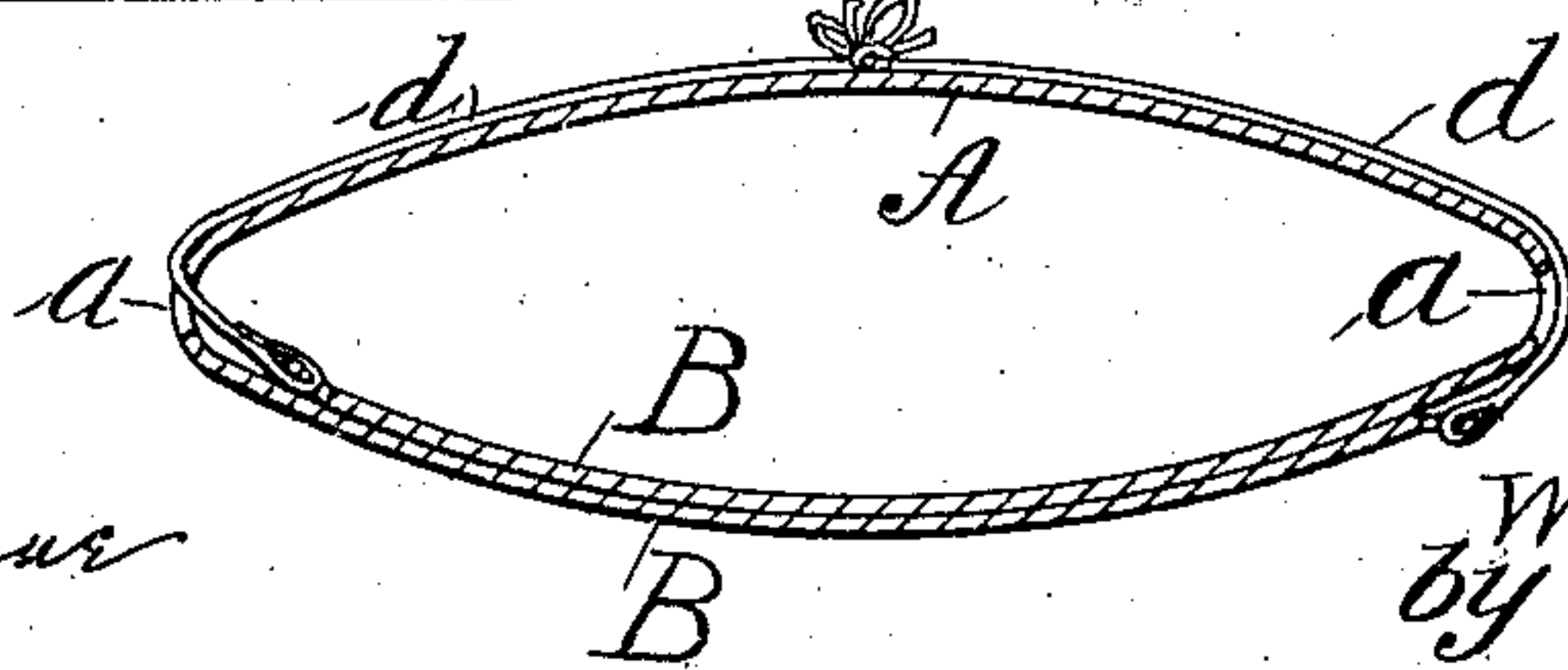
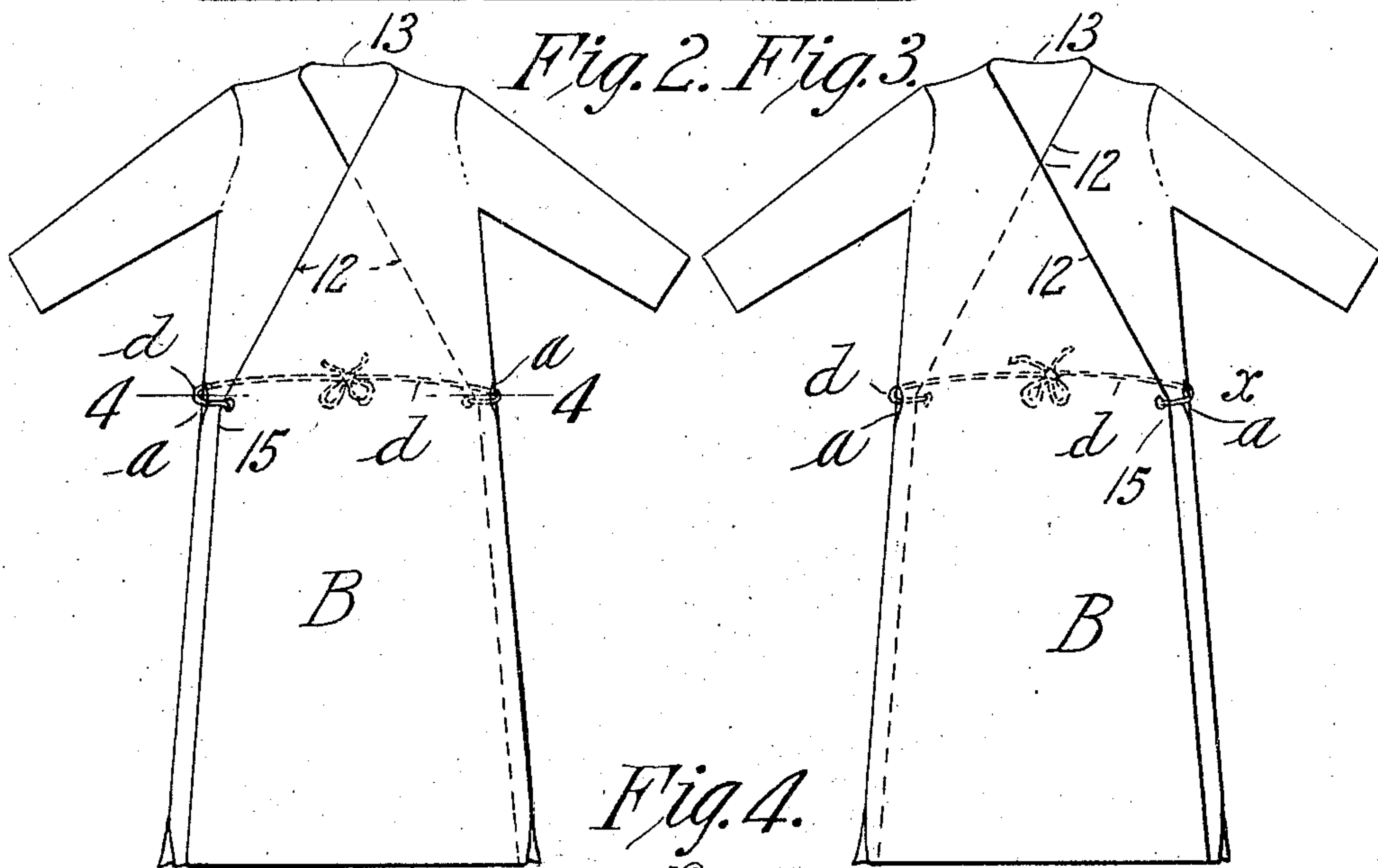
