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Fig. 1.

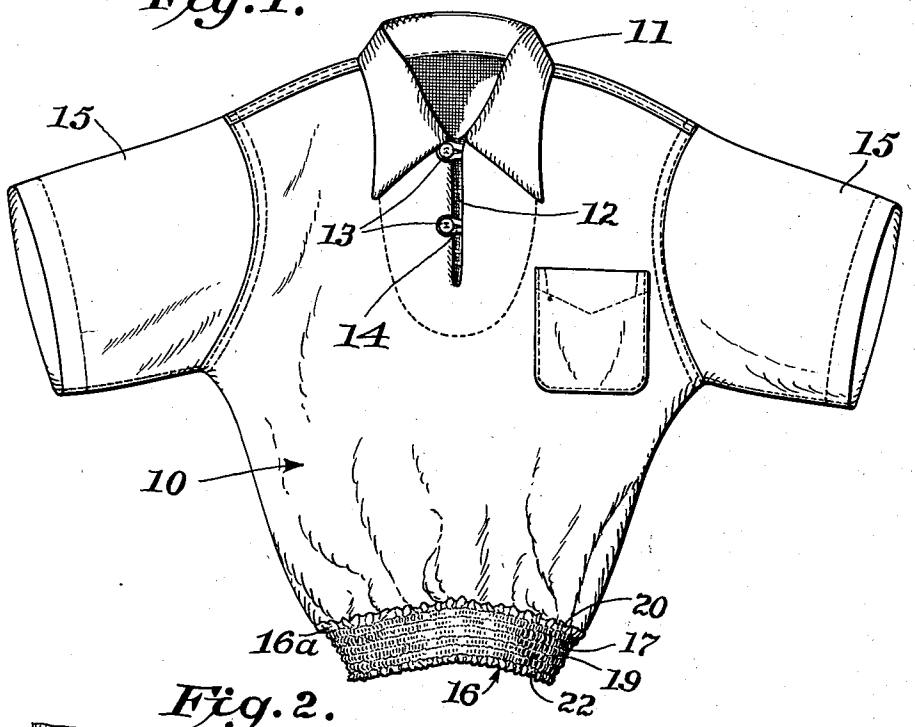



Fig. 2.

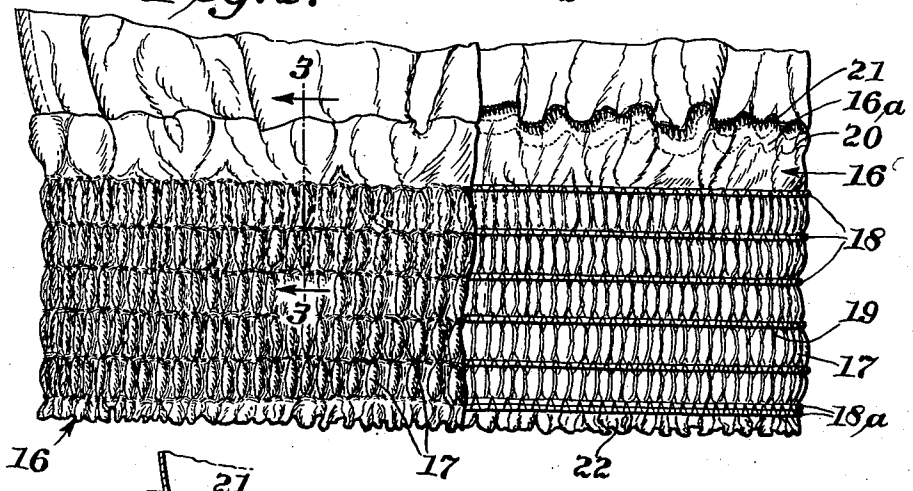
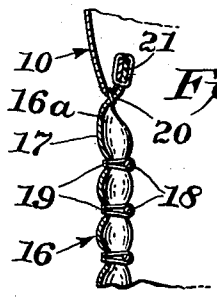



Fig. 3.




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## SHIRT

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This invention relates to garments and particularly shirts for outer wear such as those of the pull-over type.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a garment having an elastic bottom portion which will insure the shirt hugging the body to provide a neat appearance.

