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Fig. 1.

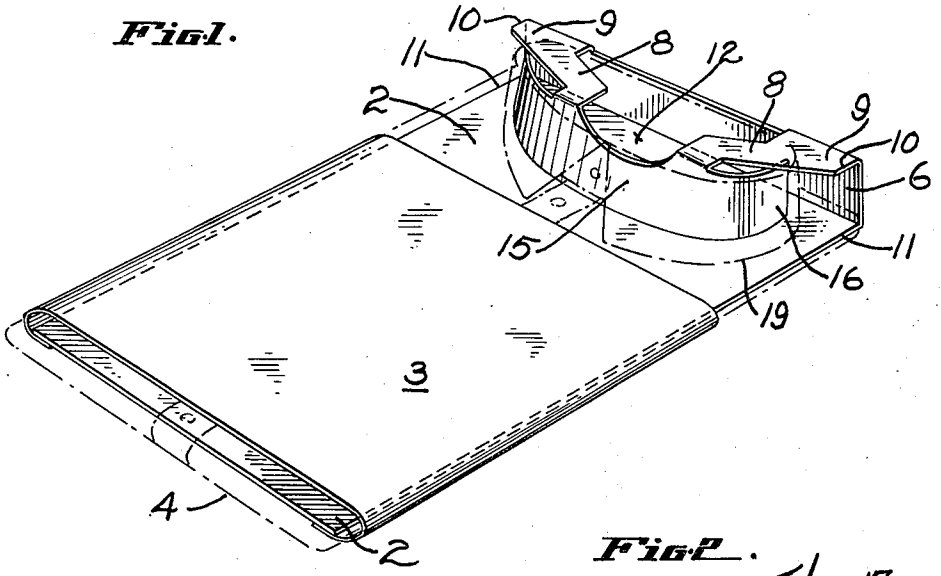


Fig. 2.

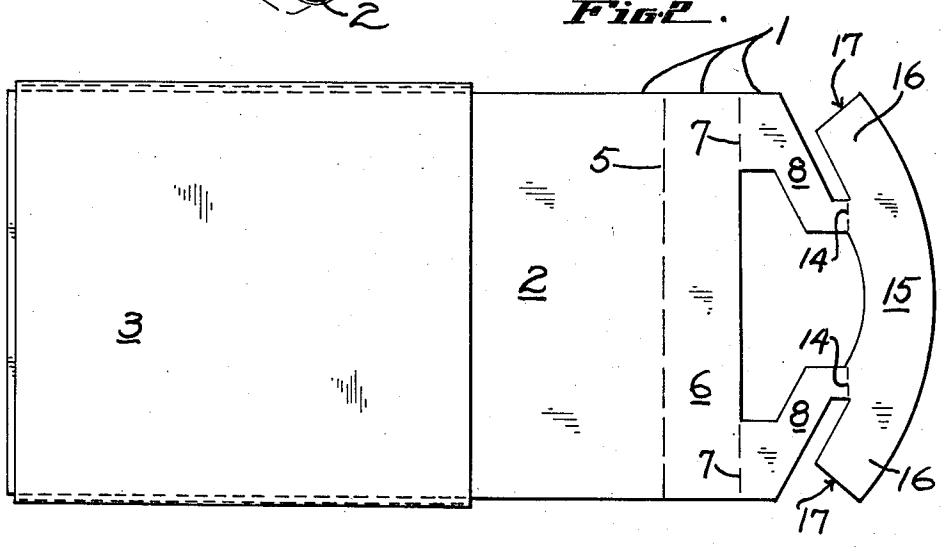
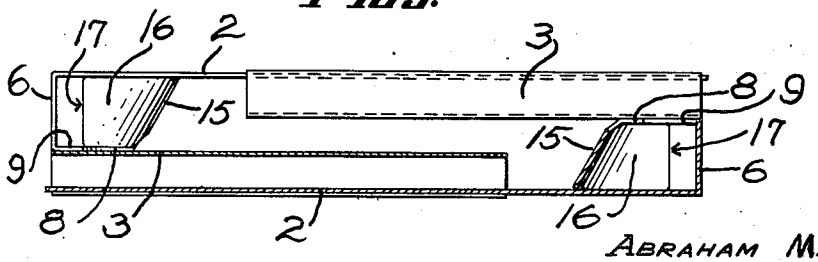


Fig. 3.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 229—87)

My invention relates to shirt protectors and more particularly to a shirt protector formed from a unitary blank, which can be folded to protect a shirt with the collar thereof in proper position, and which at the same time provides a weight carrying box over and around the collar, so that the shirts in their protectors may be stacked without damage.

