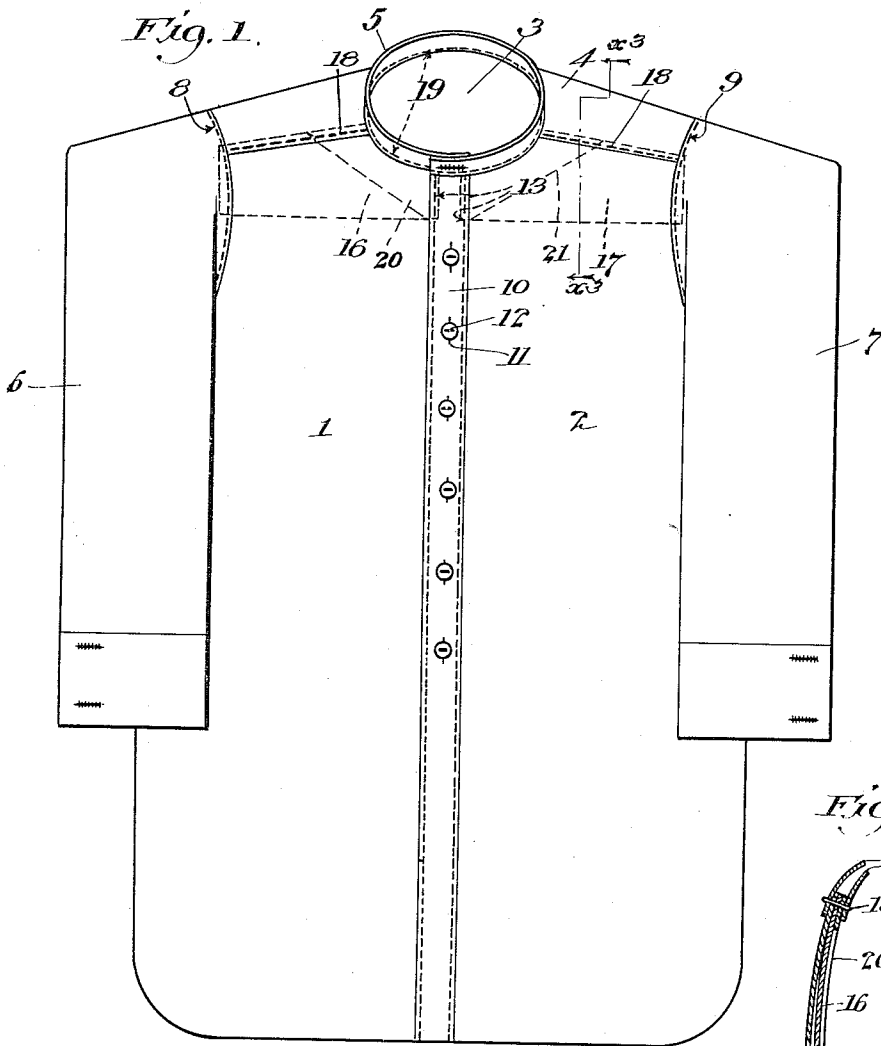
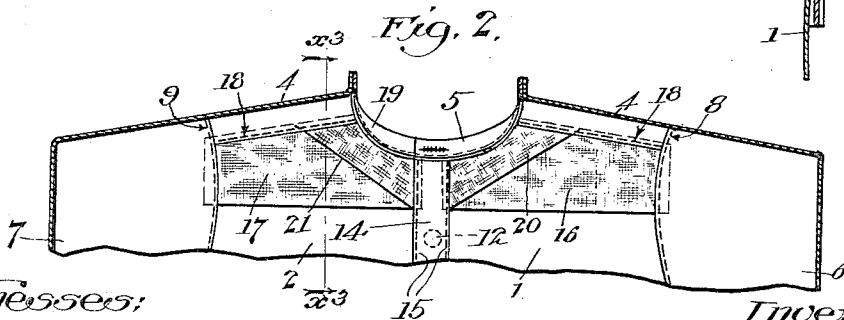
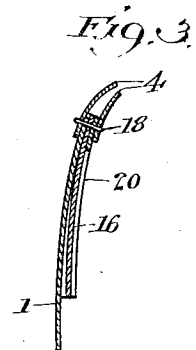


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANITA M. FUHR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Azusa, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Garment, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to shirts and garments of like character and an object of the invention is to increase the durability and wearing qualities of garments such as shirts.

It is well known that the material of which shirts are made generally wears through first in front adjacent the neck band on both sides of the front opening. This may be due in part to the fact that the front of the collar sometimes rubs against the shirt front adjacent the neck band. Another reason for the shirt wearing through in this place is that it is structurally a weak place because it lies adjacent stronger portions of the shirt which are constructed of double thickness of material, and since these portions of the shirt are subject to undue strains, said strains tend to pull the threads apart and hence make the material thin at those places.

This invention pertains to a device whereby the strain on the shirt front is eliminated so that it will not wear through so quickly. The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a garment constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the upper part of the shirt shown in Fig. 1, looking toward the front.

Fig. 3 is a section on line indicated by x^a-x^b , Figs. 1 and 2.