Another object of the invention is to provide a shirt having an elastic bottom portion provided with means whereby the shirt may be worn with the bottom either inside of or outside of a skirt or trousers without danger of the shirt "creeping up" to mar the appearance of the wearer.

A further object of the invention is to provide a shirt which will be useful for all kinds of outer dress wear, allowing complete freedom of movement while assuring that the garment will stay in place as, for instance, when the wearer indulges in sports or other exercise.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front view of the shirt,

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmental view of a portion of the bottom of the shirt, the left hand side of the view being in outside elevation and the right hand side being in inside elevation, and

Figure 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawings, the shirt is indicated as a whole at 10 and may be made of various styles and materials. It is provided with a neck opening having a collar 11 and a slitted front opening 12 which may be closed by means of buttons 13 engaged by suitable tabs 14. The body 10 is provided with sleeves 15 of any suitable type.

At the bottom of the body, there is provided a continuous elastic band indicated as a whole at 16.

This band 16 is continuous and is provided with vertical shirring 17 to allow for expansibility and, on the inside, the shirring is connected to a plurality of spaced transversely extending continuous elastic bands or cords 18, as shown in Figures 2 and 3. The elastic bands 18 are stitched to the shirred fabric, as shown at 19, and the bottom elastic band or cord is made of double width, as shown at 18a. All of the bands 18 may be of double width, if desired. In this manner, the continuous elastic bottom portion 16 will closely hug the form of the body to afford a neat appearance at all times. Moreover, the spaced transversely extending continuous elastic bands will form internal projections which will engage the surface of an undergarment and prevent the shirt from "riding" or "creeping." As

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will be appreciated, the stitching 19 serves to permanently maintain the structure of the shirring as well as to connect the shirring to the spaced elastic bands 18.

The portion 16 is connected to the body 10 of the garment by stitching, as shown at 20, in Figure 3. Then the free edge of the body 10 is turned up and sewed to the adjacent edge portion of the continuous shirring band 16 above the stitching 19 and 20, to provide a free inwardly projecting extension 21 on the inside of the shirt. This extension 21 serves to further prevent the shirt from "creeping up" by engaging the surface of an under garment. Moreover, the extension 21 reinforces the shirt against wear at the connecting portion 16a. In this manner, a strong and nice appearing shirt is produced which may be used by opening the tabs 14 and pulling the shirt over the head. The connecting portion 16a between the body 10 and the shirred elastic band will also be freely shirred and will further serve to equalize strain between the elastic band 16 and the body 10.

As will be observed upon reference to Figure 3 the continuous line of stitching 20 connecting the fabric of the elastic band to the fabric of the body of the shirt is concealed and provides the extension 21 which extends inwardly at a portion of the garment which is not directly under elastic strain. The garment as shown in Figure 1 tapers toward the elastic portion 16 and the freely shirred connecting portion 16a permits the gradual taper shown to be obtained. As explained above, the shirring 17 is permanently maintained by reason of the stitching 19 and the transversely extending continuous elastic bands 18. As disclosed, the connecting portion 16a adjacent its upper edge is connected to the shirt body portion adjacent its lower edge and the free edge portions of the connecting portion and body portion extend inwardly of the shirt from the connection thereof in the formation of an inwardly and upwardly two-ply tucked projection or extension 21 for preventing upward creeping of the shirt. In some cases, the stitching will penetrate the elastic bands 18 while in other cases a stitching will be provided which will merely extend around the bands 18, as particularly shown in Figure 3. The extreme lower edge of the fabric of the elastic bottom portion 16 of the shirt is free for a small margin as shown at 22 which will add to the attractiveness of the shirt.

I claim:

A shirt having an elastic bottom portion, the

inside surface of the bottom portion being provided with means to resist "creeping," the fabric of the said elastic bottom portion being shirred, said means comprising a plurality of spaced elastic transversely extending bands; said bands being connected to the shirred portion by stitching on the inner side thereof and maintaining the shirring permanent and imparting an elasticity to the bottom portion, the elastic bottom portion being connected to the body of the shirt by a freely shirred connecting portion, the lower portion of the shirt and the top portion of the connecting portion being connected in spaced relation to their free edges and the material of



said shirt and connecting portion intermediate said connection and the free edges defining a two-ply projection for preventing upward creeping of the shirt.

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