

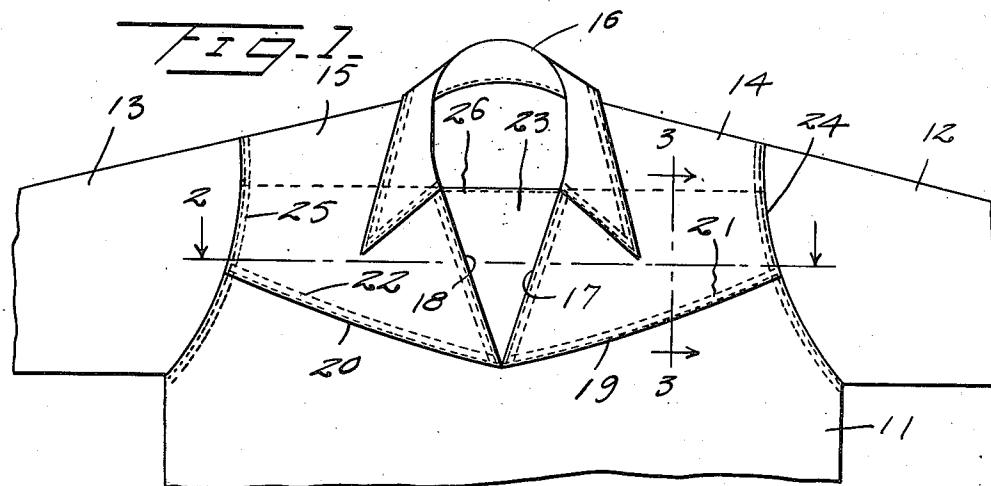
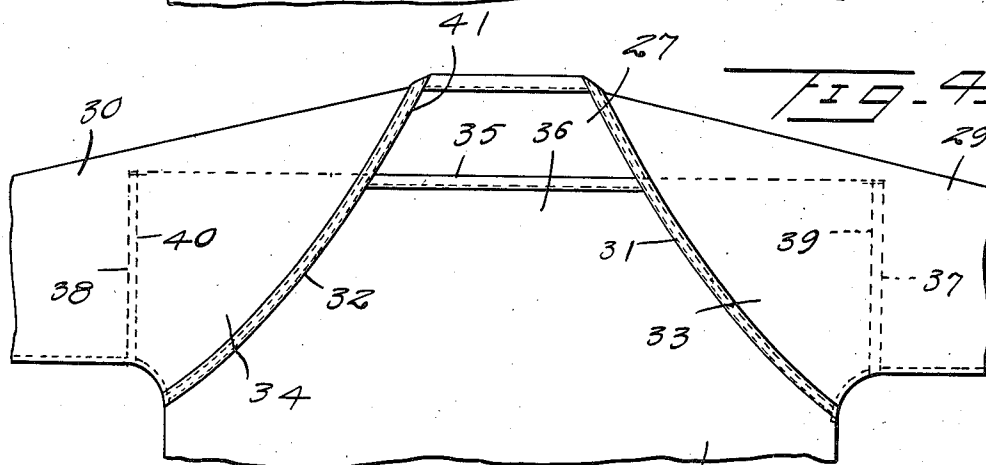
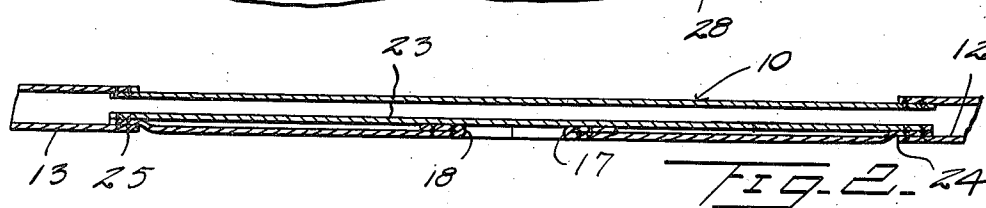
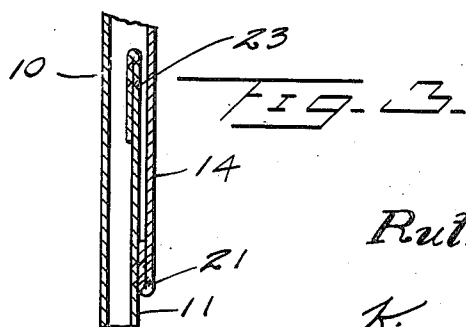
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This invention relates to garments, and more particularly an improved yoke and neck structure which may be used with various garments.

An object of this invention is to provide an improved yoke and neck structure which will give the appearance of an open neck or collar, and at the same time provide a chest covering.

Another object of this invention is to provide in the yoke of a garment, a tucker or insert which is free of the chest portion of the garment and will close the open portion of the collar.