The main object of my invention is to provide a shirt protector having a collar engaging portion so folded as to provide a weight resisting box around the collar of the shirt, so that the collar itself need carry no weight when the shirts are stacked.

Other objects of my invention may be more clearly understood by direct reference to the drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a preferred form of the shirt protector of my invention, the shirt position being shown therein by broken lines.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the blank before folding.

Figure 3 is a side view partially in elevation and partially in section, showing how the devices of my invention may be stacked and how the folding produces a weight resisting box at the collar end of the protector.

Referring to the figures for more detailed description of the illustrated preferred form of my invention.

Blank 1 is provided with a main panel 2, this main panel having, over about two-thirds of its extent, a raised paper envelope portion 3 attached thereto into which the body 4 of the shirt may be positioned, as shown by broken lines in Figure 1. At the other end of the panel 2 a crease, or a weakened transverse score 5 is made extending across the entire width of panel 2 and the first extension 6 of the panel is then bent upwardly at right angles to panel 2. This provides a solid back to the protector in use. A second crease or score 7 is then made to provide continuing extensions 8. These extensions 8 are bent at right angles to first extension 6 extending over panel 2, and having portions 9 whose edges 10 are parallel to and lying in the plane of lateral edges 11 of panel 2. Thus the lateral edges 11 of panel 2, the lateral edges of first extension 6, and lateral edges 10 of continuing extensions 8 are all in the same vertical plane and form in side elevation a hook similar to the bottom of the letter J. Thus at the collar corners of the protector there are no sharp corners present. The center portion between continuing extensions 8 is cut away to form an aperture 12 through which the back of the collar may be seen for inspection of size or laundry marks. However, such an aperture is not necessary for the full performance of my invention, nor is any particular form or shape of the aperture necessary. Thus if desired portions 9 can extend entirely across the top of the protector and merge into a single plane.

A third crease or score 14 is made at the end of continuing extensions 8 to terminate the protector blank in a collar engaging portion 15 having end tabs 16 extending laterally of score 14. The length of end edges 17 of tabs 16 is such that when these tabs are placed inside the collar band of a shirt, the tabs curve beneath portions 9 of continuing extensions 8. The lower edge of the entire collar supporting portion in this position contacts panel 2 even though the central part of the collar engaging portion 15 may be positioned at a slight angle within collar 19 of the shirt. Thus portions 9 of continuing extensions 8 are firmly supported from panel 2 so that any weight on portions 9 will be transmitted to panel 2 through the tabs 16 and in no way can be placed upon collar 19, and the ends of extensions 8 are firmly supported. This means that two shirt protectors as described, when holding a shirt, can be stacked in reverse position as shown in Figure 3, with additional groups of two placed upon them. No weight can be transmitted to the collars 19 of the shirts to crush it, as all of the weight is carried by the collar engaging portions 15.

Thus, when loaded with a shirt, the collar protector of my invention is provided with a self supporting, weight carrying end box entirely preventing any crushing action of the collars of the shirts.

I claim:

A unitary shirt protector having a flat panel for engaging the body of a shirt, a first extension of the same width as said panel bent at a right angle to the plane of said panel, a continuing extension bent at a right angle to said first extension to be parallel to and over said panel the lateral edges of said continuing extension having a substantial portion thereof adjacent said first extension in the same plane as the lateral edges of said panel, and a collar engaging portion attached to said continuing extension and centrally only bent toward said panel and contacting therewith, said collar engaging portion having laterally extending tabs rearwardly curved to project under said continuing portion and terminating in contact with both said continuing portion and said panel thereby supporting said continuing portion against crushing, and simultaneously defining a form around which a collar may be fitted.

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