

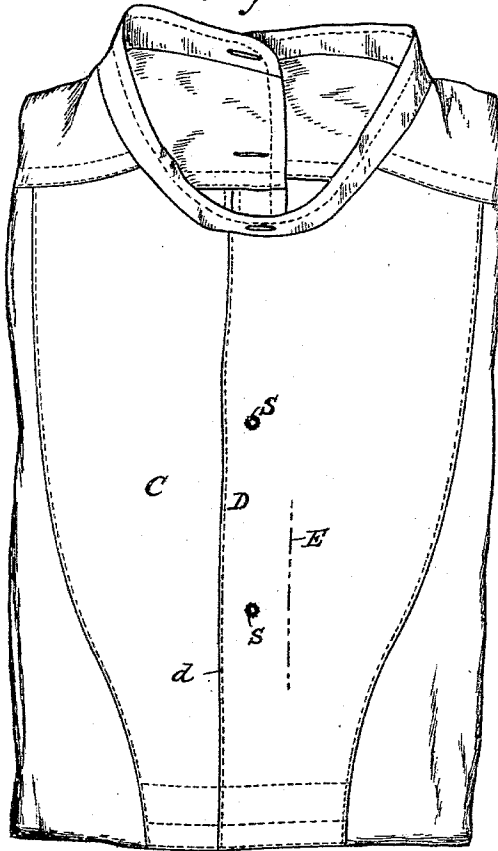
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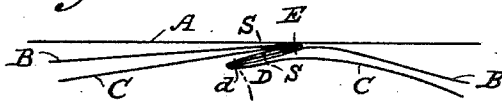
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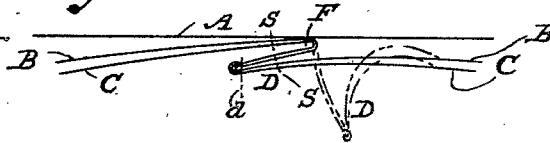
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## SHIRT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK L. WYETH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Manchester, in the county of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bosoms for Closed-Front Shirts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to shirts which open in the back.

The object of the invention is to give to the front of such a shirt the appearance of an open bosom; and it consists in the construction hereinafter described and particularly pointed out.

The invention will be fully set forth in the following specification and claim and clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same, of which—

Figure 1 shows a bosom-shirt embodying my improvements folded, as when laundered. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of one of my improved bosoms, showing one method of making a plait to give the desired appearance. Fig. 3 is a similar section showing another method of forming my improved plait.

Similar reference-letters denote corresponding parts.

The line A represents the canvas or bosom-stiffener.

The line B represents the lining, and C the linen or outside of a bosom.

D is my improved plait, which may or may not be stitched near its edge, as at *d*, and E represents the point at which the folds forming the plait D are secured or stitched.

When making my improved plait by the method shown in Fig. 2, one or more thicknesses of the bosom are folded to form the desired plait, the single thickness *c* of the linen being then turned out of the way, as seen by dotted line in Fig. 2, and all other thicknesses comprised in the underfolded portion are then stitched, as at E; but when making my improved plait as shown in Fig. 3, after form-

ing the plait of one or more thicknesses of the materials comprising the bosom, the entire plait D is turned back out of the way and a row of stitching is placed on the line, or as near as possible to the line, of the inner fold of the plait, as at F, the plait D being shown by dotted lines in Fig. 3 as when turned out of the way, so as to apply the stitching, as described.

The line S in the several views represents the point at which eyelets or buttonholes are formed in the bosom and its plait.

I am aware that shirt-bosoms have been provided with lengthwise plaits secured together by stitching its two external overlying parts at a distance from the free edge of the plait about equal to its width, and I am also aware that blind stitching is not broadly new.

It is characteristic of my improvement that a bosom is provided with a plait covering the usual situation of the overlapped parts of an open shirt-bosom front, the free edge of the plait being upon one side and the blind stitch upon the other of the longitudinal center of the bosom, so that the blind stitch corresponds in situation and in effect upon the external appearance to the inner underlapped edge of an open front, and that an open front of usual appearance is thereby simulated.

Having thus described my improvements, what I claim is—

A bosom for a closed-front shirt comprising an inner stiffening part and a front part the latter being permanently united, to the former along a line at one side of the longitudinal center of the bosom and folded back to the opposite side of said center and there reversely folded, said union forming the sole connection of the front and back parts intermediate their exterior edges, all substantially as set forth, whereby an open front shirt is simulated.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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