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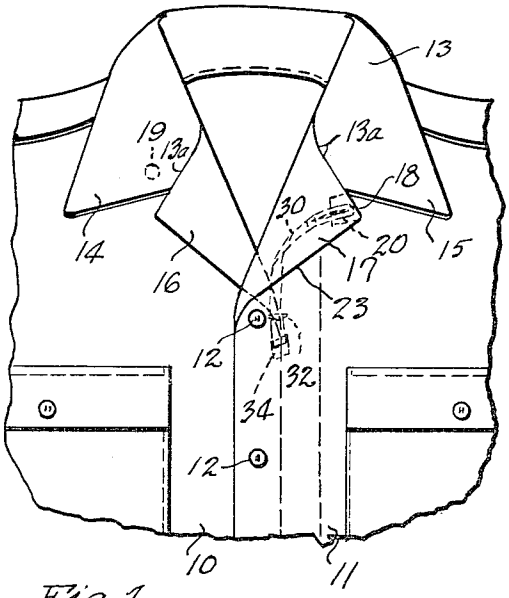


Fig. 1.

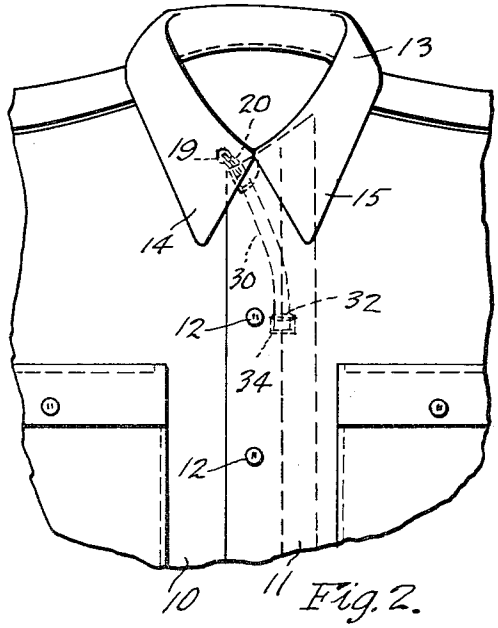


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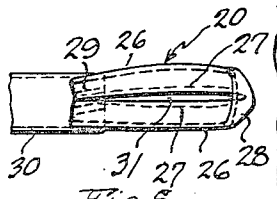


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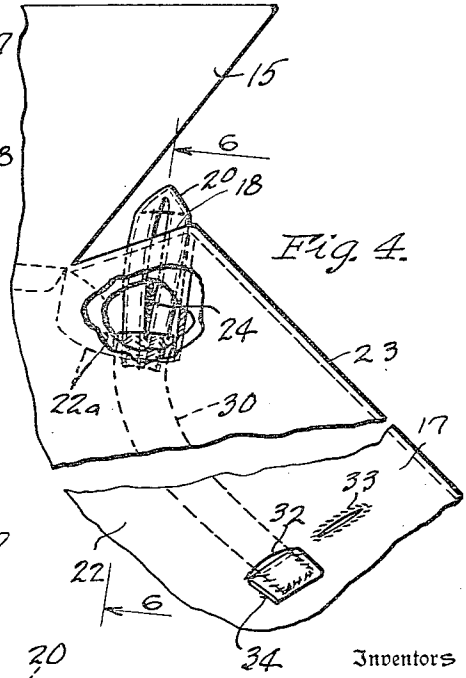


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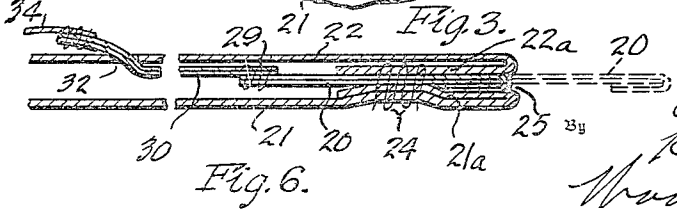


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This invention relates to a garment, particularly sport shirts or blouses, and has for an object to provide a retractible button loop for fastening the neck opening at the collar. In a common type of sport shirt, for example, a turned-down collar is permanently attached to the body of the shirt, the body being open at the front and overlapped with a row of buttons on the under or inner portion and a corresponding row of buttonholes in the facing or outer portion for closing the front of the shirt. The top button is located under one wing of the overturned collar, and on the edge of the opposite overlapped portion is fastened a loop which projects outwardly from this edge, which, when the collar is closed, is looped over the button, but when the collar is open and worn without a tie the loop is disconnected from the button and the flaps are turned back over the opposite body portions of the shirt. In this latter position the loop projects from the edge of the flap in plain view and mars the appearance of the shirt.

