REMOVABLE SHOULDER PADS FOR SHIRTS

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a shirt. More specifically, the present invention proposes the construction of a shirt characterized by having sleeves the arms of which are formed of two pieces of cloth sewed together along the two seams, the seams being disposed at the rear of the shirt, and being tailored like those of a coat to insure a perfect fit and to eliminate the curling common to regular sleeves as cut heretofore, and further having cuffs buttoned at the rear, the arms being provided with ample elbow room. Still further it is proposed to provide a shirt as aforesaid having a pleat at the back of the arm to provide additional elbow room. Another object, in either of the above type shirts, is to provide removable pads for the shoulders whereby the shirt, when padded, can be worn as an outer garment.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claim in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a shirt constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary rear view of the shirt.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged section on the line 3--3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary inside view of the shirt, showing the shoulder pads.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2 of a shirt constructed in accordance with a modification of this invention.

The shirt, according to this invention, comprises a front 19, a back 11, sleeves 12, a yoke 13, a collar 16, and pockets 15. The front of the shirt buttons down the middle in the usual manner. The rear or back of the shirt has side pleats 15. The yoke extends completely across the shoulders, having portions at the front and other portions at the rear of the shirt.

The yoke 13 is formed of two layers of cloth unattached at their ends adjacent the sleeves 15 to provide two pockets 17. In each of these pockets is a shoulder pad 18, each shoulder pad extending slightly into the sleeve to pad the juncture thereof with the body of the shirt. The pads are removable and each pad has two buttons 18 which coat with button holes 20 in the inner layer of the yoke. By unbuckling the buttons 19, the pads may be quickly removed from the shirt. When the pads are fastened to the shirt, it may be worn as an outer garment.

The sleeves 15 are especially constructed to give ample room without clumsiness and to add to the attractiveness of the garment. Each sleeve has an arm 21 and a cuff 22. The front of the arm 21 is made entirely of one piece of cloth 23, this piece having portions 24 and 25 at each side thereof extending around to and forming a part of the back of the sleeve. The portions 24 and 25 are connected by a single piece of cloth 26, the piece 26 being narrower than piece 23 and forming only a part of the rear of the arm.

Each cuff 22 is openable at the rear of the shirt, and is provided with a button and button hole 27. Each arm adjacent each cuff 22 is also openable at the rear of the shirt for a short distance, and is provided with a button and button hole 27.

Thus, from the front of the shirt, the arm and cuff presents an unbroken surface while from the rear of the shirt the arm and cuff are openable and the arm has two seams.

The seams are best shown in Fig. 3 wherein it will be seen that the edges 29 of the pieces 25 are folded and tucked into the folded edges 30 of the piece 23. All the seams of the shirt are sewed.

The cuffs of the shirt are of the usual size and construction. The arms of the shirt are fitted properly to the cuff then forming perfect shape at the elbow to give perfect fit and to provide ample room without clumsiness and the continues to the yoke 13, narrowing slightly where it joins up with the body of the shirt. Thus the sleeves are ample to provide for all arm bending likely to occur. If more elbow room is needed in the sleeves, as in the sleeves of large size shirts, this may be provided, as shown in Fig. 5, wherein a modification of the present invention is shown, by providing an oblique pleat 31 at the rear of the sleeve. Other parts of the shirt of Fig. 5 corresponding to like parts of the shirt of Figs. 1--4 are indicated by like reference with an accent added.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

A shirt comprising a front portion, a back, a yoke connecting the front portion and back, a collar at the middle of said yoke, sleeves connected to said front portion, back and yoke, said yoke having two superposed spaced layers of cloth connected along their side edges but unconnected with each other at their outer ends adjacent said sleeves, thereby providing end pockets adjacent said sleeves, a removable shoulder pad in each of said pockets and extending partially into each of said sleeves to cover the junction of the sleeves and shirt.

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