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SHIRT.

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Fig. 1.

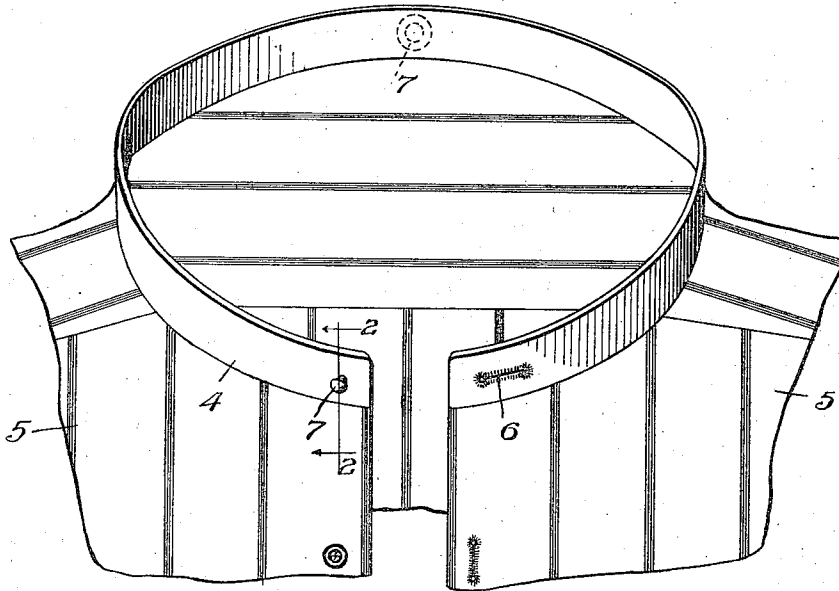


Fig. 2.

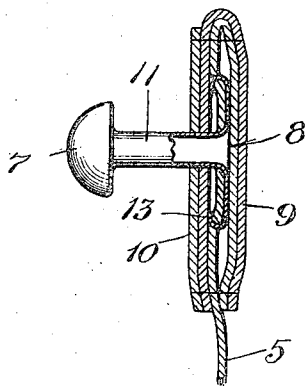
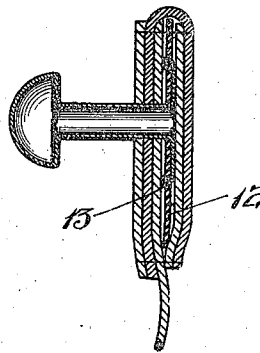


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD L. SWIKARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in men's shirts and it has relation more particularly to the neck band, the invention consisting in embodying one or more collar buttons permanently with the neck band of the shirt.

It is the object of my invention to provide a shirt with one or more, preferably two, collar buttons permanently fastened in the neck band of the shirt and having means on the bases thereof to hold the buttons in fixed relation to the band so that the button or buttons will always be in proper place on the shirt.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating the invention Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a portion of the shirt, including the neck band, and embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional view similar to Fig. 2 showing a slightly different arrangement of the button.

Referring to the drawings, the neck band 4 of the shirt 5 is provided with the usual buttonhole 6, but instead of button-holes at the other end and at the back of the neck band I provide buttons 7 which are permanently engaged with the neck band. I may employ collar buttons made of any suitable material and I obtain the permanent engagement of the collar button with the shirt band by locating the base 8 of the collar button between the inner and outer plies 9, 10 of the neck band. Where there are a plurality of plies between the inner and outer plies of the neck band it may be found convenient to locate the base of the collar button in the middle of the plies or beneath intermediate plies or in some other way which varying conditions of service may show to be desirable. The base 8 is provided with prongs 13 which engage with one of the inner or intermediate plies to permanently hold the button in fixed relation with the neck band.

The shank 11 of the collar button projects through a suitably-formed opening in the

plies of the neck band above the base of the collar button, and as this opening conforms to the size and shape of the shank which is much smaller than the base of the collar button the button will be permanently held in its proper place in the neck band. The edge of the opening in the neck band through which the shank projects may be stitched to retain its shape and size, or otherwise reinforced as may be found desirable.

It may be desirable to stiffen the neck band by inserting a strip of suitable material of a more rigid character than the cloth from which the neck band proper is constructed, such as the reinforcing strip 12 which is shown in Fig. 3. In this event I find that it is desirable to engage the prongs 13 of the base 8 with the reinforcing strip, the strip performing the function of the intermediate plies and holding the button securely and permanently in its proper place in the neck band.

It will be apparent that various changes may be made in the form, construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention or sacrificing any of its material advantages, the forms hereinbefore described being merely preferred embodiments thereof.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A shirt having an unbroken neckband comprising a plurality of plies permanently secured together at their edges and a collar button having a base disposed between said plies, said base being provided with prongs adapted to engage the intermediate plies and permanently hold said button in fixed relation to said band.

2. A shirt having an unbroken neckband comprising a plurality of plies permanently secured together at their edges, a reinforcing strip disposed and inseparably held between said plies, and a collar button having a base provided with prongs adapted to engage said reinforcing strip and hold said button in fixed relation with said reinforcing strip and neckband.

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