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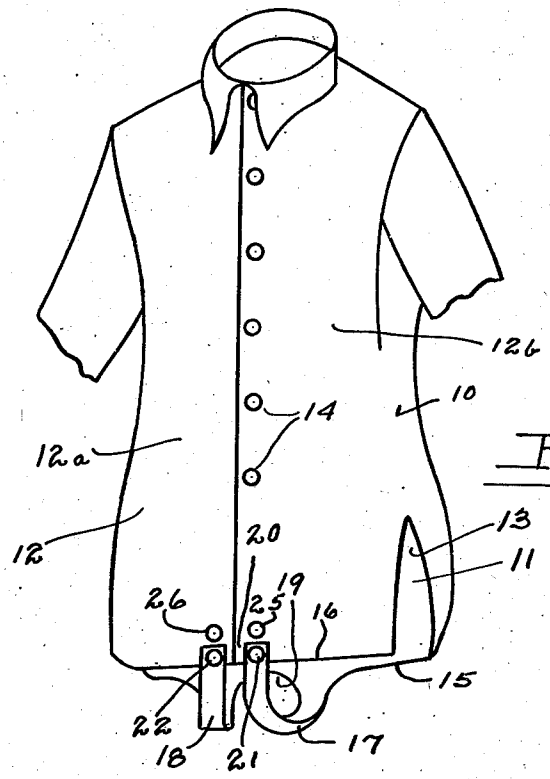


Fig. 1.

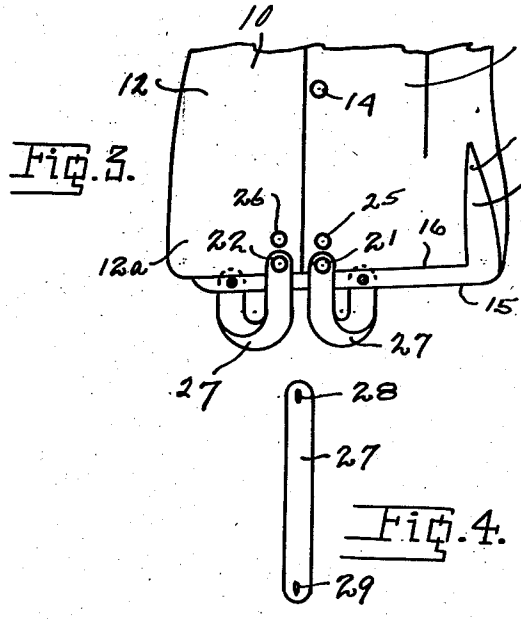


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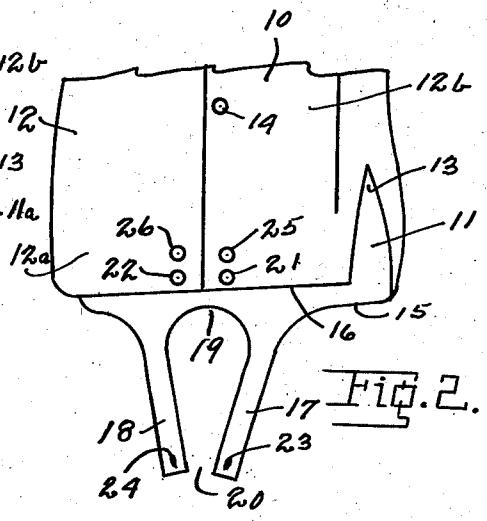


Fig. 2.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—115)

This invention relates to improvements in shirts, and particularly to shirts intended to be worn with the lower ends thereof within the trouser belt.

An object of this invention is to provide in a shirt means that will prevent the shirt from working its way above the trouser belt.

Another object of this invention is the provision of means that are inexpensive to procure and apply to the shirt to accomplish the above object.

It is also an object of this invention to provide a shirt as above specified that is comfortable to wear and does not interfere in normal actions and functions of the wearer.

Other objects and advantages of the present invention should be readily apparent by reference to the following specification considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawing forming a part thereof, and it is to be understood that any modifications may be made in the exact structural details there shown and described, within the scope of the appended claim, without departing from or exceeding the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a shirt embodying the improvements of this invention arranged in their normal position while being worn.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary perspective view of the lower end of a shirt with the improvements of this invention shown in a position other than when worn.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the lower end of a shirt showing a modification of the invention.