A further object of this invention is to provide a garment wherein the back part is extended over the shoulders to form the yoke, and the upper portion of the front of the garment underlaps the yoke and extends over the chest, being free from the inner edges of the yoke so that the head may be readily extended through the head opening, and this opening then contracted to engage loosely about the neck.

To the foregoing objects, and others which may hereinafter more fully appear, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be more specifically referred to and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, but it is to be understood that changes, variations, and modifications may be resorted to which fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a detail front elevation partly broken away of a garment constructed according to an embodiment of this invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary front elevation of a modified form of this invention.

Referring to the drawing and first to Figures 1, 2 and 3, the numeral 10 designates generally the rear or back of the garment and the numeral 11 designates generally the front. A pair of sleeves 12 and 13 are secured to the garment at the shoulder portion thereof. The back 10 of the garment is extended upwardly over the shoulders and then forwardly and downwardly to provide a yoke which is formed of oppositely disposed yoke members 14 and 15. The yoke members 14 and 15 have secured to their inner edge portions a collar 16 and the inner edges of the yoke members 14 and 15 are V-shaped as indicated by the numerals 17 and 18. The lower edges of the yoke members 14 and 15 are upwardly and outwardly inclined, as indicated by

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the numerals 19 and 20, and the lower edges of the yoke members are stitched to the upper edge of the front 11 by one or more rows of stitchings 21 and 22 respectively. The V shape formed by the inclined inner edges 17 and 18 of the yoke members 14 and 15 provide an opening extending downwardly from the forward end of the collar 16.

In order to provide a means whereby the opening between the downwardly convergent edges of the yoke members 14 and 15 may be substantially closed, I have provided a tucker or insert 23. The tucker or insert 23 is disposed on the inner sides of the yoke members 14 and 15 and has a lower edge configuration coincident with the lower edges 19 and 20 of the yoke members 14 and 15 and is secured to the yoke members and to the front by the stitchings 21 and 22. The opposite ends of the tucker or insert 23 are stitched, as at 24 and 25, to the arm holes and sleeve members 12 and 13 thereby leaving the upper horizontal edge 26 of the tucker or insert free. The upper edge 26 of the tucker extends across the upper ends of the V-shaped edges 17 and 18 of the yoke members 14 and 15 and provides a closing means for closing the opening which is formed by the V-shaped edges 17 and 18. In addition the tucker or insert 23 provides an expansible means so that the head of the wearer may be extended through the upper end of the garment and the opening for the head will thereafter become contracted so that the tucker or insert 23 will fit substantially snug against the neck and across the chest of the wearer. It will be understood that if desired and as shown in Figure 3, the tucker or insert 23 may be formed integral with the front 11.

Referring now to Figure 4, there is shown a modified form of garment embodying a back 27, a front 28 and a pair of sleeves 29 and 30. The sleeves 29 and 30 are of the raglan type, forming a pair of downwardly divergent inner edges 31 and 32 defining a pair of oppositely disposed yoke members 33 and 34. The front 28 is extended upwardly being provided with a straight or horizontal upper edge 35 and defining a tucker or insert 36. The opposite edges of the tucker or insert 36 are extended laterally of the yoke members 33 and 34 and terminate, as at 37 and 38, within the upper portions of the sleeves 29 and 30 respectively. The opposite ends of the tucker or insert 36 are then stitched, as at 39 and 40 respectively, to the forward side of the sleeve members 29 and 30 on the inner surfaces thereof. The upper horizontal edge 35 of the tucker or insert

36 is free and the downwardly divergent edges 31 and 32 are also free of the tucker or insert 36. In this manner the tucker or insert 36 may be distorted or pulled forwardly so as to expand the neck opening 41 to permit the insertion of the head through the neck opening, whereupon the tucker or insert 36 will assume its normal position straight across the chest of the wearer and will constrict the neck opening to the normal position.

The garment hereinbefore described may be a shirt, dress, waist or other suitable garment and it will be understood that such garment may have the sleeves thereof eliminated, if desired, in which case the opposite ends of the tucker or insert will be secured only to the yoke. With a garment constructed according to this invention the use of buttons or fastening means for the collar or neck portion of the garment has been eliminated, while at the same time the front of the garment will be normally closed although giving the appearance, where the garment is one using a collar, that the neck of the garment is open.

What I claim is:

A garment of the kind described, comprising front and rear panels, a yoke carried by the upper end of said rear panel and extending between the upper ends of said panels, said yoke

formed with a V-shaped cut-out in the front portion thereof, a tucker on the upper end of said front panel, the lower end of said yoke overlying said tucker, stitching securing the lower edge of said yoke to said front panel and said tucker, stitching securing said tucker and said yoke along their overlying side edges, said tucker having a free straight upper edge between the side edges thereof and extending across said cut-out, whereby the neck opening formed between said tucker and said yoke may be expanded and contracted.

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