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Fig. 1.

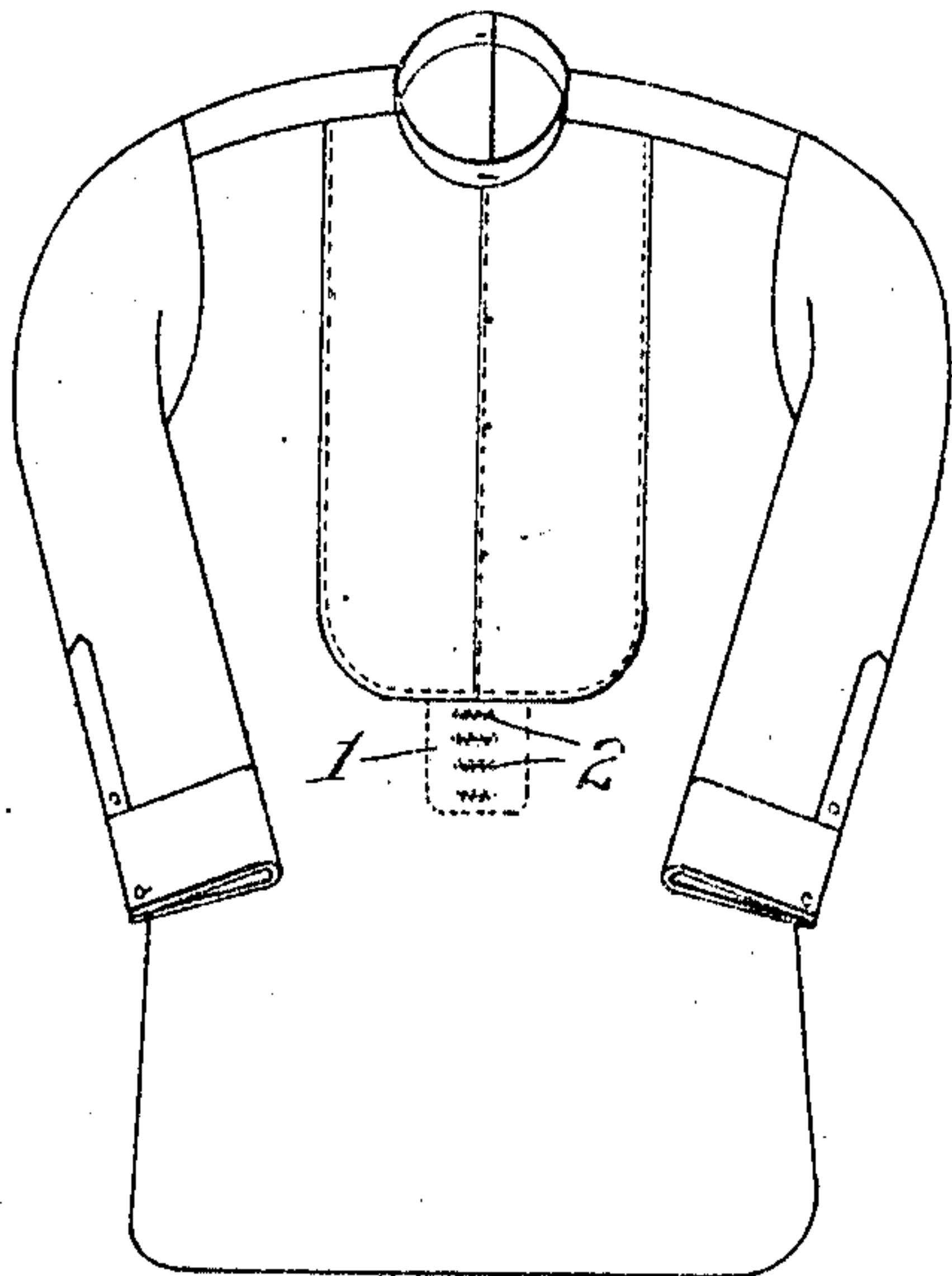