Fig. 4 is a plan view of a modified development of this invention which is shown in use in Fig. 3.

Throughout the several views of the drawing similar reference characters are employed to denote the same or similar parts.

The reference numeral 10 indicates a shirt constructed in the accepted manner comprising a back 11 and front 12 separated from one another at the lower ends by upwardly extending slashes located one on each side of the shirt, and one of which is indicated by the reference numeral 13. The shirt 12 is illustrated as split vertically substantially midway of its front, wherefore it is put on and taken off in the manner of a coat. The front sections 12*a* and 12*b* are secured in position by means of the usual buttons 14. It should be understood that the shirt front 12 does not necessarily have to be split for its full length, but may have the lower end in one piece as some of the so called "sport" shirts obtainable in the market.

The lower ends of the shirt back and front generally terminate in tail portions forming a transverse line such as indicated in the drawings at 15 and 16, the numeral 15 indicating the bottom of the shirt back while the numeral 16 indicates the bottom of the shirt front. The front and back lower ends 15 normally terminate within the wearer's trousers at a point above the crotch, and are held in this position by a trouser belt around the waist of the wearer which is generally above the lowermost button. Walking, driving and other exercise and movement of the wearer frequently cause the shirt tails to work upwardly above the trouser belt, thereby resulting in undesirable and uncomfortable wrinkles and fullness of the shirt above the trouser belt and around the wearer's waist. This fullness is frequently pressed by the wearer's coat or between the wearer and the automobile seat or chair back, thereby giving an untidy and a mussed appearance to the shirt. Frequently the shirt tails work themselves entirely out of the trouser belt.

By this invention this difficulty and undesirable condition is entirely eliminated. As seen in Figs. 1 and 2, the shirt back 11 is provided with extensions 17 and 18, which are integral with the shirt back, and in the form of straps. The straps 17 and 18 are relatively widely spaced on each side of the vertical axis or center of the shirt back, thereby providing considerable space 19 between the straps at the points of connection with the back and with the upper end of said space 19 at least on a line with the end 15 of said shirt back. The straps 17 and 18 converge toward one another, thereby resulting in a relatively small space 20 between the free ends of said strap extensions 17 and 18.

The shirt front 12 just above its lower end 16 is provided with a pair of buttons 21 and 22 located adjacent but on each side of the vertical center or axis of the shirt front. The said buttons 21 and 22 are adapted respectively to be received in button holes 23 and 24 at the free end of the extension straps 17 and 18.

It is believed that the operation of the improved shirt is obvious from the disclosure in Fig. 1, namely: that the said strap extensions 17 and 18 are passed through the wearer's crotch and the free ends secured to the buttons 21 and 22. By this construction the lower ends of the shirt front 12 and back 11 are secured to one another thereby preventing any crawling or upward movement of the shirt tails.

In order to take care of different sizes of wearer, the shirt front 12 may be provided with

one or more additional buttons, such as 25 and 26 located respectively above the buttons 21 and 22. It will be noted that while but two sets of buttons are shown on each side of the vertical axis or center of the shirt front, additional sets may be provided to take care of further adjustment for size.

In the modification illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, the extension straps are shown as separate members, such for example as strap 27 in Fig. 4. With this construction the strap is provided at both ends with a buttonhole 28 and 29. In this case the shirt back 13*a* would be provided near its lower end 15 with buttons to receive the first ends of straps 27, while the shirt front would receive the other ends in the same manner as above described, namely: by buttons 21 and 22.

From the foregoing it will now be appreciated that there has been provided a construction which will accomplish the objects initially set forth.

What is claimed is:

In a shirt of the class described having a front and a back, said front and back extending below the waist of the wearer with their respective lower ends in a line generally transverse of the vertical axis of the shirt, a pair of extensions, in the form of straps, integral with the shirt back, respectively extending from spaced points on the lower end thereof and on each side of the vertical axis of said shirt back and said straps converging toward one another, and detachable cooperative means at the opposite end of each extension strap and shirt front for attaching the said extension straps opposite ends to the shirt front respectively at points on each side of the vertical axis of said shirt front, the space between the points of integral connection of the extension straps with the shirt back being greater than the space between the points of attachment of said strap extensions to the shirt front, whereby said extension straps incline toward one another from their back attached ends to their free ends providing a space between them of appreciable width at the back and gradually decreasing in width toward the shirt front.

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