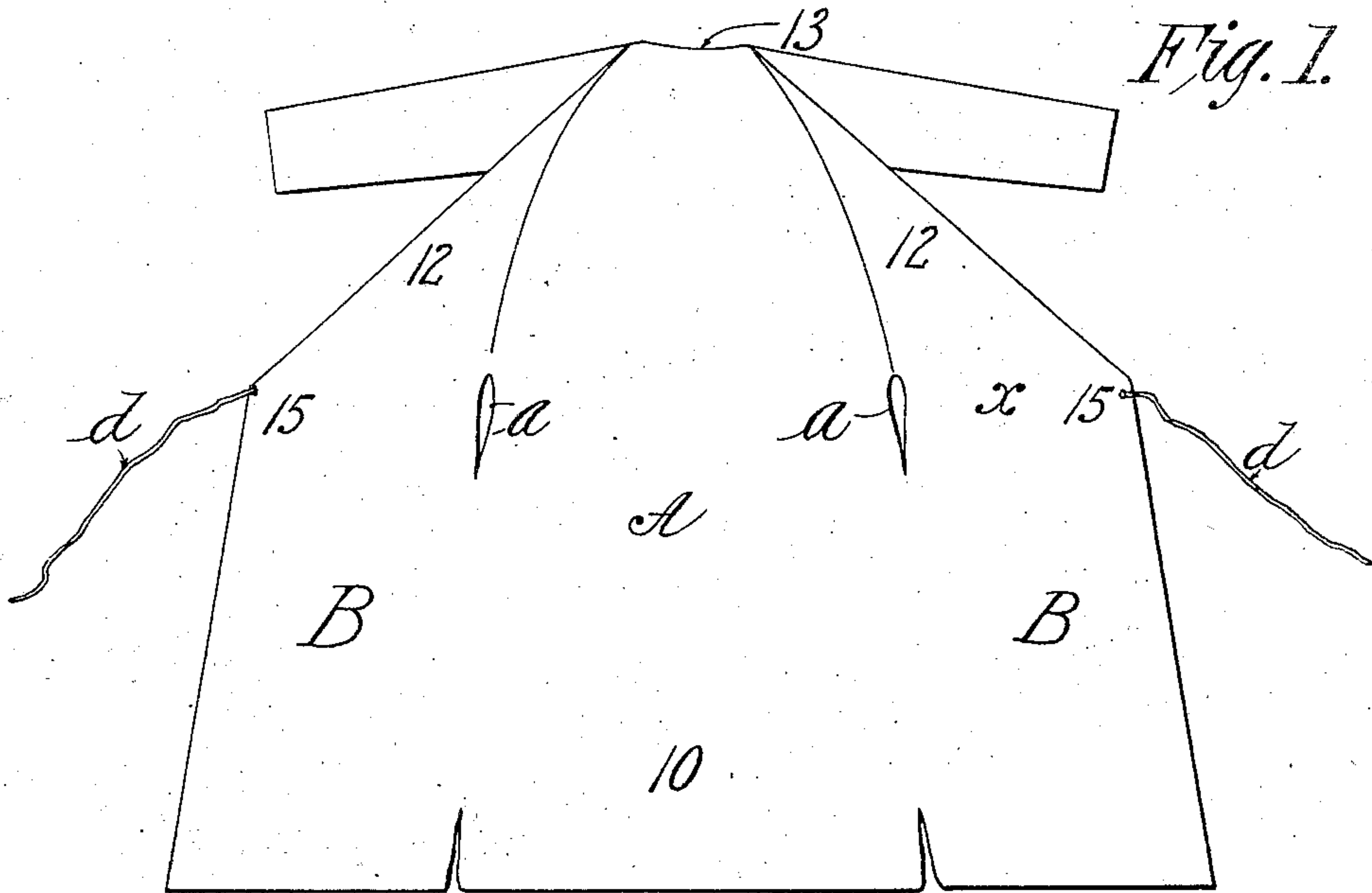


