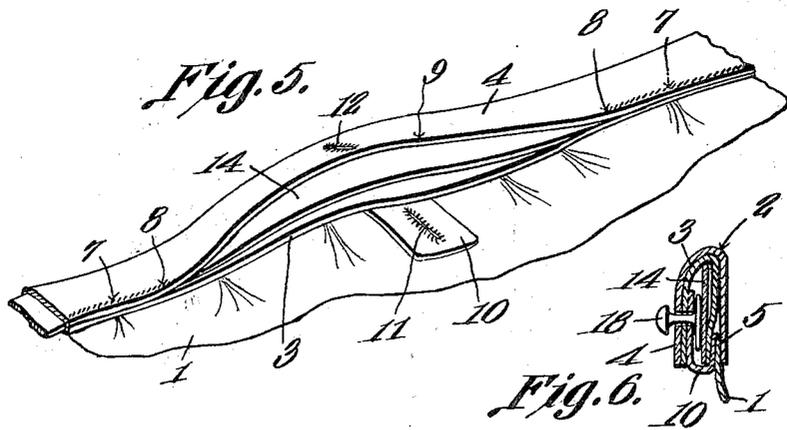
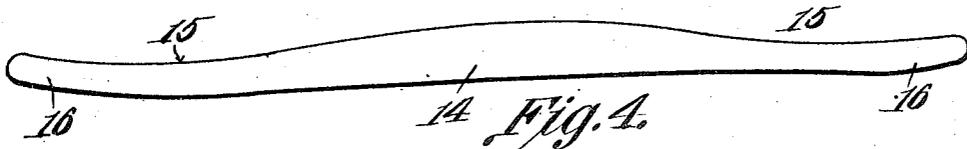
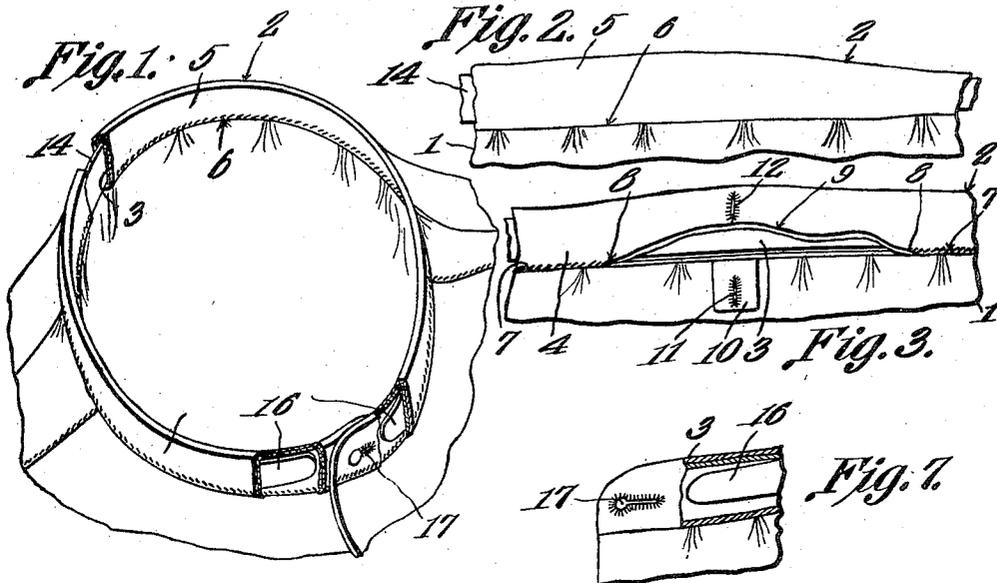


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON, a subject of the King of England, residing at Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Collar-Band, of which the following is a specification.

The device forming the subject matter of this application is a collar band stiffener and the invention aims to provide novel means for retaining the stiffener in place, the said means serving to hold the collar stud, and the stiffener acting as an abutment for the stud.

It is within the scope of the invention to improve generally and to enhance the utility of devices of that type to which the present invention appertains.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawing:—Figure 1 shows in perspective, a garment constructed in accordance with the present invention, parts being broken away; Fig. 2 is an elevation looking into the inside of the collar band, toward the rear; Fig. 3 is an elevation looking at the collar band from the rear, forwardly; Fig. 4 is a plan of the stiffener; Fig. 5 is a perspective showing the band partly open to disclose the stiffener; Fig. 6 is a cross section taken through the band; Fig. 7 is a fragmental elevation of the front portion of the band, parts being broken away.

In the accompanying drawings there is shown a portion of a garment, ordinarily a shirt, the same including a body 1. Attached to the body 1 is a band 2, the same including a lining 3. The band 2 includes an outer wall 4 and an inner wall 5. The inner wall 5 is stitched throughout its entire circumference to the body 1 as shown at 6. The outer wall 4 is stitched to the body 1 as shown at 7, to spaced points 8, between

which points 8 the outer wall, at the rear of the band is not attached to the body, thus forming an opening 9. A flexible tab 10 is caught between the lining 3 and the inner wall 5. In the tab 10 there is an upright studhole 11 adapted to be alined with an upright studhole 12 in the outer wall 4.

Located between the walls 4 and 5 of the collar is a stiffener 14 preferably made of celluloid. The stiffener 14 tapers as shown at 15 toward its ends 16, the said ends lying adjacent the forward studholes 17 of the band.

It is to be observed that the stiffener 14 is of a common thickness from end to end, there being no overlapped or bulky parts located adjacent the studhole 12.

A stud 18 is inserted through the hole 11 in the tab 10, while the tab is in the depending position shown in Figs. 3 and 5. Then the tab 10 is swung upwardly until it lies between the outer wall 4 and the inner wall 5 as shown most clearly in Fig. 6. One end of the stud 18 is then passed outwardly through the hole 12 in the wall 4, the parts appearing as shown in Fig. 6. When the tab 10 is thus disposed, the tab serves to prevent the stiffener 14 from moving downwardly adjacent the opening 9, the tab being upheld by the engagement of the stud 18 in the hole 12 of the wall 4. The stud is independent of the stiffener 14, and consequently the stiffener may be mounted in place readily. When the stiffener is in place, the same constitutes an abutment for the inner end of the collar button or stud 18 and prevents the latter from indenting the neck of the wearer.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

A garment including a body; a collar band comprising inner and outer walls, the outer wall being secured to the body without a portion only of its circumference thereby to define an opening at the back of the band; a stiffener lying between the walls and insertible into the band through the opening; a tab secured at one end to the body, the other end of the tab being extended across the lower edge of the stiffener at the opening and being prolonged between the stiffener and the outer wall, the tab and

the outer wall having studholes; and a stud  
mounted in the studhole of the tab and ex-  
tended through the studhole of the outer  
wall, the stud being movable with the tab  
5 independently of the stiffener and abutting  
at its inner end against the stiffener.  
In testimony that I claim the foregoing as

my own, I have hereto affixed my signature  
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