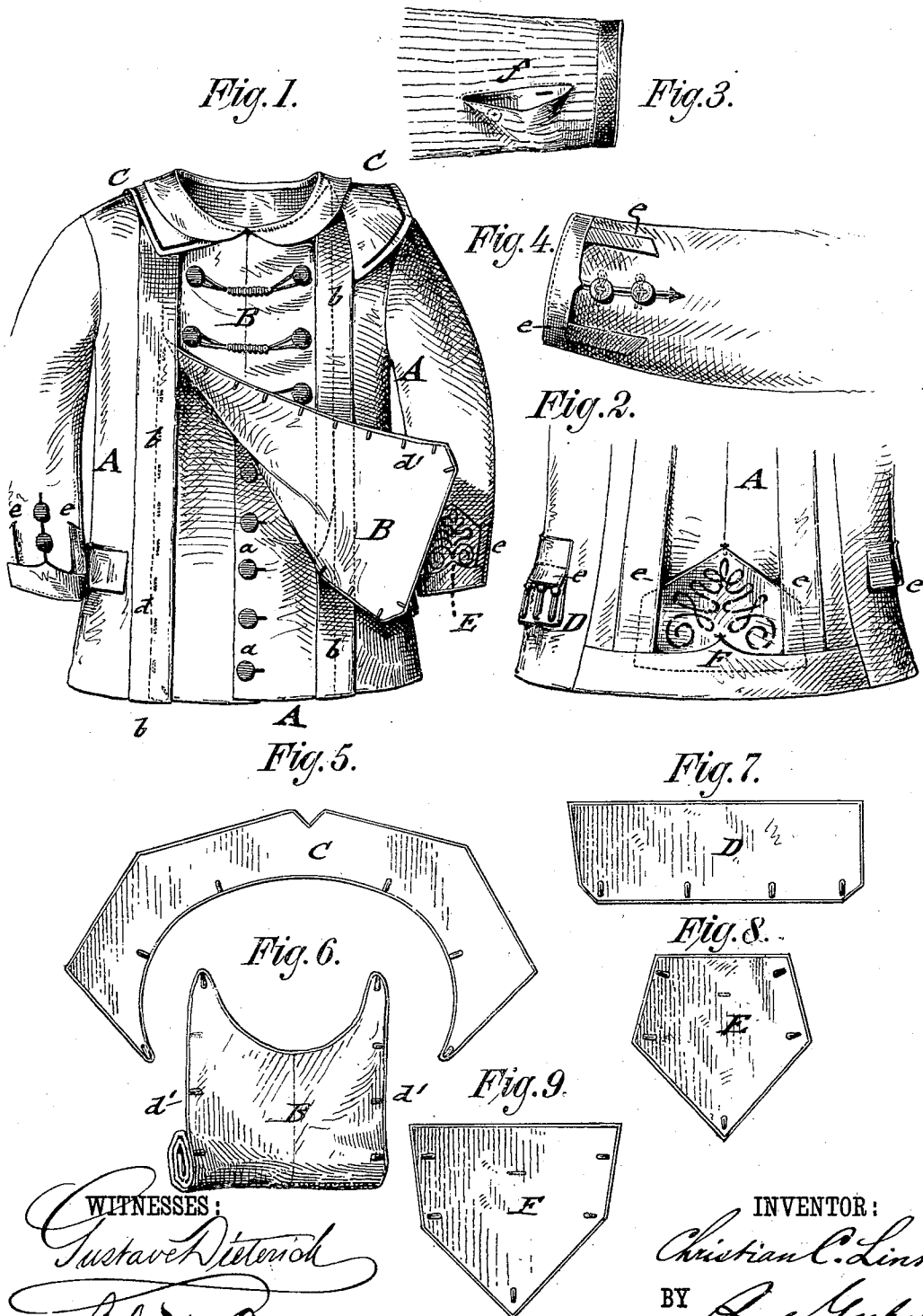


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN C. LINK, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boys' Blouses, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved boy's blouse or coat, which is so constructed that it can be worn with little trouble as a double-breasted or as a single-breasted coat, the latter form being used when the double-breasted front has been soiled by use; and the invention consists of a boy's blouse provided with a central front row of buttons and with parallel front plaits, to the under sides of which is applied a detachable double-breasted front piece by means of hooks and eyes or other fastening devices. To the collar and to the sleeves, pockets, and back are applied detachable pieces, the trimmings of which are in keeping with the front piece, they being applied to the blouse by fastening devices covered by suitable plaits. The buttons of the coat may be changed, if desired, by removing the retaining-spring devices, those of the sleeves being reached by means of a slot in the lining of the sleeve, which slot is closed after the buttons have been exchanged.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved boy's blouse, shown with the detachable front piece partly turned up. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the lower part of the blouse. Fig. 3 is a side view of the sleeve turned inside out; Fig. 4, an outside view of the sleeve; and Figs. 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are respectively detail views of the detachable collar, front piece, pocket, sleeve, and back trimmings.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, A represents a boy's blouse or coat of any desired size and material, which is made with a single line, *a*, of buttons at the front part, and which is opened or closed in the usual manner at the back. At each side of and equidistantly from the front line of buttons is arranged a plait, *b*, which runs from the collar down to the lower front edge, and which serves for the purpose of covering the eyes *d*, to which the hooks *d'* of a detachable double-breasted front piece, B, are applied, as shown clearly in Fig. 1. The detachable front piece,

B, is trimmed in any suitable manner, the blouse being provided with a correspondingly-trimmed additional detachable collar, C, below the main collar of the blouse; also, with detachable pocket-pieces D, sleeve-pieces E, and a back piece, F, all of which are attached by means of hooks and eyes below suitably-arranged covering-plaits, *e*, whereby the fastening devices of the detachable parts D, E, and F are covered, as shown clearly in the drawings. When the double-breasted front piece is soiled or worn out it is removed, and also all the remaining detachable parts which are trimmed in keeping therewith, so that the blouse forms then a single-breasted blouse with plain button-trimmings.

By this construction a new style of boy's blouse is furnished, which not alone permits a longer wear of the blouse, but also, if desired, the changing from a double-breasted to a single-breasted blouse whenever desired, and vice versa.

As the single-breasted blouse is provided with buttons at the front end of the sleeve, which, like the front buttons, may be made detachable to be easily replaced, the sleeve-lining has to be provided with an interior slot, *f*, as shown in Fig. 3, which is closed by means of buttons and button-holes, and by which easy access is given to the spring-fastenings of the sleeve-buttons whenever they are desired to be removed or exchanged, which forms an additional novel feature of my improved boy's garment.

I am aware that a cloak or blouse provided with a detachable front piece which is buttoned to the cloak or blouse is well known, and I therefore do not broadly claim the same.

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

1. The combination, with a boy's blouse or coat having front plaits and a single line of front buttons between the same, of a detachable front portion having two rows of buttons and fastening devices covered by the plaits when attached, whereby the blouse may be changed from a single to a double breasted coat, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, in a boy's blouse or coat having a single line of front buttons and front plaits, of a detachable front portion, detach-

able collar, and detachable pocket, sleeve, and back pieces, which are applied by fastening devices to covering-plaits, substantially as specified.

- 5 3. In a boy's blouse or coat, the combination, with the sleeve having detachable buttons, of a lining which is slotted below the buttons and provided with closing devices, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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