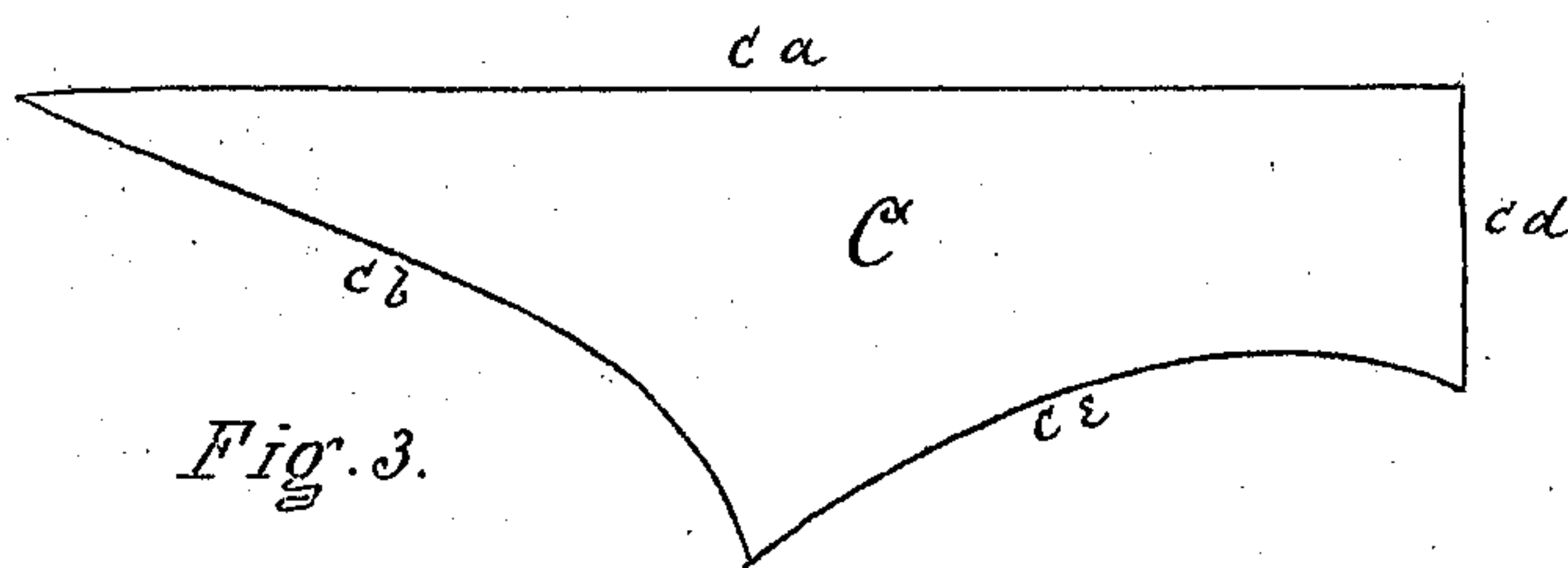
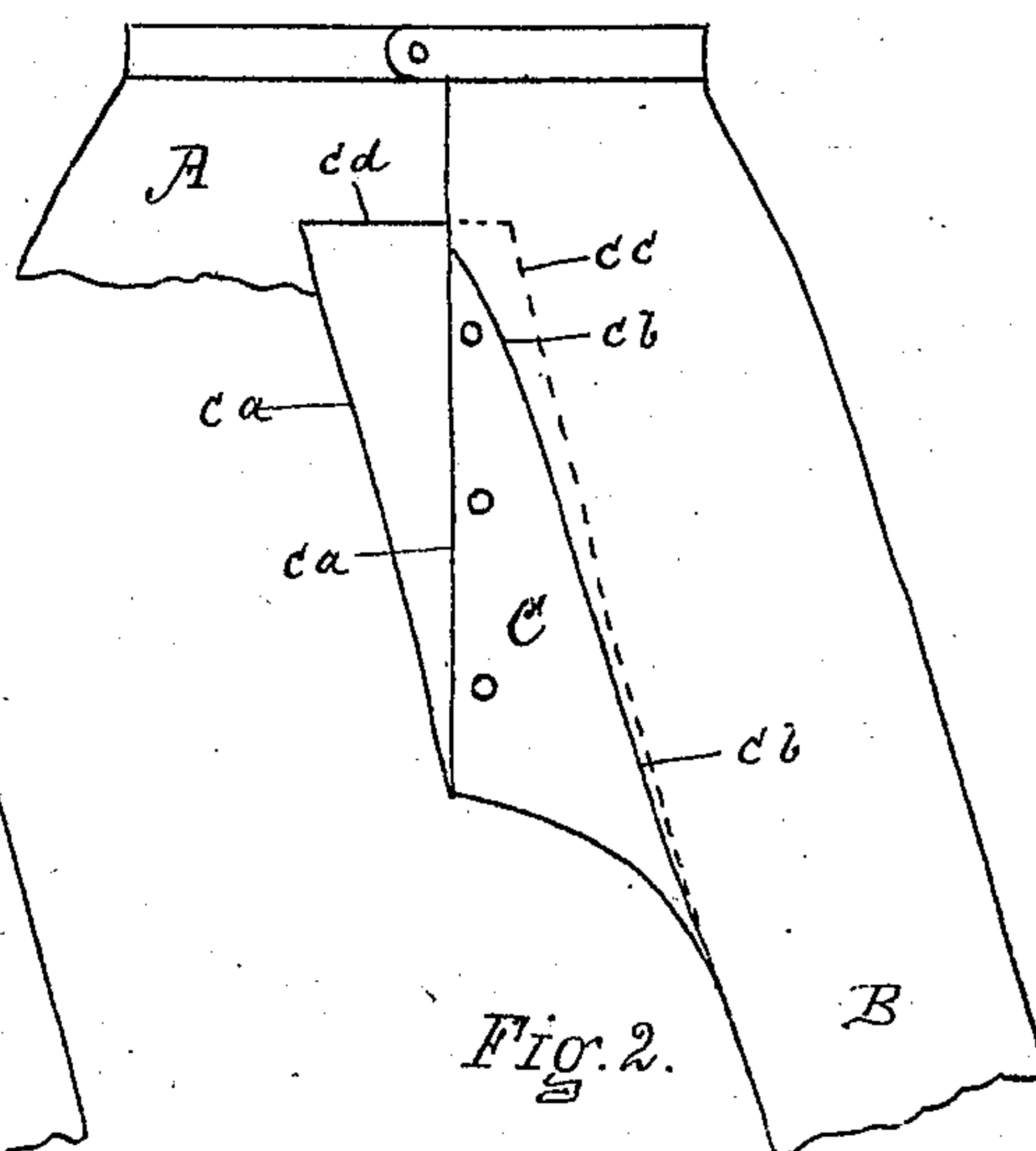
