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Fig. 1.

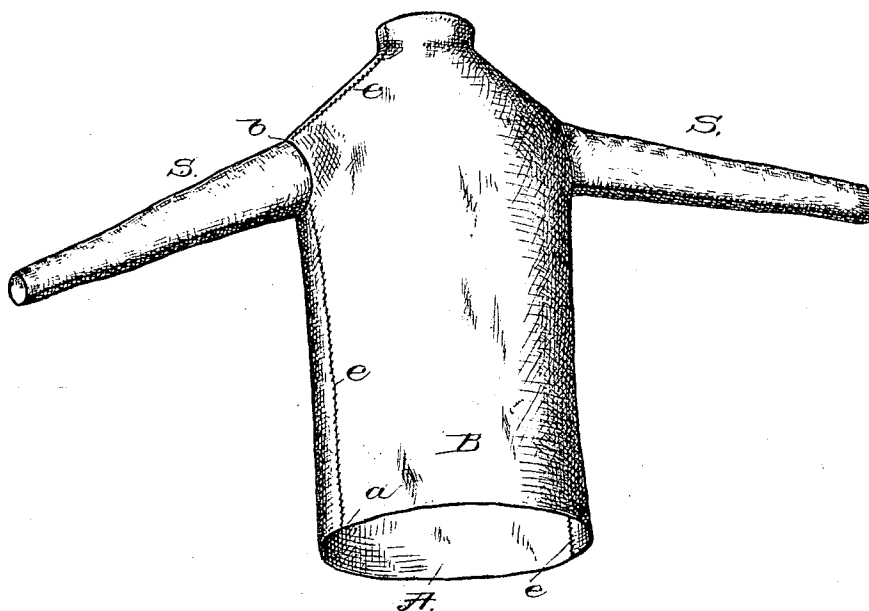
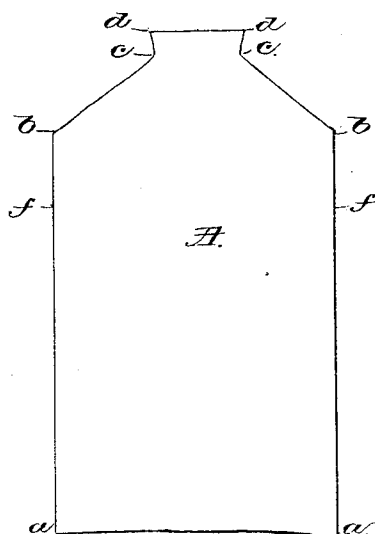


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HOLMES, of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Knitted Garments, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object to improve the construction of knitted garments resembling Cardigan jackets, the said garment having very strong seams at its sides and shoulders, by reason of the front and back portion of the garment having selvage edges, as will be described.

My improved garment, herein to be described, is composed of two similar blanks, each having selvage edges for their entire length, the selvage edges of the said blanks being stitched together along their sides from the lower end of the garment nearly to the tapering portions forming the shoulders, at which point the stitching is stopped only to leave openings for the arms; but above the arm-openings the inclined sides of the blank are stitched together to form inclined tapering shoulders for the body part of the garment, which is substantially tapering.

Figure 1 in perspective shows a garment embodying my invention, the garment shown having sleeves; and Fig. 2 shows one of the blanks forming part of the body.

Prior to my invention all knitted garments having sloping shoulders have had seams made by stitching together the cut edges of the knitted goods, thus constituting a bunching and irregular seam, which is liable to be easily stretched, and fails to form as perfect a fitting seam as though the edges of the garment at the shoulder were provided with selvages.

My improved garment is composed of a front, A, and a back, B, both substantially alike in outline or shape. In the manufacture of the blanks, knitting is commenced at the point *a*, (see Fig. 2,) which is considered the lower end of the garment, and the garment is knitted, preferably of uniform width, or nearly so, to the point *b*, which is the top of the shoulder, and from the point *b* to the point *c*

the fabric is gradually narrowed by transferring the loops from one to another needle; and if the garment is to have a neck to form a collar above the point *c*, then the fabric is knitted for a series of courses, from *c* to *d*, of substantially the same number of loops, thus forming a substantially straight-sided portion between *c* and *d*, to constitute one-half of the neck of the garment.

By proceeding with the knitting in the manner described upon a machine having a row of needles capable of knitting cardigan and half-cardigan work selvage edges are produced along the entire sides of the blank, including, also, the shoulder from *b* to *c* and the neck portion from *c* to *d*.

Having two like blanks, A B, with selvage edges, as described, the said selvage edges are put together and stitched as selvage edges are commonly stitched in the manufacture of knitted goods, forming seams, as shown at *e* in Fig. 1, leaving a tubular body with sloping shoulders, the seams being strong and smooth, and being less liable to stretch out of shape than an ordinary seam made in knitted goods cut or trimmed to shape, or, as in usual knitted goods, having what is known as "cut edges."

In Fig. 1 I have shown my improved garment as provided with sleeves, as at S S, the large ends of the said sleeves being joined to the selvage edges of the body between the points *b* and *f*.

I claim—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a knitted garment composed of two similar blanks, A B, each having selvage edges for their entire length, the selvage edges of the said blanks being stitched together, as shown, along the straight sides from *a* to *f*, leaving arm-openings from *f* to *b*, the inclined sides being stitched together from *b* to *c*, to thus form not only the tubular body, but the inclined or tapering shoulder thereof, all substantially as described.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a knitted garment composed of two like blanks, A B, having selvage edges throughout their entire length, the said blanks being inclined

or made narrow from the point *b* to the point
c, and beyond the point *c* being extended to
form each one-half of a collar or neckband,
the two blanks being united at their selvage
5 edges from end to end, leaving only arm scyes
or openings between the points *b* and *f*, sub-
stantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name
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