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Undershirts.

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Fig. 1.

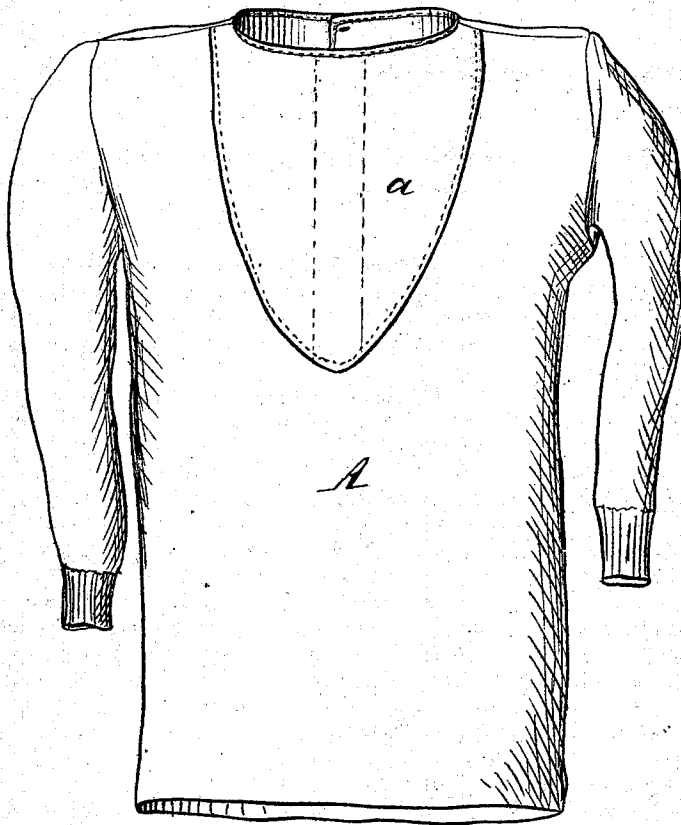
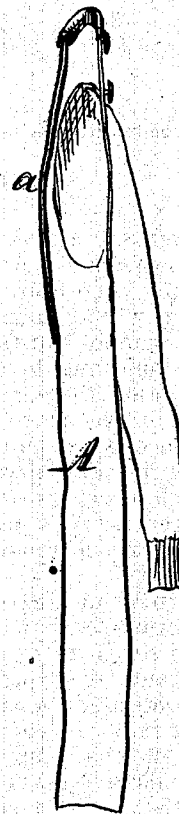


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN UNDERSHIRTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED CONGER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Knitted or Flannel Shirts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which drawing—

Figure 1 represents a front view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in a knitted or flannel undershirt with an open back and closed front, the front being provided with a sanitary chest-protector, applied thereto in such a manner that the breast of the person wearing the shirt is effectually protected against cold drafts or winds, and if the front of the shirt be ornamented, it will be specially adapted for wear without the usual over or linen shirt.

In the drawings, the letter A designates a knitted or flannel undershirt, made with an open back, in contradistinction to an undershirt with an open front, and is provided with buttons or other suitable fastenings on said open back, whereby it can be closed. The

front of this shirt is closed, and it is provided with a sanitary chest-protector, *a*, which serves effectually to exclude drafts of air, and to keep the breast of the person wearing the shirt warm.

Said chest-protector may be made of a material different from that of which the shirt is made.

The front of this undershirt is suitably ornamented, so that it can be worn without an overshirt, as the addition of the chest-protector will shield the chest and compensate for the warmth of an outside shirt.

If the shirt is made of knitted fabric, the chest-protector may be produced by suitable machinery, simultaneously with the other portion of the shirt; but if the shirt is made of flannel, the chest-protector *a* will be sewed permanently upon the interior of the closed front.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, an undershirt formed with an open back and closed front, and provided with a chest-protecting piece, *a*, all constructed in the manner herein described and shown.

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