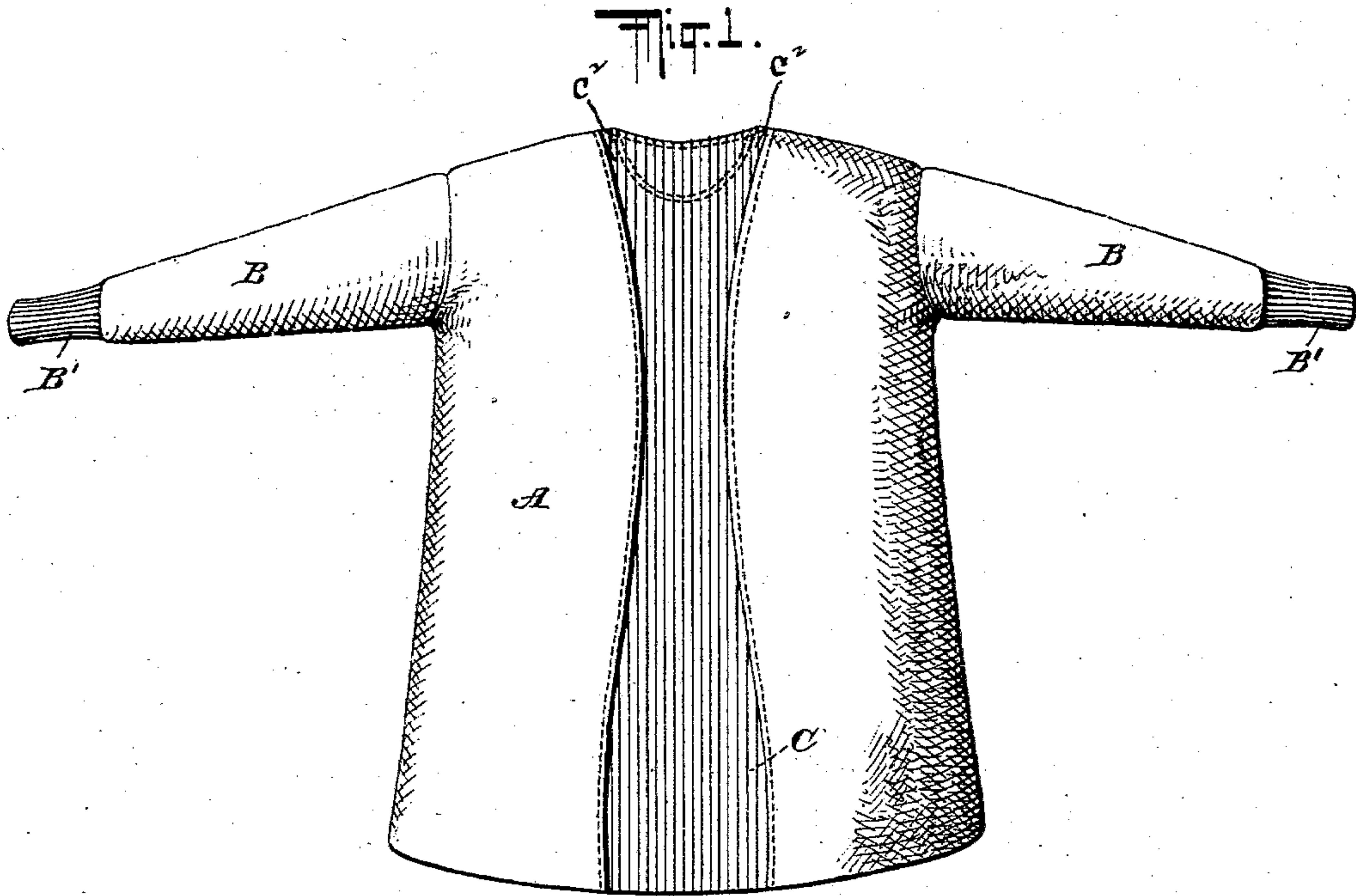
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## GARMENT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JEREMIAH A. SCRIVEN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to garments, and particularly to such as are adapted to fit the upper part of the body, whether such garments be provided with sleeves or not.

The object of my invention is to provide a self-adjusting garment of the above-indicated class which will be yielding, so as to properly fit the person of the wearer, and which will be reinforced at the neck, so as to be of particular strength and durability where it is subject to the greatest wear.

