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SHIRTS.

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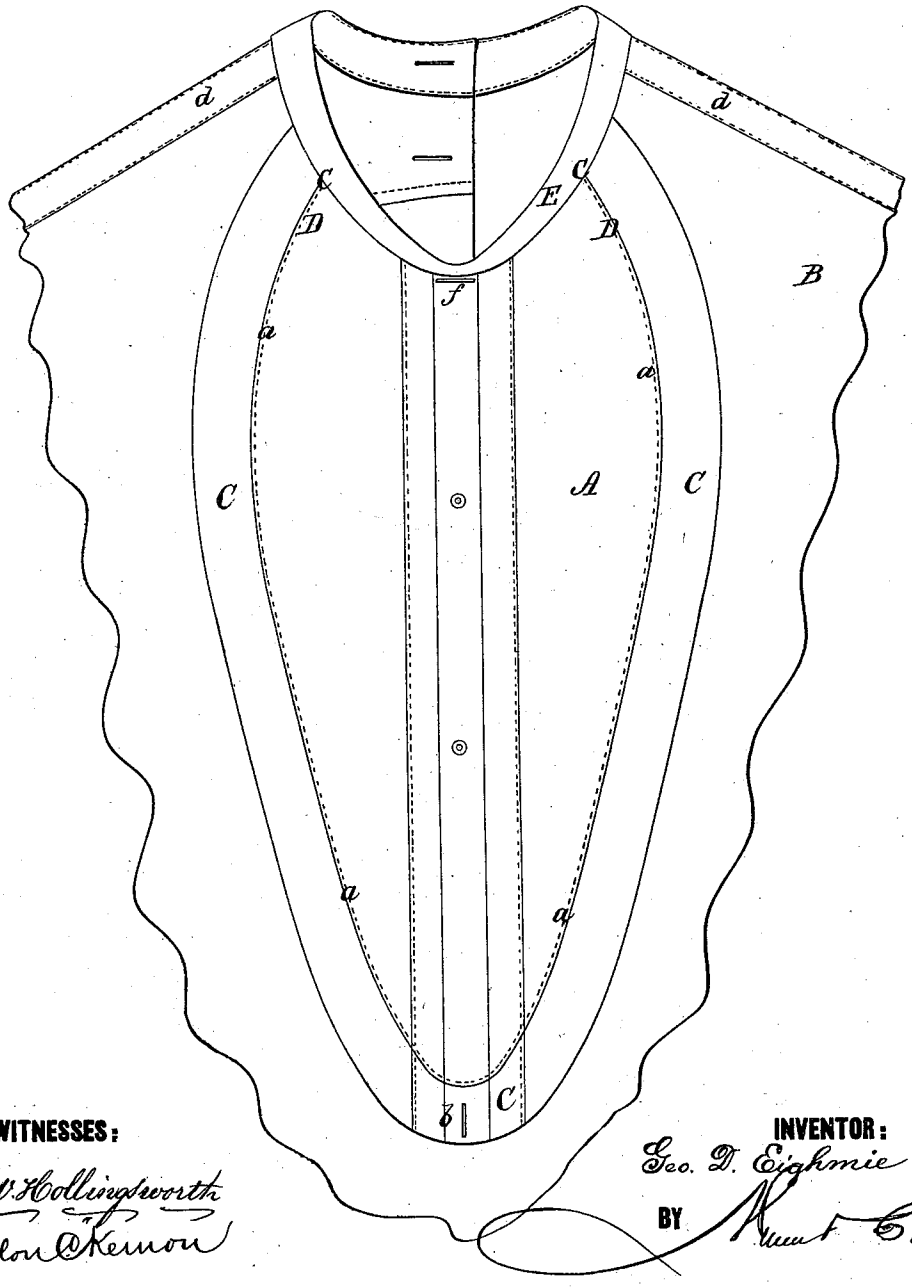

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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. EIGHMIE, of Poughkeepsie, in the county of Dutchess and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shirts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which the figure is a front view.

This invention relates to certain improvements in shirts designed to obviate the breaking and rumpling of the bosom produced by the bending of the body and the girding of the suspenders. It consists in a bosom or front attached to the shirt about an inch from the edge, so as to leave a loose edge all around, beneath which the suspenders pass when bending forward. The upper part of the bosom is attached to the neck-band below the yoke-band, so that the pressure of the suspenders on the shoulders does not cause the top of the bosom to bend or rumple.

In the drawing, A represents the shirt-bosom, of an inverted pear shape, attached to the body B by a continuous line of stitching, *a*, about one inch, more or less, from the edge, so as to leave a loose free edge, C, to the bosom all around. This edge allows the suspenders to slide under the same when the wearer is stooping or his shoulders bent around from sitting in a chair, and prevents the puckering and rumpling at the bosom. The neck-band E I make very narrow in front, and, instead of placing the button-hole for the collar-button in the same, I place it at *f* in the upper portion of the central plait of the bosom. In the bottom part of the free edge is worked a button-hole, *b*, which is to be buttoned to the nether garments to hold the bosom down, thus dispensing with the attached slip ordinarily used for this purpose. The upper portion of the bosom D is drawn inwardly and attached to the neck-band at C at a point below the yoke-band *d*. The object of this arrangement is to prevent the bending of the upper corners by the suspenders. When the upper portion of the bosom is attached to the yoke-band, the stiff bosom being connected directly with the yoke-band seam, upon which the suspender bears, the pressure and rubbing action of the latter soon breaks and rumples the upper corners of the bosom, which difficulty is obviated by the arrangement before described.

I am aware of the patent to J. C. Dunham, dated May 25, 1875, and fully disclaim the same. In this case the whole bosom is loose, except the upper half of the central row of plaiting, but this allows too much freedom of motion for the bosom, and, unless very stiffly starched, after a little wear it soon becomes displaced and works up. In this case, also, the upper part of the bosom is attached to the yoke-band, and open to the objection consequent upon this arrangement.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

A shirt consisting of the combination, with the body B and the collar-band E, of the bosom A, attached to the body by a line of stitches, *a*, a short distance from the edge, which is left free all around, as at C, and attached at the top to the neck-band at points below the yoke-band, substantially as and for the purpose described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 14th day of January, A. D. 1876.

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