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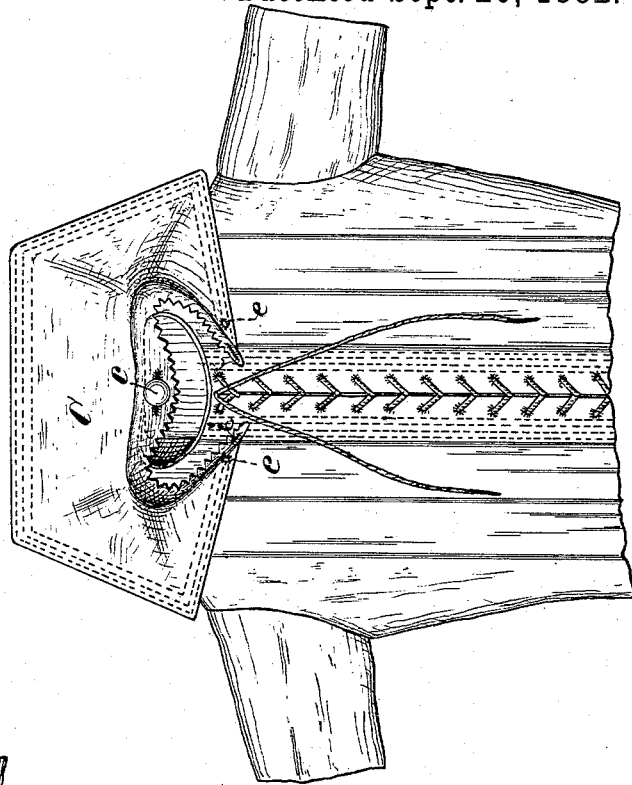
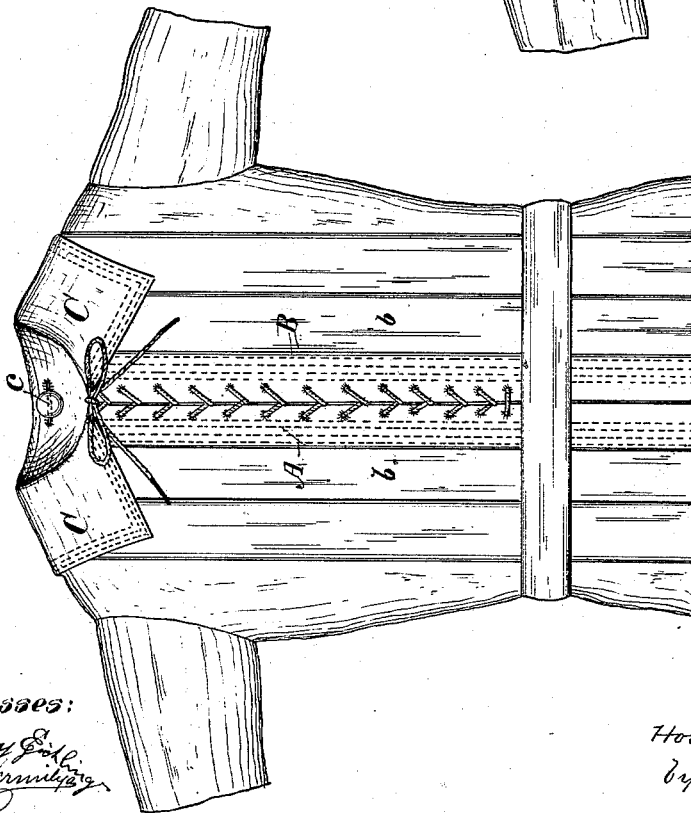