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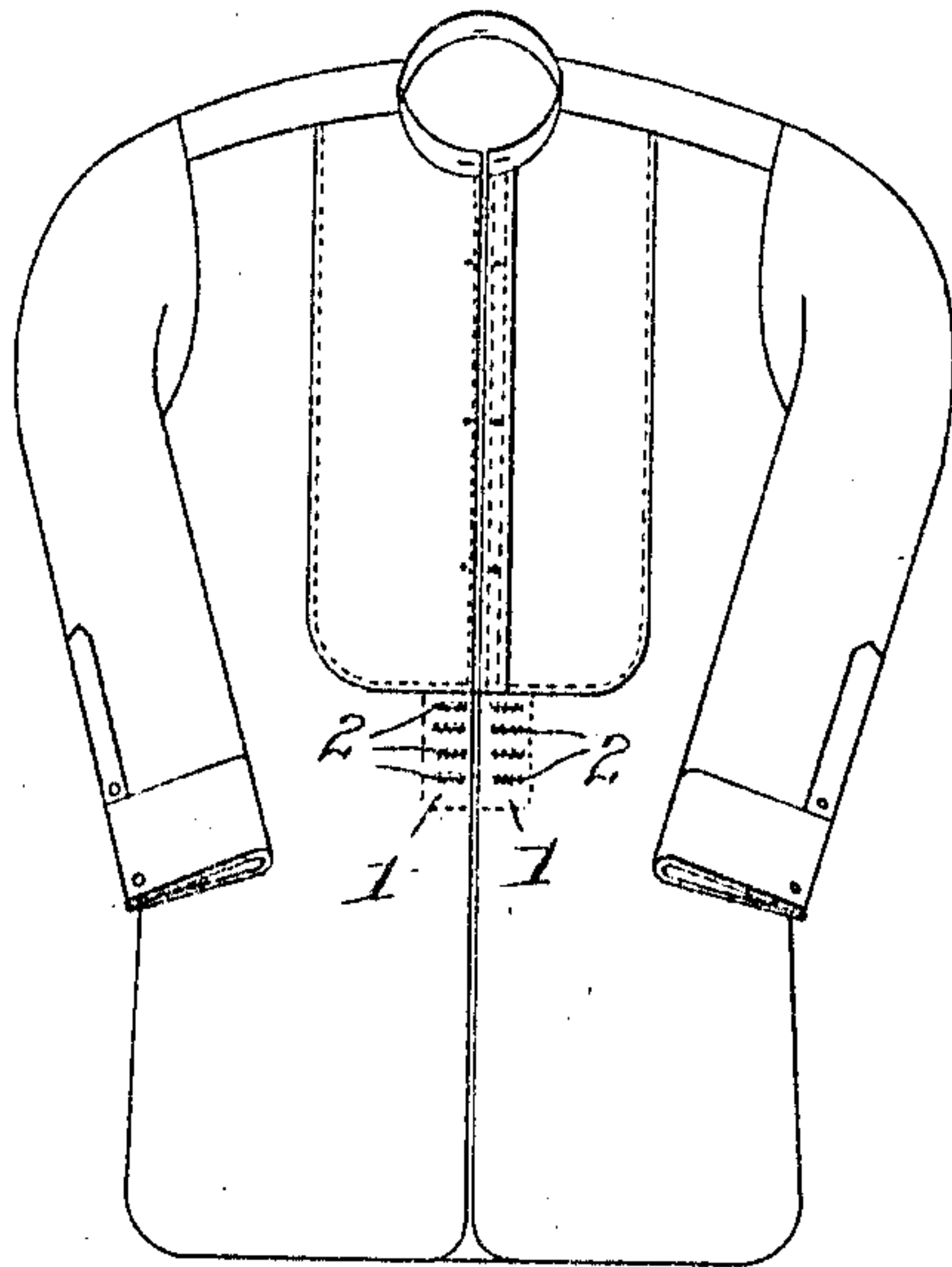


