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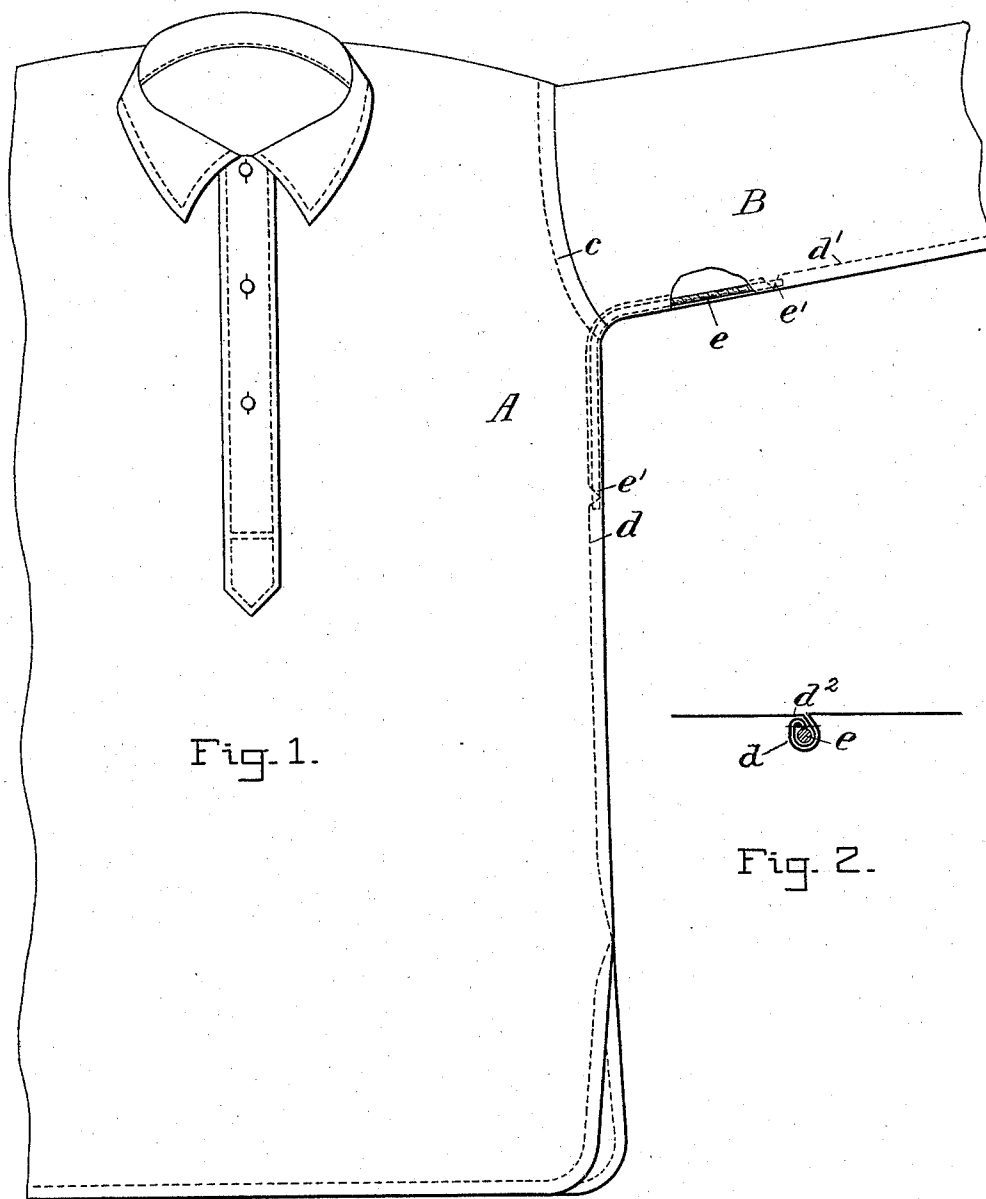


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELI OPPENHEIM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved construction in strengthening shirt-seams at that part where the sleeve-seam and armhole-seam of the shirt-body join.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a shirt with one sleeve turned upward to show my improvement. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same, showing its formation and the position of the tape or cord.

The shirt-body A and sleeve B are united by the usual armhole-seam *c*. Now it has heretofore been common in shirt-making to run up the vertical side seam *d* of the body and continue the seam *d'* along the sleeve, so that body-seam *d* and sleeve-seam *d'* are practically one continuous seam. My improvement consists in making this continuous seam in the form of a flap-fold seam and inclosing within said flap a tape or cord *e*, which extends across the armhole-seam, whereby said continuous seam is strengthened. This tape or cord is loose in the flap-

fold, but the ends of the cord are stitched or held fast by thread at *e'*.

It will be seen that the flap-fold seam is on the exterior of the garment and stands off or projects, as in Fig. 2, while on the interior of the garment there is no seam-fold, but the parts are flat and smooth, as at *d''*.

I am aware that it has been proposed to strengthen the seams of shirts under the sleeve where the sleeve-seam and armhole-seam join by sewing a cord into the seam; but there are objections in manufacturing to sewing a cord in the ordinary felled seam used in shirt-making. In my improvement the cord is inclosed in a flap-fold which stands off from the seam or stitches.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

A shirt having along the body and sleeve a flap-fold which stands off from the seam-stitches and a cord inclosed loosely in said flap-fold and extending across the armhole-seam and held fast at its ends by stitches, *e'*, as shown and described.

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

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