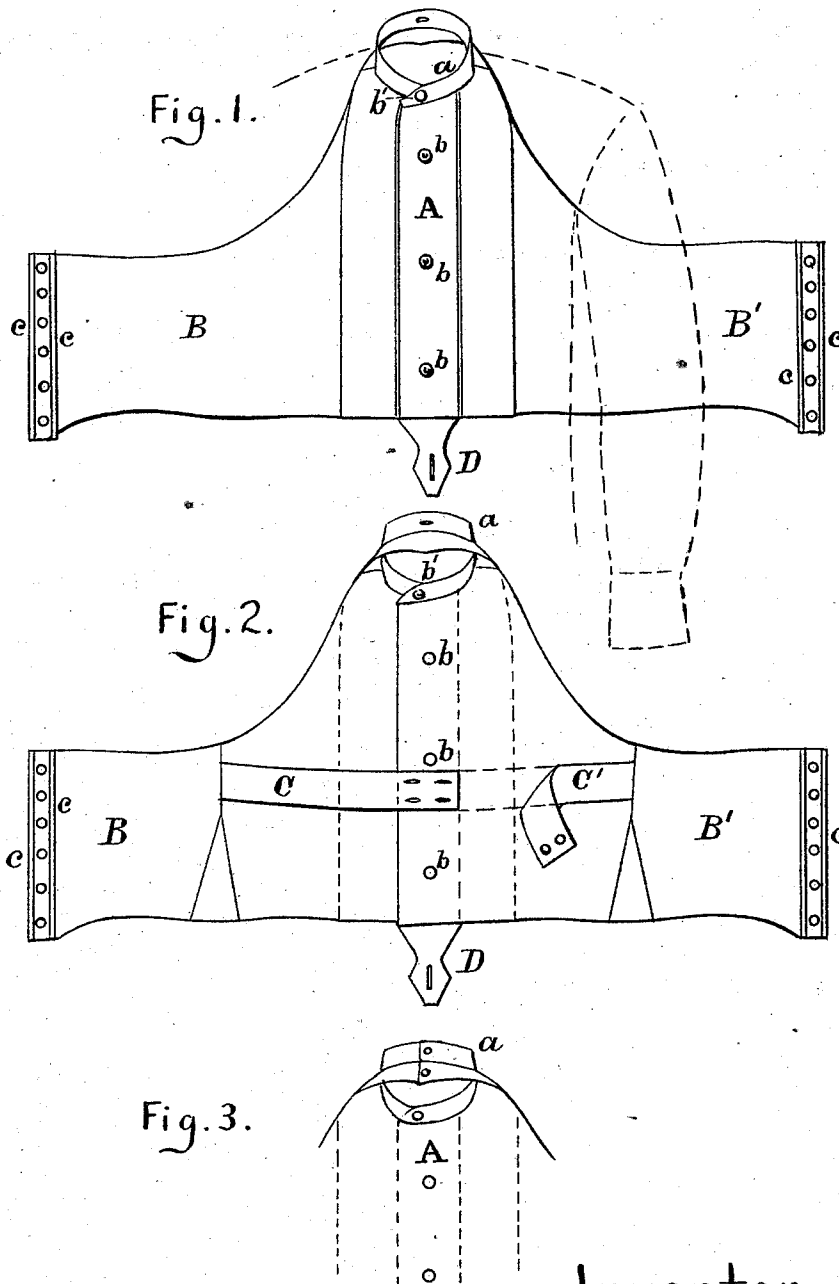


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRT-BOSOMS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK A. TORMEY, of the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain Improvements in Men's Wearing Apparel, of which the following is a specification; and I do hereby declare that in the same is contained a full, clear, and exact description of my said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to a device which may be used either with a shirt separately, or as a part thereof; its object being to furnish a bosom or front which shall be relieved from strain, having a better fit than the ordinary kind, and which shall act as a brace or support to the person.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front view of my invention, Fig. 2 being a back view, and Fig. 3 illustrating a modification of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts of the invention in all the views.

A is the shirt-bosom, consisting of two pieces connected by a collar-band, *a*, fitting around the neck of the wearer, one part of the bosom overlapping and being attached to the other by buttons or studs *b*, the attachment at the collar-band being at *b'*. Extending laterally from the bosom are two flaps, B B', one being at either side thereof, fitting around and to the sides of the wearer, and fastening behind him by a lace or other suitable means. The ends of the flaps are stiffened vertically by whale-bone or steel stay-rods *c*, or by some other similar method. C C' are two parts of a strap, connected, by buttons or other means, in front, between the bosom and the person of the wearer.

The strap C C' is made adjustable in length by placing the fastening devices in different positions.

Fig. 3 shows a modification of the invention as above described, the bosom being in one piece and the collar-band open at the rear, and joined by buttons or other device. The studs or buttons used in the bosom in place of those *b* would be simply for ornament. D is a fastener, connecting the bosom to the upper button of the drawers, the bosom by this means being kept from working up and puffing out.

When used as a part of a shirt, the bosom is connected therewith in the ordinary way, the flaps extending from the sides of the bosom within the shirt. The shirt is shown in Fig. 1 by the dotted lines.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The bosom A, either opening in front, or in one piece, joined with the collar-band *a*, opening at the throat or behind, and flaps B B', connected to the sides of the bosom, and adapted to be secured together behind the wearer, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the bosom A, flaps B B', and straps C C' with their fastenings, as set forth.

3. The stiffening-rods *c*, in combination with the bosom A, flaps B B', and collar-band *a*, substantially as herein described.

In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name in the city of Baltimore this 13th day of May, A. D. 1874.

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