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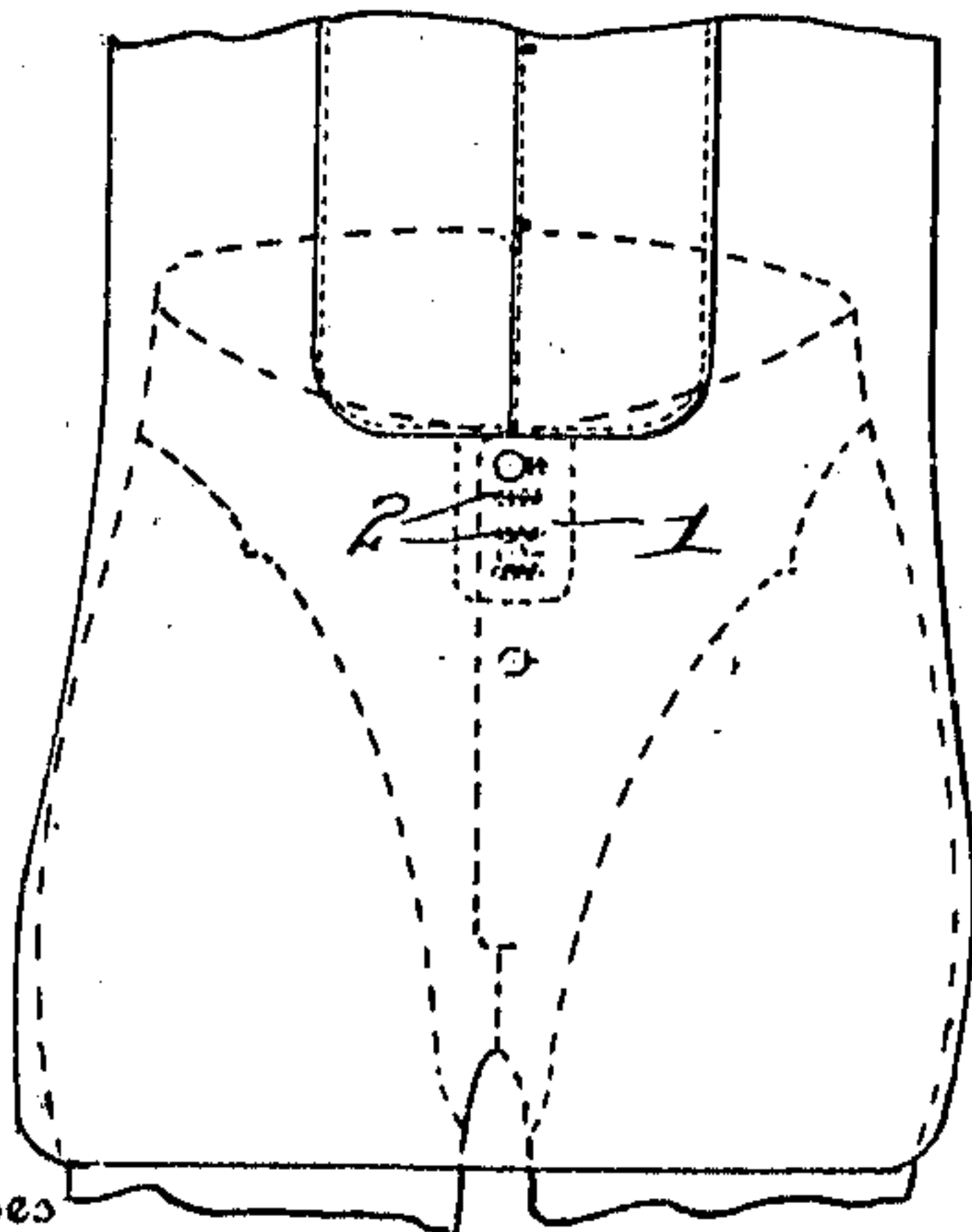
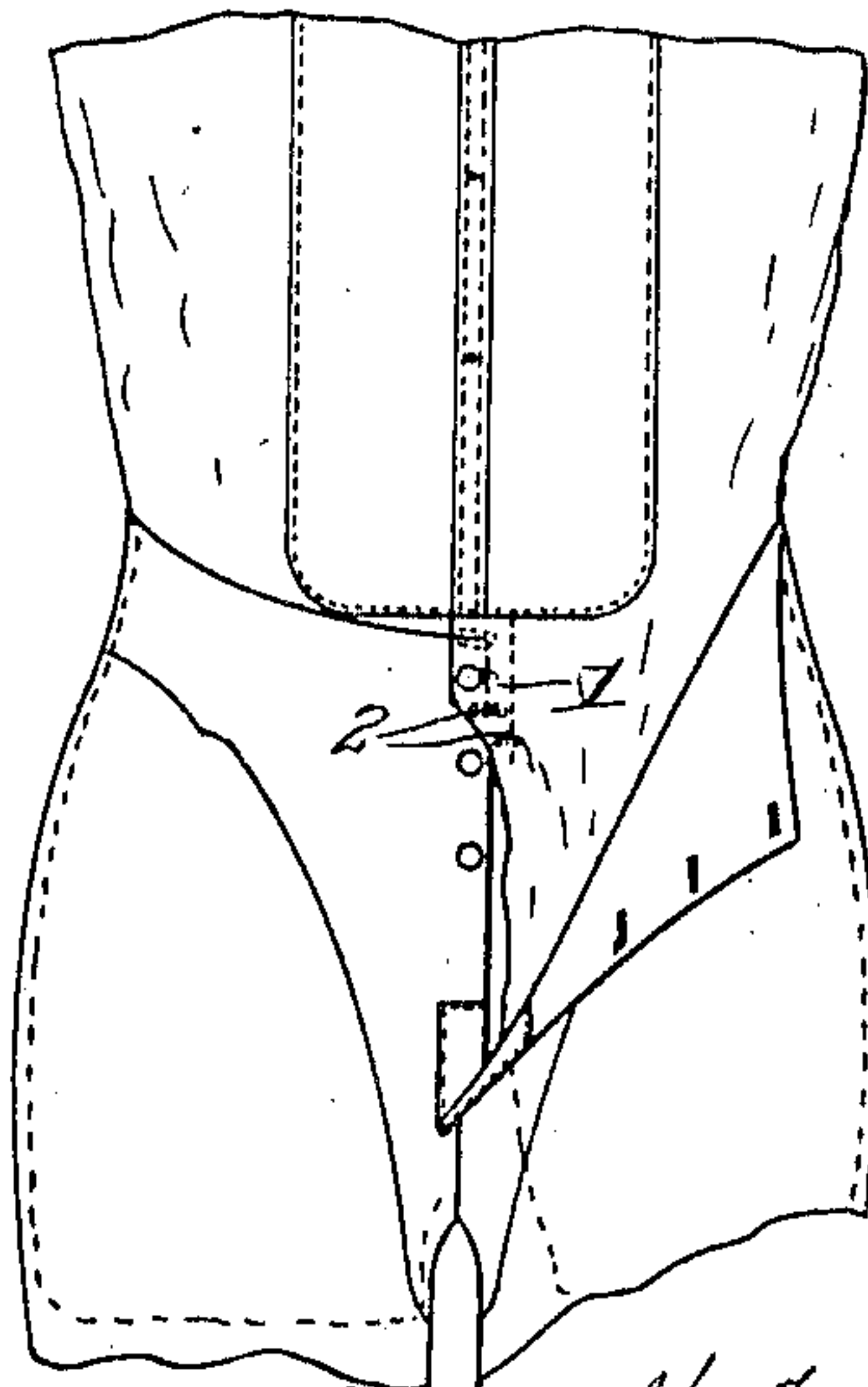