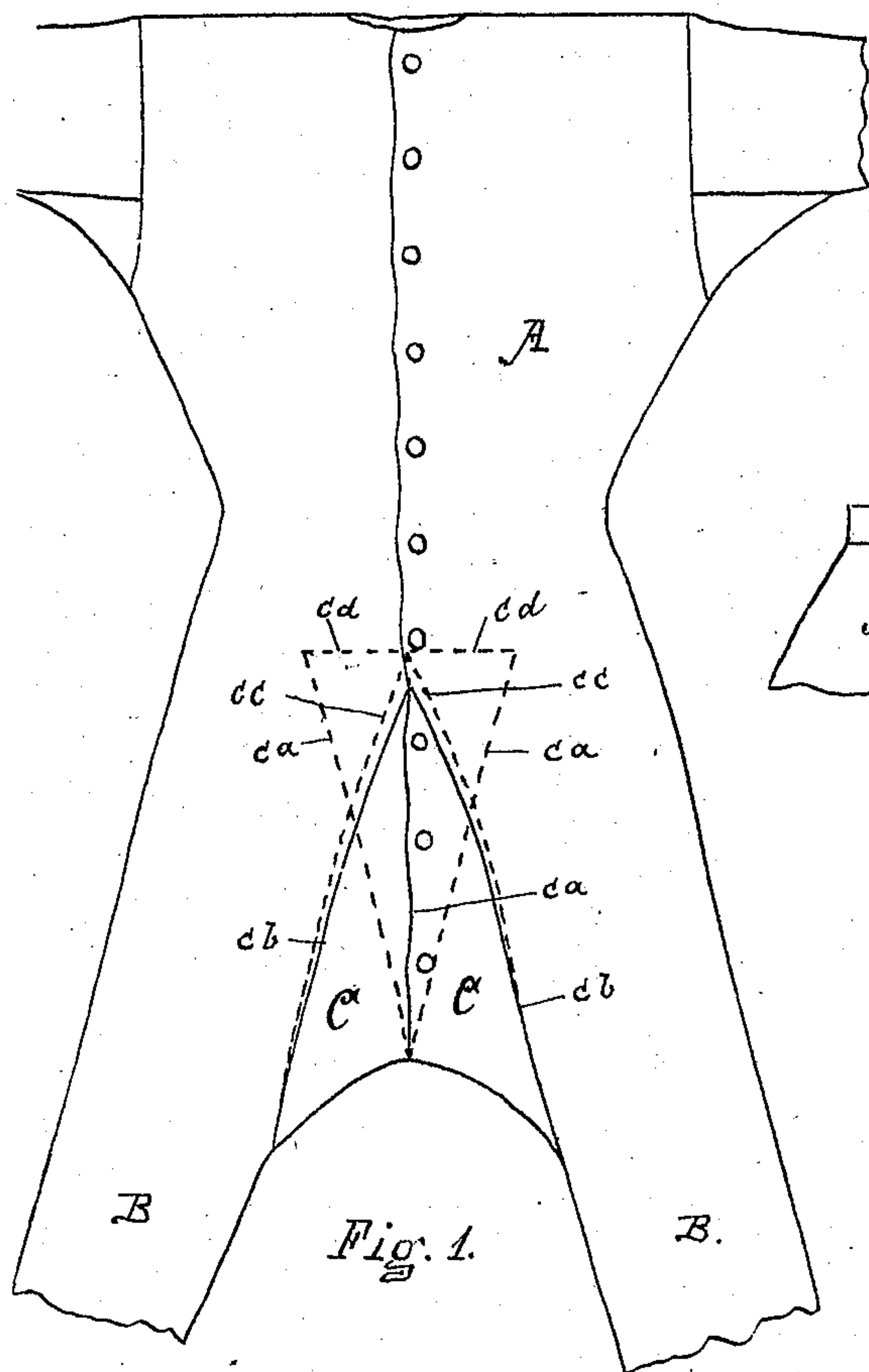


