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SHIRT FORM

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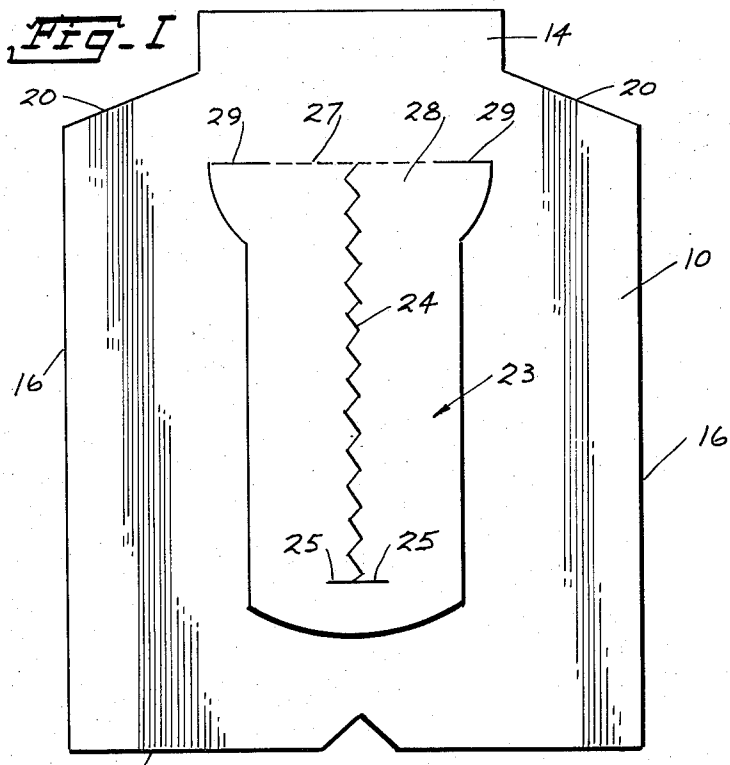
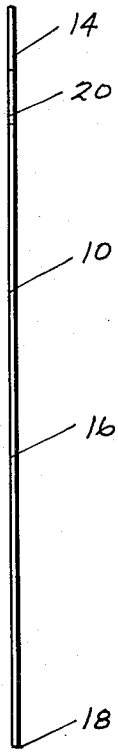
Fig. 1





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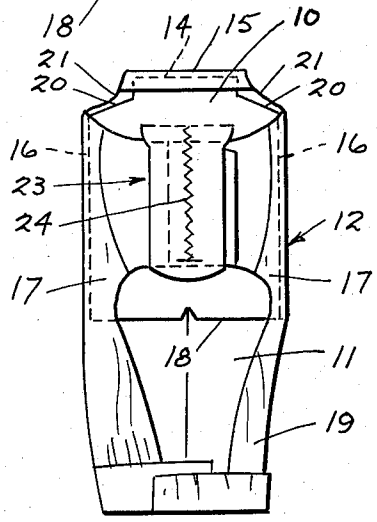

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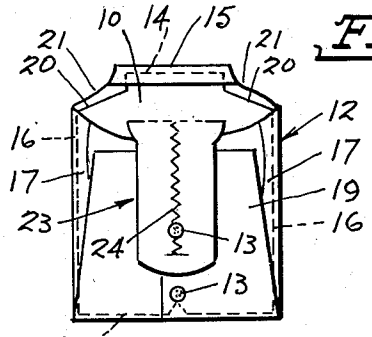

Fig. 4

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in shirt forms.

More particularly, the invention contemplates the construction of a shirt form which is of exceptionally simple construction and upon which a shirt may be mounted without the necessity of pinning. The new shirt form is characterized by a rectangular sheet of cardboard for engaging against the back of a shirt which is buttoned closed. It is proposed that said sheet of cardboard be provided with a central top projecting portion for engaging upwards under the back portion of the collar of the shirt. It is proposed that said sheet of cardboard be provided with side edges over which the sides of the shirt may be folded. The said sheet of cardboard is also provided with a bottom edge over which the bottom portion of the shirt may be folded upwards after the sides of the shirt have been folded over the sides of the sheet.

The dominating feature of this invention resides in providing said sheet of cardboard with a central tab portion adapted to extend downwards from near the top of the sheet for engaging over said folded shirt. This tab portion is provided with a vertical zig-zag slot through which one of the buttons of the shirt may engage for clamping said tab against said folded up bottom portion of said shirt.

Another important feature of the invention resides in forming said slot zig-zag in order to lock said button from moving longitudinally in said slot. With this construction the shirt will be securely held on the shirt form with one button and without the necessity of pinning.