It is therefore another object of the present invention to so construct and mount this loop that it may be retracted into the fold or flap of the shirt out of sight when the shirt is worn in the open position, but may be drawn outwardly to the projected position to loop over the button when the shirt is worn in the closed position.

Another object is to so mount the loop that it may be readily and easily shifted between the retracted and exposed positions.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, we have devised the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification. It is, however, to be understood the invention is not limited to the specific details of construction and arrangement shown, but may embody various changes and modifications within the scope of the invention.

In this drawing:

Fig. 1 shows a sport type of shirt as worn in the open position with my improved device shown in dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing it in the closed position;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view of the flap on the loop side of the garment with the top portion raised to more clearly show the construction and with the loop withdrawn into its retracted position;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of this flap with the loop drawn out to the extended position and parts broken away to more clearly show the construction;

Fig. 5 is a bottom view of the loop, and

Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail section substantially on line 6—6 of Fig. 3 with the top layer of the flap in the normal position, and on substantially line 6—6 of Fig. 4 with the loop drawn back into the retracted position.

A portion of the body of the shirt is shown in Figs. 1 and 2 comprising a lower or inner portion **10** and the overlapped upper or outer facing portion **11** secured together by the usual row of buttons **12** on the lower member **10** through corresponding buttonholes in the overlapped outer portion **11**. The turned-down collar is indicated at **13** having the two wings **14** and **15** at the front

secured at **13***a* to the top edges of the folded-over flaps **16** and **17**. When the collar is worn in the closed position shown in Fig. 3, the flap **16** is folded inwardly to the right and the flap **17** folded to the left over it to the position shown in Fig. 2, and the loop projecting from the edge **18** of the flap **17** is looped over a button **19** secured to the body of the shirt under the collar wing **14**. Then when the flaps are opened as shown in Fig. 1, this loop will project in plain view from the edge **18** of the flap and presents an unsightly appearance. In this improved arrangement the loop indicated at **20** is mounted in the upper edge of the flap **17** so that it may be slid either outwardly to the projected position, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, for looping over the button **19** when the shirt is worn closed, as shown in Fig. 2, or may be retracted into the flap **17** and out of sight, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, when the shirt is worn open as shown in Fig. 1.

In the ordinary construction the flap **17** is composed of two superposed thicknesses of cloth comprising the outer portion **21** which is an extension of the body **11** of the shirt and is on the outside when the shirt is worn closed, as in Fig. 2, but is on the under side of the flap **17** when it is folded outwardly to the open position shown in Fig. 1, and the overlapped portion **22** which is the under side when the shirt is in the closed position of Fig. 2 and the outer side when in the open position of Fig. 1. These two portions are merely folded one over the other along the free edge **23**, but at the top edge **18** the two edges are folded inwardly as shown at **21***a* and **22***a* of Fig. 6 and stitched together and to the section **21** by a short line of stitching, as shown at **24**, but leaving the free edges detached for a short distance to form an opening **25** between these edges. The folded portions **21***a* and **22***a* are cut longer than normal, as shown in Fig. 3, to give sufficient support for the loop **20**.

This loop **20** is formed of a piece of tape or preferably a narrow strip of material the same as that of the body of the shirt and folded upon itself, as indicated at **26**, and the free or selvage edges stitched together as shown at **27**. Then these overlapped stitched strips are folded back upon themselves as shown at **28** and their free ends stitched as shown at **29** to a narrow tape **30**, thus providing an open buttonhole loop or slot **31** between these folded-over side portions. This loop is mounted between the folded-in portions **21***a* and **22***a*, and the stitching **24** passes through this opening or slot **31** in the loop. This slot or opening **31** is of sufficient length so that the free or outer end of the loop may be drawn outwardly through the opening **25** in the edge **18** of the flap **17**, as shown in full lines in Fig. 4, and dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 6. In this position the loop may be looped over the button **19** under the collar wing **14** to secure the shirt in the closed position of Fig. 2, the stitching **24** coacting with the inner end of the slot **31** in the loop to prevent wtihdrawal of the loop further than the holding position.