The invention is embodied in the instance shown in the drawings in the form of a shirt which comprises a body portion formed of fronts 1, 2, a back 3, a yoke 4 of double thickness and a neck band 5, and which also comprises sleeves 6, 7. The sleeve 6 is fastened by stitching 8 to the front 1, back 3 and yoke 4 and the sleeve 7 is fastened by stitching 9 to the front 2, back 3 and yoke 4 in the usual way. The front 2 is provided with a bosom strip 10 meeting the neck band 5 and extending down the front and provided with button-holes 11 to engage the buttons 12 which are fastened to the shirt front 1. This construction also is of the

usual character, the bosom strip 10 being fastened to the front 2 by stitching 13.

The front 1 is provided with a facing strip 14 extending from the neck band 5 along the front margin of the front in the usual way and fastened by stitching 15 to the front 1.

Underlying the upper ends of the fronts 1, 2 are pieces 16, 17 which are cut lengthwise of the goods so that their warp threads extend transversely of the shirt fronts and of the warp threads of the fronts which extend lengthwise of the fronts in the usual way. The piece 16 has its outer ends inserted between the front 1 and the sleeves and fastened by the stitching 8, and said piece has its inner end inserted between the front 1 and facing strip 14 and fastened by the stitching 15, and the upper margin of said piece 16 is inserted between the inside piece of the yoke 4 and the front 1 and said piece 16 is fastened to said yoke by stitching 18 which joins the yoke to the front. Also the piece 16 has a portion of its margin inserted between the front and the inner member of the neck band, and is fastened by stitching 19 which joins the neck band to the front. The other piece 17 is fastened in place the same as described above for the piece 16.

From the foregoing it is clear that when any strain takes place transversely of the shirt front adjacent the yoke 4 said strain will be borne by the pieces 16, 17 since the warp threads of said pieces extend from the bosom strip 10 and facing 14 to the arm hole stitchings 8, 9. It is also clear that any strains caused by pulling of the ends of the yoke 4 away from the front of the shirt will be borne by the pieces 16, 17, the strains in this instance being on the bias or diagonally of the pieces 16, 17.

It is noted that the shirt to all external appearances is the same as though it did not have the pieces 16, 17, but said pieces are there and relieve the fronts of all transverse strains.

Preferably the lower edges of the pieces 16, 17 are the selvage edges of the strip of material from which said pieces are cut.

It may be desirable in some instances to fasten other pieces 20, 21 beneath the upper ends of the fronts 1, 2 with the warp threads of said pieces extending diagonal to the warp threads of the pieces 16, 17 so that any

strains caused by pulling of the ends of the yoke 4 away from the fronts 1, 2 will be borne by the warp threads alone of the pieces 20, 21. These pieces 20, 21 may be 5 beneath the pieces 16, 17 as shown in the drawings or, as is readily understood, may be between the fronts 1, 2 and the pieces 16, 17. The inner ends of the pieces 20, 21 are fastened by the stitchings 15, 13 respectively 10 and the outer ends of said pieces are fastened by the stitchings 18.

It is noted that by the construction described above, when the shirt is on the wearer and is buttoned up, the strain that 15 would otherwise come upon the upper portions of the shirt fronts is transmitted by the pieces 16, 17 to the facing and bosom strips, which, of course, are best adapted to receive such strain.

20 I claim:

1. A garment comprising a back, fronts, a yoke stitched to the fronts and back, a facing stitched to one of the fronts, a bosom strip stitched to the other front, sleeves 25 stitched to the yoke and back and fronts, a neck band stitched to the back and fronts and yoke, and pieces underlying the upper ends of the fronts adjacent the yoke and fastened to the yoke by the yoke stitching, the 30 warp threads of said pieces extending transversely of the fronts and said pieces being fastened at their ends by the stitching connecting the sleeves to the fronts and by the stitchings connecting the facing and bosom 35 strips to the fronts respectively.

2. A garment comprising a back, fronts, a yoke stitched to the fronts and back, a facing strip stitched to one of the fronts, a bosom strip stitched to the other front, 40 sleeves stitched to the yoke and back and fronts, and pieces underlying the upper ends of the fronts adjacent the yoke and fastened at their outer ends to the sleeves by the sleeve stitching and fastened at their inner 45 ends by the stitchings of the facing and

bosom strips respectively, the warp threads of said pieces extending transversely of the fronts.

3. A garment comprising a back, fronts, a yoke stitched to the fronts and back, a facing strip stitched to one of the fronts, a 50 bosom strip stitched to the other front, sleeves stitched to the yoke and back and fronts respectively, and pieces underlying the upper ends of the fronts adjacent the 55 yoke and fastened at their outer ends to the sleeves by the sleeve stitching and fastened at their inner ends by the stitchings of the facing and bosom strips respectively, the lower margins of the pieces being free from 60 the fronts and the warp threads of said pieces extending transversely of the fronts.

4. A garment comprising a back, fronts, a yoke stitched to the fronts and back, a facing strip stitched to one of the fronts, a 65 bosom strip stitched to the other front, sleeves stitched to the yoke and back and fronts respectively, pieces underlying the upper ends of the fronts adjacent the yoke and fastened at their outer ends to the 70 sleeves by the sleeve stitching and fastened at their inner ends by the stitchings of the facing and bosom strips respectively, the warp threads of said pieces extending transversely of the fronts, and other pieces also 75 underlying the upper ends of the fronts adjacent the yoke and fastened at their outer ends to the yoke by the yoke stitching and fastened at their inner ends by the stitchings of the facing and bosom strips respectively, 80 the warp threads of the respective last named pieces extending from the yoke to the facing and bosom strips.

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