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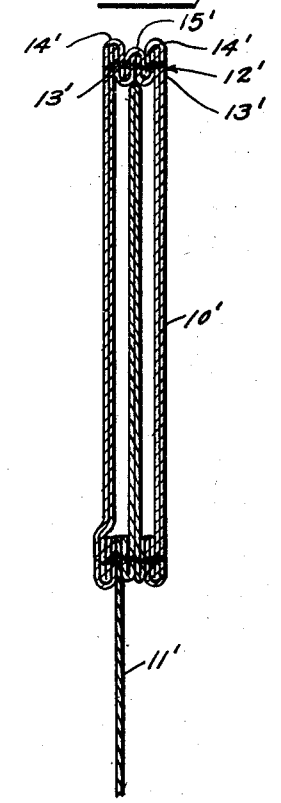


Fig. 1.

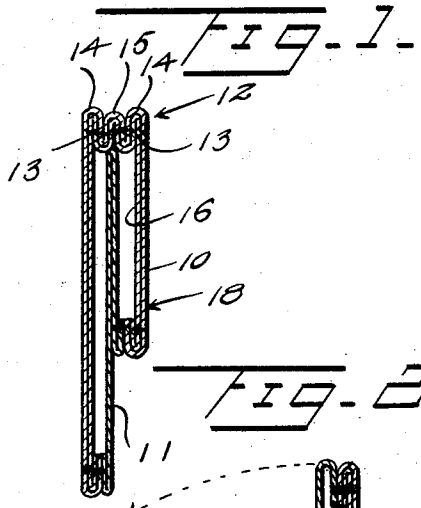


Fig. 2.

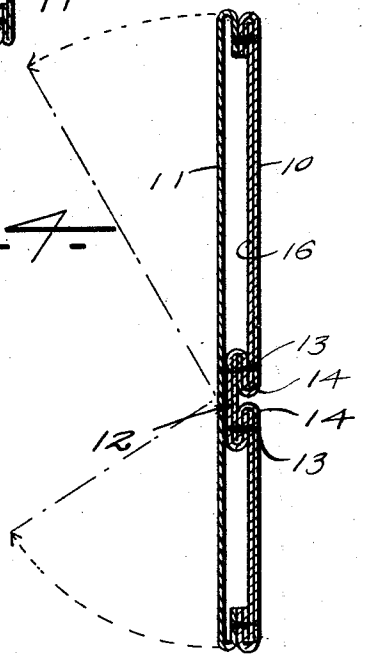
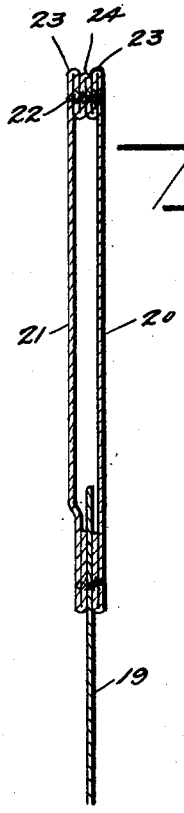


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in apparel, and particularly to collars and cuffs.

One object of the invention is to provide a collar or cuff of such construction that the outer edge thereof will not fray out, under the rubbing of the neck or wrist of the wearer, or the treatment accorded the same in the laundry.

In the soft variety of collars, whether separate, or attached to a shirt, the folded edges are subject to great wear, either while in use, or when being laundered. Such wear causes the edges to become frayed, thus rendering them unsightly, and in the case of the shirt attached collar, the owner often throws the shirt away, despite the fact that the remainder of the shirt may be nearly perfect.

The present invention is designed to provide a double edge to the fold of a collar, or to the fold of the soft cuffs of a shirt, and especially to that type of cuffs which are adapted to be folded back.

Another object is to provide a collar or cuff of this construction which will wear for a longer time than the collars and cuffs as now constructed, the collar and cuff being of simple and cheap construction.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a vertical transverse sectional view through a soft collar, made in accordance with the present invention, the collar being folded in the manner when worn.

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the collar before being folded for wear.

Figure 3 is a sectional view, similar to that shown in Figure 1, but showing the invention as embodied in a folding shirt cuff.

Figure 4 is a sectional view of an ordinary straight shirt cuff, embodying the present invention.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, and particularly to Figures 1 and 2, there is shown a collar of the soft turndown, or folded type, such collar being of the separable kind, but may be readily secured to a shirt, to form a part thereof. As will be noted in Figure 2, the collar comprises the two outer plies of the material from which the collar is made, such material being plain in color, or may be of any figure or design to match the shirt with which it is to be worn. These plies are shown at 10 and 11. In the ply 10, at approximately one-third the width thereof, there is formed a box-plait 12, such plait being formed on the inner face of the ply. The side folds of this plait are stitched through out the length of the plait, as indicated at 13, a suitable space being provided between the folds 14, as clearly shown, so that when the collar is folded into the position shown in Figure 1, the portion of the plait, between the folds 14, will lie between the folds 14, but slightly therebelow, as indicated at 15, in Figure 1. The upwardly projecting folds 14 receive the wear, the inner one contacting with the neck of the wearer, while the outer one is free from contact with anything, unless the coat collar should stand above the shirt collar, and rub thereagainst. However, this would not cause any considerable wear on the fold of the collar. A strip 16, of suitable stiffening material, is disposed against the inner face of the ply 10, and is folded into the plait, whereby to reinforce such plait.

The spacing of the folds 14, and the disposition of the middle fold 15, when the collar is folded for wear, serves to prevent perspiration reaching the outer fold 14, whereby to maintain the neat and clean appearance of the collar. Furthermore, this spacing of the folds also serves to protect the outer fold from contact with the neck of the wearer, thereby preventing wear thereof.

A collar constructed as herein described will wear for a greater length of time than the ordinary collar of this type, and futhermore, such collar will stand up under the ordinary treatment of the laundry.

In Figure 3 there is shown the application of the invention to the turnback form of attached cuff of a shirt. The intermediate portion of the material of the cuff is formed with a box plait, similar to that of the collar, which results in the folds 14′ and 15′, stitched at 13′, in the manner illustrated in Figure 2, with

respect to the collar. This cuff is attached to the sleeve, which is indicated at 11'.

In Figure 4 there is shown the ordinary straight cuff which has the inner and outer layers or plies attached to the shirt sleeve 19, such plies being indicated at 20 and 21. The intermediate portion of the material of the plies is formed with a box plait, which is stitched at 22 to form the three folded and spaced wearing edges 23 and 24. Furthermore, the constuction herein described is applicable to collars which are separable, or attached to the shirt. The longer life of the collar and cuff serves to increase the life of the shirt, and obviates the practice of throwing the shirt away when the collar or cuffs become worn.

What is claimed is:

1. A collar and cuff construction of the folded type comprising plies secured together along their marginal edges, one of the plies having a box-plait formed therein at the fold of the collar and cuff whereby to produce a multiplicity of exposed folded edges at such fold.

2. A collar construction of the turndown type comprising plies secured together along their marginal edges, one of the plies having a longitudinal box-plait formed on its inner face, the collar being folded for wear at the intermediate portion of such plait, the side folds of the plait being secured together whereby to produce a plurality of exposed folds at the wearing edge of the collar.

3. A collar and cuff construction of the folded type comprising plies secured together along their marginal edges, one of the plies having a multifold plait formed therein at the fold thereof, said plait having more than two exposed spaced folded wearing edges at such collar and cuff fold.

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