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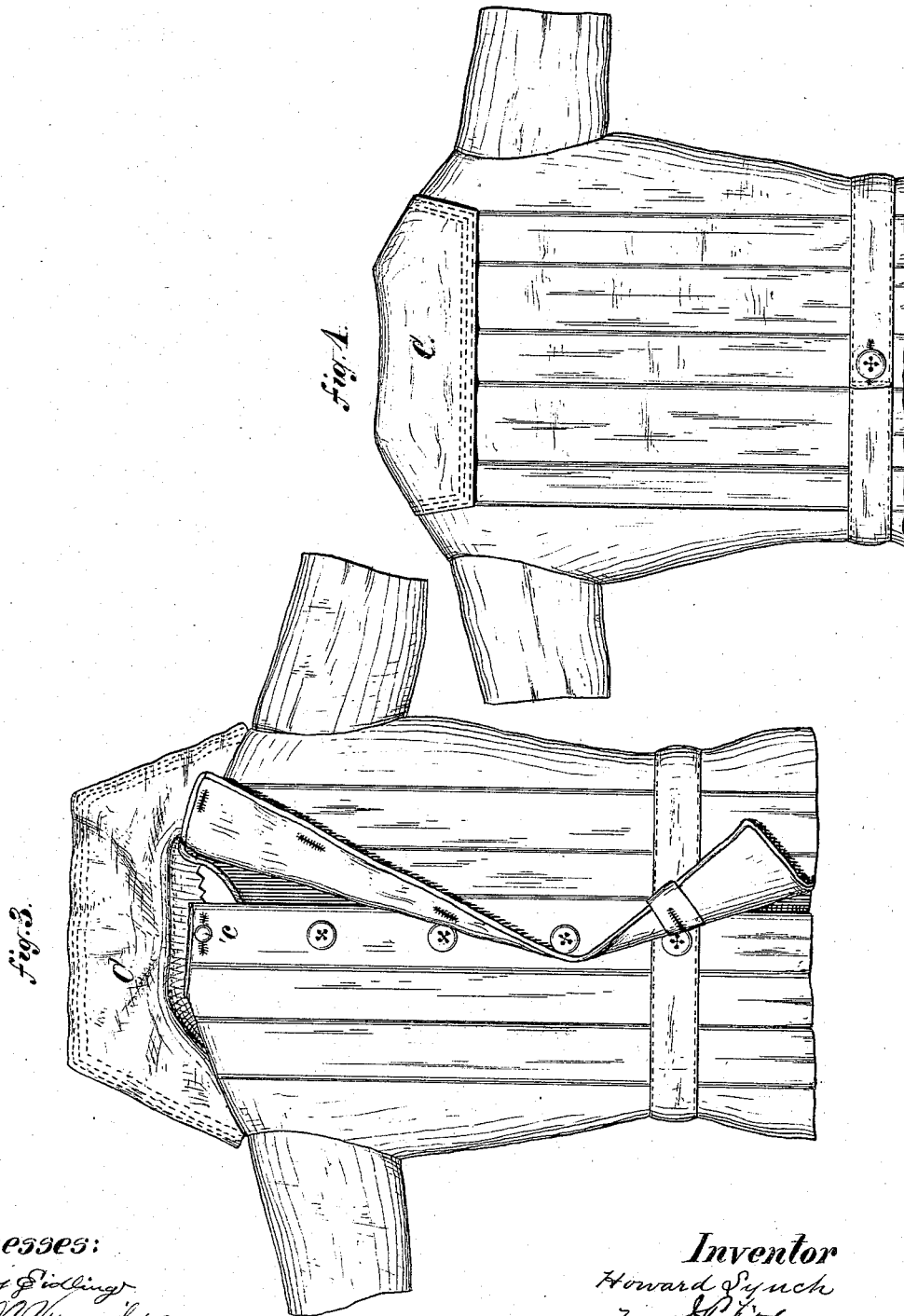
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SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 265,119, dated September 26, 1882.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOWARD LYNCH, of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boys' Jackets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of the same.

My invention relates to a boy's jacket that opens in the back, and the closed front of which is provided with a cord laced into eyelet-holes, so as to present the appearance of the jacket being open in front and closed by the lacing-cord, the said jacket being provided with a collar entire in the back and open only in front, the front ends being confined and held in place by the said lacing-cord, all as shown in the drawings, and hereinafter more particularly described.

Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved jacket. The front is entire, and may be made of a single piece of cloth without a center seam. In order to give the appearance of an open front, there are secured to the body of the jacket at the center of the front two folds or plaits, A and B, extending from the neck to the waist, the inner adjacent edges of which are left free. In each of these plaits a series of eyelet-holes are formed, and through the two series a cord, *b*, preferably a colored silk cord, is laced from the bottom upward, thus bringing the free ends of the cord to the neck or collar of the jacket, the lacing-cord being shown as passed through eyelet-holes in the ends of the collar and tied in a knot.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, except that the lacing-cord is detached from the collar and untied.

Fig. 3 represents a view of the back of the jacket, which is open from top to bottom, to be closed by buttons and button-holes, the drawings showing the same partly buttoned up. When closed the buttons and button-holes are concealed.

Fig. 4 is a view of the back buttoned up, giving the appearance of a permanently-closed back.

The collar C is preferably separate from the body of the jacket, and attached at the back by means of a button-hole in the binding, and buttons onto a stud, *c*, which serves as a top back button for the body of the jacket and to secure the collar thereto, as shown in Figs. 1,

2, and 3. The band *d* of the collar is arranged to turn over and fit down on the inside of the neck of the jacket when buttoned up. While the body of the jacket is open in the back, the collar opens only in the front, and each of the front ends of the binding of the collar is provided with the eyelet holes or openings *eee'e'*, as shown. Through corresponding ones, with these eyelet-holes, the lacing-cord *b* is passed before being tied, as shown in Fig. 1. The other corresponding openings in the ends of the binding may be buttoned to a button or stud on the inside of the neck of the jacket at the center of the front.

If preferred, the collar may be stitched on one side to the neck of the jacket, the stitching to extend from one edge of the opening in the back around to near one of the front ends of the collar.

In the jacket thus constructed the advantages of opening in the back, and of a closed front that has the appearance of being open and laced up, with a collar that is open only in front, are secured.

I am aware that shirts have been made open in the back, and having a closed front with central plaits or folds provided with eyelet-holes and a lacing-cord to give the appearance of an open laced front, as shown in the patent granted to A. Perkins, April 2, 1882; but the collars on such shirts are open in the back, which is objectionable. I do not claim a garment so constructed.

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a jacket open in the back, to be closed by buttons and button-holes, of the folds A B, each being stitched to the closed front on one side and at the ends, leaving the two adjacent edges free and provided with a series of eyelet-holes through which is laced a cord, *b*, and a collar, open only in front, attached to the neck of the jacket, as described, and provided at its free ends with eyelet-holes *eee'e'*, whereby the said ends are secured to the top of the front of the jacket by means of the said lacing-cord, all constructed and arranged as described.

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