A further novelty of this invention resides in the specific construction of said tab portion, as will be readily understood as this specification proceeds.

Another object of the invention is the construction of a device as described which is simple and durable and which may be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

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

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure—

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a shirt form embodying this invention.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the form shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an elevational view of the shirt form

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shown in Fig. 1 with a shirt partially applied thereon, this view being drawn on a reduced scale.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but showing the shirt completely on the shirt form.

The shirt form, in accordance with this invention, includes a rectangular sheet of cardboard 10 for engaging against the back 11 of a shirt 12 which is of the usual type, open at the front and normally buttoned closed with the buttons 13. The sheet 10 has a central top projection 14 for engaging upwards under the back portion of the collar 15 of said shirt 12. Said sheet 10 also has side edges 16 over which the side portions 17 of the shirt 12 may be folded. The sheet 10 is also provided with a bottom edge 18 over which the bottom portion 19 of the shirt 12 may be folded upwards after the sides 17 of the shirt have been folded over the sides 16 of said sheet 10. The sheet 10 has downwardly sloping top edges 20 to the sides of said central top projection 14 for extending along the sloping shoulders 21 of the shirt 12.

The sheet 10 has a central tab 23 cut from the material thereof and extending downwards from near the top of the sheet 10 so as to be capable of engaging over the back of the folded shirt 12, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 4. This tab 23 is provided with a vertical zig-zag slot 24 through which one of the buttons 13 of said shirt 12 may engage for clamping said tab 23 against the folded up bottom portion 19 of the shirt 12. This slot 24 is zig-zag in order to lock said button 13 from moving longitudinally along the slot 24 and in this way fixedly securing the button 13 in a stationary position in relation to the slot 24.

The bottom of the slot 24 connects with a pair of small cuts 25 extending right and left from the slot 24 so that the material of the tab 23 to the sides of the slot 24 may be easily bent upwards to temporarily open the slot 24 in order to facilitate engaging the button 13 through the slot 24. The junction between the top of the tab 23 and said sheet 10 is formed with a score line 27 to facilitate bending along this line so that the tab 23 may be easily moved upwards and downwards, as required, when placed into position over the folded portions of the shirt 12. The top portion 28 of the tab 23 is widened so that the widened portion may act to more securely hold the folded back portion of the shirt 12 in position.

The top edges of the widened top portion 28 to the sides of the score line 27 is severed from the material of the sheet 10 with cuts 29 in order to make it relatively easy to bend the tab 23

along the score line 27, and also to provide additional room if it is required so that portions of the folded shirt pass through the cuts 29.

The operation and use of the new shirt form may be understood from the following:

The shirt form is placed upon the back 11 of a shirt 12 and slipped upwards so that the top projection 14 engages beneath the collar 15 of the shirt. The side portions 17 of the shirt 12 are then folded over the side edges 16 of the sheet 10 and the sleeves of the shirt may be engaged beneath the tab 23 as illustrated in Fig. 3. The extreme bottom edge portion of the shirt may be folded upwards, and then the bottom portion 19 of the shirt may be folded upwards over the bottom edge 18 of the sheet 10 and engaged beneath the tab 23 as illustrated in Fig. 4. Now the zig-zag slot 24 is forced slightly open while one of the buttons 13 of the shirt is engaged through the slot 24. When the material to the sides of the slot 24 is released it grips beneath the button 13 and the shirt 12 is securely mounted on the shirt form as illustrated in Fig. 4. The shirt form acts to hold the shirt in position in an attractive manner.

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 construction 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:

In a shirt form, a rectangular sheet of cardboard for engaging against the back of a shirt which is buttoned closed said sheet having side edges over which the sides of said shirt may be folded, said sheet having a bottom edge over

which the bottom portion of said shirt may be folded upwards after the sides of said shirt have been folded over the sides of said sheet, and said sheet having a central tab portion extending downwards from near the top of said sheet for engaging over the said folded shirt, and said tab portion having a vertical zig-zag slot through which one of the buttons of said shirt may engage for clamping said tab against said folded up bottom portion of said shirt, said slot being zig-zag to lock said button from moving longitudinally in said slot, the bottom of said slot connecting with a pair of small cuts extending right and left so that the material of said tab to the sides of said slot may be easily bent to facilitate engaging said button in said slot said tab portion being narrow at its bottom and central portions, and wide at its top portion, the junction between the top of said tab portion and said sheet being materially narrower than the width of the top portion of said tab portion, said junction being scored to facilitate pivoting of said tab portion, and because said junction is relatively narrow said tab portion may be easily pivoted independently of the flexing of said tab portion when a button is engaged into and removed from said zig-zag slot.

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