Now, if the shirt is to be worn in the open position of Fig. 1, the loop **20** is merely drawn back into the flap **17** through the opening **25** and between the double thickness of the two overlapped portions **21** and **22** of this flap. This may be done in various ways, but preferably to facilitate this withdrawal the tape **30** is made of sufficient length and passed through a slot **32** formed in the overlapped portion **22** but located sufficiently far down the body of the skirt so as to be on the inner side and therefore out of sight and covered up when the shirt is worn either in the open or closed position, as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 4. This slot is preferably located inwardly of the buttonhole **33** for the top button **12** at the front of the shirt, and the free end may have stitched to it a tab **34** forming a hand grip and also an enlargement

providing a stop on the end of the tape to prevent its being drawn back through the slot **33**. Thus in retracting the loop **20** from the position of Fig. 4, all the wearer has to do is to grasp the tab **34** and pull it downwardly to withdraw the loop **20** back into the retracted position within the flap **17**, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and the full lines of Fig. 6, this tab **34** and the free end of the tape drawn through being effectively covered so as to be out of sight when the front facing of the shirt is buttoned over the top button **12**. When it is desired to wear the shirt closed, as in Fig. 2, the loop **20** can be either pushed out through the opening **25** or its free end grasped by the thumb and finger and drawn outwardly to the projected position for looping over the button **19**. The short line of stitching **24** through the slot or opening **31** in the loop acts as a limit stop to limit both outward movement of the loop by coaction with the inner end of the slot when the loop is shifted to the projected position, or to coact with the outer end of the slot **31** to limit its inward movement when the loop is drawn to the retracted position. To prevent the folded-in portions **21***a* and **22***a* being drawn through the opening **25** the stitching **24**, as shown in Fig. 6, is carried through the portion **21** of the flap to tie these two folded-in portions to the portion **21** of the flap. This stitching **24** is, however, not carried through the portion **22** so it does not appear on the outer side of outwardly folded flap **17**.

It will be apparent from the above that this provides a simple and effective arrangement for the button loop of a collar of the sport type of shirt, which may be projected to loop over the securing button when the shirt is worn in the closed position, and the shirt can be worn in this position in the usual manner. However, when the shirt is worn in the open position, this loop, instead of being in plain view projecting from the edge of the outwardly turned flap of the shirts, may be easily and quickly withdrawn to a position entirely within this flap where it is out of sight and does not show at all, greatly improving the appearance of the shirt when worn in this open position.

Having thus set forth the nature of our invention, we claim:

1. In a shirt of the character described comprising a body including overlapped front portions secured by fasteners and a turned-down collar secured to the tops thereof having wing portions at the front, the portions of said overlapped front portions between the collar and said fasteners comprising flaps arranged to be worn in overlapped relation when the collar is closed and outwardly foldable in opposite directions when the collar is in the open position, a button on one of said front portions beneath one wing of the collar, the flap on the opposite and outer of said front portions comprising inner and outer superposed thicknesses of fabric with an opening between them at the upper edge of the latter flap and with edge portions of the fabric at opposite sides of said opening being folded inwardly between said thicknesses, a buttonhole loop mounted between said folded-in portions and movable outwardly through said opening to a position where it projects from the flap to expose the outer portion of the loop outwardly of the flap in position to be looped over the button when this flap is in the overlapped closed position over the inner flap, said loop being also movable in said opening in the opposite direction to shift it to a position substantially out of sight within the outer flap when this flap is in the outwardly folded open position, and stitching extending between said folded-in portions of the outer flap and through the opening in the loop and cooperating with opposite ends of the opening to retain the loop in the different positions.

2. In a shirt of the character described comprising a body including overlapped front portions secured by fasteners and a turned-down collar secured to the tops thereof having wing portions at the front, the portions of said overlapped front portions between the collar and said fasteners comprising flaps arranged to be worn in overlapped relation when the collar is closed and outwardly foldable in opposite directions when the collar is in the open position, a button on one of said front portions beneath one wing of the connected collar, the flap of the other of said front portions comprising superposed layers of fabric, a buttonhole loop on the latter flap between the layers of fabric, means mounting said loop so it is movable between a position substantially out of sight in the latter flap when this latter flap is in the outwardly folded open position and a position projecting sufficiently from this latter flap to loop over the button when this latter flap is in the overlapped closed position over the other flap, the portion of the shirt having said second flap being provided with a slot in its inner layer spaced from this flap, a tape connected to the inner portion of the loop and extending through said slot, and a tab on the free end of the tape forming a hand grip to draw on the tape and withdraw the loop into retracted position in the second flap.

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