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. T. DAVIES, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to men's shirts, and its object is to improve the construction of the skirt thereof; either in shirts of the ordinary type or in those of the "coat" type, so that the bosom may be held smoothly but comfortably in place by attachment to a nether garment of the wearer without undue strain on either of the garments.

It consists, preferably, of a vertically arranged series of openings or button-holes in the skirt portion, below the bosom, substantially as shown in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of an ordinary type of bosomed shirt with my improvement applied thereto; Fig. 2 is a like view of a coat shirt having my improvement applied thereto; Fig. 3 is a partial front view of the shirt-skirt and drawers showing the application of my invention when the shirt is worn outside the drawers, and Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the co-operation of the drawers with a coat shirt worn inside the same.

In the drawing, 1 represents a reinforcing piece applied to the inner surface of the shirt skirt, through which piece and the skirt are a series of openings 2, so located that one of said openings can always be attached to the nearest, preferably the topmost, button of the placket of the drawers, when the shirt is worn outside; as preferred by many wearers.

When the shirt front is divided throughout its length, as shown in Fig. 2, it may be still worn outside, with each of the then overlapping sides of the skirt attached to the nearest drawers-button as in Fig. 3; or the edges of the skirt may be alternated with the flaps of the drawers-placket; one side being fastened between, and the other

outside both of said flaps; and available for fastening between the placket of the trousers; the openings in the reinforced skirt-edges being arranged in horizontal pairs, as clearly illustrated, though vertically sewn button holes might perhaps be used with great advantage. When it is preferred to wear the divided shirt inside the drawers, the outer overlapping edge of the skirt may be engaged with the nearest button of the drawers-placket, as shown in Fig. 4, and the other flap of the drawers buttoned over it, the more securely locking it.

I am aware that shirts have been provided with tabs depending from the bottom of the bosom portion provided with a plurality of openings in which may be secured one of the buttons of the drawers; but such constructions are unsatisfactory in that they do not necessarily hold the drawers at a point closely adjacent to their point of attachment to the shirt, the intervening space being liable to ruck up uncomfortably, and are never available to secure the garments together when the shirt-skirt is worn outside the drawers. This latter arrangement of the garment is, to many wearers, preferable for the reason that it prevents the wrinkling and bunching of the garments in an uncomfortable ridge about the person; while at the same time, with my improvement, the drawers may be securely supported without the use of suspenders and side tapes, and the garments always held in the correct relation without undue strain upon either. Under the word "shirt" I include the upper garment of pajamas and undershirts of any kind. The expression "below the bosom" does not necessarily imply that the garment should be specifically provided with a "bosom" but is used rather to define that portion thereof where the upper edge of a nether garment, the drawers for instance, usually ends.

I use closely consecutive openings in carrying out my present invention, as distinguished from the ordinary button hole used for fastening the shirt together and which are spaced too far apart in ordinary use for

the purpose of coöperating, within a limited space, with a fastening member in the upper portion of a nether garment.

What I claim is:

- 5 1. A shirt, comprising a skirt having a plurality of vertically alined button-holes therein whereby the shirt may be attached and adjusted to a nether garment as set forth.
- 10 2. A shirt comprising a bosom, and a skirt having a reinforced portion, said re-

inforced portion having vertically alined button-holes therein whereby the shirt may be attached and adjusted to a nether garment as set forth.

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

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