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. P. BALDWIN, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Holyoke, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Butcher's Apron and Frock, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 The object of this invention is to provide a combined frock and apron very desirable for use by butchers, provision and grocery men, so made that one front portion of the garment may cover, conceal and protect the
15 other, with capability of reversal whereby after one of the apron members may have become soiled, the other fresh and clean apron member may be presented outermost, a further object being to provide peculiarly arranged means for the confinement of the
20 apron members in their overlapping relations while being worn with the garment fronts in suitably taut or unwrinkled condition, with provisions whereby such confining means
25 may be most easily manipulated.

As a result aimed at by the present invention, the necessity of buttons or metallic fastenings of any description is avoided, and the garment is most desirable and acceptable to
30 provision men because of the simplicity and inexpensiveness thereof, because of its great convenience to its wearer, and especially because of the ease with which it may be laundered.

35 The invention consists in the combined frock and double apron having the formations, relative arrangements, characteristics and appliances as hereinafter described in conjunction with the accompanying drawings and set forth in the claims.

40 In the drawings,—Figure 1 is a view of the garment in its superficial aspect or spread out condition. Figs. 2 and 3 are similar front views of the garment as worn, showing reversed relations and arrangements of the side
15 portions or apron members and the confining means therefor. Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view as taken on line 4—4, Fig. 2.

50 In the drawings,—A represents the back portion of the garment, the lower portion 10 of which constitutes a skirt understood as being suitably long so as to extend more or less, as may be desired, below the knees.

55 B B represent side portions or apron members continuous of the back A and its skirt, and adapted to have relations the one

overlapping the other at the front and to extend around to the sides of the person as will be apparent in Figs. 2, 3 and 4. Said apron members have their edges from about
60 the waist line at 4, 4, extended on convergently inclined lines 12, 12, to their junction with the collar edge 13 of the garment. The said garment has hand slits *a a* about at the
65 waist line, and approximately at the regions where the apron members B B adjoin or merge into the back B. The said apron members have strings or tapes *d d* secured at the apexes 15 of their angular portions,—
70 the fastening thereof being by stitching, tying, or otherwise,—whereby when the garment is worn with one apron member overlaid by the other the string *d* which extends from the edge of the relatively inner
75 apron member may be by the hand passed through the adjacent hand slit around the garment, horizontally, to be connected with the other string *d*, connected to and extended
80 from the edge of the relatively outer apron member; and it will be apparent that due to the formation of the upper portions of the
85 apron members with the convergently inclined edges 12, 12, as shown, and the connecting strings or tapes *d, d* as shown, the breast portions of the garment will be constrained in unwrinkled or substantially
taut conditions.

It will be evident that after usage of the combined frock and apron whereupon the
90 relatively outer apron member B becomes soiled and unsightly, the fastenings may be easily loosened, the formerly innermost apron member may be brought outermost, and the one which had been exposed will
95 be concealed; and provisions of the hand slits *a a* not only render it possible and also most convenient to effect the fastening of the
aprons in their elected relations, but they
100 also enable the wearer of the garment to have access by both of his hands to the pockets of his trousers or coat.

There being an entire absence of buttons or metallic buckles or other fastening, the
105 laundering of this garment is consequently more readily accomplished, and there being no such buttons or metallic fastenings, liability thereof of becoming torn off or
broken in laundering is avoided, as well also as from piling of the fabric.

I claim:—

1. A combined frock and apron, comprising a back portion, the lower part of which con-

stitutes a skirt, similar side portions or apron members continuous with the back and skirt thereof, adapted to completely overlap, either over the other, and to extend
5 around to the sides of the person, said apron members having their edges from about the waist line convergently inclined to their junction with the collar edge of the garment, said garment having a hand-slit at each side
10 at about the waist line and approximately at the regions where the apron members adjoin the back, and each apron member carrying a string at the apex of its angular

portion, the points of attachment of said strings, and said hand-slits, being substantially in alinement, the string of the inner apron member passing through the hand-opening adjacent the outer apron member to the exterior of the garment.

Signed by me at Springfield, Mass., in
20 presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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