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. POWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Whitesboro, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Underwear, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to an improved article of underwear; and I declare that the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description thereof sufficient to enable one skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters refer to like parts throughout.

My invention is applicable to a union suit or to a pair of pants and is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view indicating by dotted lines the outline of parts of the rear. Fig. 2 is a view showing my invention applied to one leg of a pair of pants, and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the block or ply of cloth which is used in the application of my invention to a garment.

The purpose of my invention is to provide necessary fullness in the abdominal portion of the garment from about the waist portion downward, permitting the relatively narrow pieces of substantially uniform width which comprise the blank leg portions of a garment to be extended farther up substantially to the waist-line on the front and back of the garment. This is accomplished by the insertion of a certain part, a feature of which is a gore portion, which is applied to the front of the garment and tapers upwardly and which also has a portion to be attached into the leg of the garment and a further portion extended rearwardly and upwardly to about the waist-line.

In the drawings, A represents the body portion of a garment having the leg portions B. The garment is generally cut out of a single piece, having inner seams in the legs, which are thus formed of substantially a uniform width. To provide the necessary room at the thighs, I stitch in the blank or ply shown. C represents this ply. It has a substantially straight edge *ca*, which extends from front to rear substantially on the crotch-line. It also has an edge *cb*, which meets the edge *ca* in a point, which point of the flap or blank is attached to the front opening of the garment at about the waist-line.

The blank is attached to the adjacent edge of the garment throughout the edge *cb*, which has a slight curvature to produce the desired form and effect, this line of stitching extending down along the front edge of the inner leg-seam to a point where the edge *cb* intersects the edge *ce*, when the stitching is continued up the rear edge of the inner leg-seam and the vertical opening of the garment along line *cc* to a point substantially near the waist-line in the rear, where it meets the transverse edge *cd*, by which it is secured to the back of the garment. The edges *cd* of the two flaps may or may not be overlapped, as shown in this instance and as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1.

From Fig. 2, which illustrates a pair of pants, it will be seen that the device is equally applicable to a single garment as to a union suit. The two blanks or plies when attached to the garment may be secured by buttons at the front edge, the overlapping of the rearward portion obviating the necessity of any fastening at that part, or a fastening may be provided. It is seen, therefore, that I have provided with an undergarment a part to be attached thereto, of such particular dimensions and shape as may be required, which will provide fullness in the abdominal portion without the overlapping of a number of plies and which at the same time provides sufficient rear closure without the need of any fastening thereat, but still providing ample fullness and covering without unnecessary material and which allows the narrow leg portion to be extended farther toward the waist-line than heretofore.

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

1. An undergarment having leg portions, and two flaps inserted and secured in said leg portions, respectively, and providing the fullness in the thigh portions thereof, each flap being secured throughout one longitudinal edge to its respective leg portion, and extending from about the waist-line at the rear downwardly and then up at the front about to the waist-line at the front, said longitudinal edge tapering from the ends toward the center to form a projection extending downwardly in the leg portion, substantially as described and shown.

2. An undergarment having leg portions, and two flaps inserted and secured in said leg portions, respectively, and providing fullness



in the thigh portions thereof, each flap being secured throughout one longitudinal edge to its respective leg portion and extending from about the waist-line at the rear downwardly and then up at the front about to the waist-line at the front, said longitudinal edge being inclined forming an intermediate projection extending downwardly in the leg portion, the portions of said flaps at the front meeting about along the vertical crotch-line without substantial overlap, said vertical meeting edges provided with means for detachably uniting the same, substantially as described.

15 3. An undergarment having leg portions, and two flaps inserted and secured in said leg portions, the front ends of said flaps being secured to the front part of the garment

about at the waist-line and extending downwardly therefrom at the front of the garment with varying lateral expanse and then upwardly at the rear and about to the waist-line at the rear, the rear portions of said flaps crossing to form a rear closure, the front vertical portions of said flaps meeting about along the vertical crotch-line without substantial overlap, and provided with a vertical series of securing-buttons and button-holes, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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