My invention is particularly adapted for use in connection with undershirts, as shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a back view of an undershirt embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a partial front view thereof, and Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

The body A of the garment may be made of any suitable material and is generally substantially inelastic. My invention has no reference to the construction of the front portion of the garment, and this may be open, as shown in Fig. 2, and provided with a flap A', adapted to be buttoned upon another flap A'', or any other approved construction may be employed. The garment may be provided with sleeves B having elastic wristlets B', or in some cases these sleeves and wristlets may be omitted.

My invention relates chiefly to the construction of the back portion of the garment. As shown particularly in Fig. 1, the garment is provided with a longitudinal or vertical elastic insertion C, preferably made of ribbed knitted fabric, and this insertion is of least width at a point somewhat below the sleeves or arm-pits and increases in width both toward the neck and toward the bottom of the undershirt. Of course the inelastic portions of the garment have edges of a shape corresponding to that of the elastic insertion C—that is, said edges are not straight, but somewhat ogee-shaped. The

insertion is connected with the adjacent edges of the shirt-body by sewing or in any other suitable manner. The upper portion of the insertion is preferably reinforced by making it with a flap C', which preferably is of slightly less width than the upper end of the insertion and is turned down upon the inside of the shirt and sewed or otherwise secured to the body of the insertion. This flap C' is generally of about the shape of a crescent.

It will be understood that the particular shape of the elastic insertion C allows the garment to expand most at those portions where the greatest expansion is required, while maintaining a good fit at such portions at which but little expansion takes place. The construction of the shirt or undershirt described not only enables the same shirt to be fitted on persons of different stature within certain limits, but also secures a permanently good fit of the garment on the same person whether the chest be expanded or contracted. The conditions of comfort and of hygiene are therefore fully provided by the improved construction, and, moreover, the construction is strong, durable, and economical, for the reason that a shirt of the given size will fit different people within certain limits.

It will be understood that the elastic insertion is made widest at the top and at the bottom—that is, at those points where the muscular development and movement of the body are greatest and where, therefore, a comparatively great elasticity of the garment is of especial benefit. At the central portion, however, the elastic insertion is made comparatively narrow, as the corresponding part of the person's body remains comparatively at rest even during violent exercise, and thus an accurate and comfortable fit is insured. The fact that the reinforced portion of the insertion does not extend fully to the edges of the insertion, as may be seen in Fig. 1, is also of advantage, as a greater elasticity is thus secured at the neck than if the entire edge of the insertion at the neck consisted of a double layer. Furthermore, the crescent shape of the insertion provides narrow fork members C<sup>2</sup> of single thickness at each side of the



double or reinforced portion C', said fork members being more elastic and extending fully to the upper edge of the insertion.

In the appended claims I have for the sake of simplicity referred to the garment as a "shirt;" but I desire it to be distinctly understood that this term as used by me is to be interpreted as including undershirts, night-shirts, and, generally speaking, garments of this character whether they be provided with sleeves or not.

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

1. A shirt fashioned of suitable body material and having an elastic insertion of varying width entirely dividing said body material from neck-opening of said shirt to the bottom opening of said shirt.

2. A shirt fashioned of suitable body material and having an elastic insertion of varying width entirely dividing said body material at the back of said shirt.

3. A shirt fashioned of suitable body material and having an elastic insertion wider at its ends than at its central portion and entirely dividing said body material from the neck-opening to the bottom opening of said shirt,

4. A shirt fashioned of suitable body material and having an elastic insertion entirely

dividing said body material from the neck-opening to the bottom opening of said shirt, the upper end of said insertion having a flap of less width than the end proper of said insertion, which flap is folded over and attached to the main portion of said insertion to form a reinforce, leaving strips of unreinforced insertion extending at either side of said reinforce to the neck-opening of said shirt.

5. A shirt fashioned of suitable body material and having an elastic insertion wider at its ends than at its central portion and entirely dividing said body material from the neck-opening to the bottom opening of said shirt, the upper end of said insertion having a flap of less width than the end proper of said insertion, which flap is folded over and attached to the main portion of said insertion to form a reinforce, leaving strips of unreinforced insertion extending at either side of said reinforce to the neck-opening of said shirt.

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

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