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MIDDY BLOUSE.

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Fig. 1.

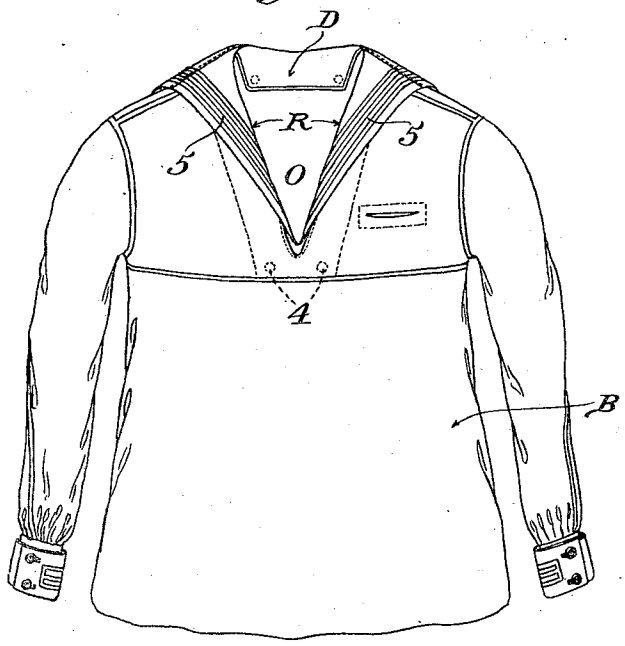


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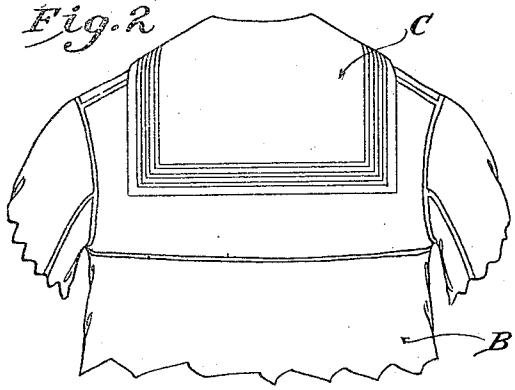


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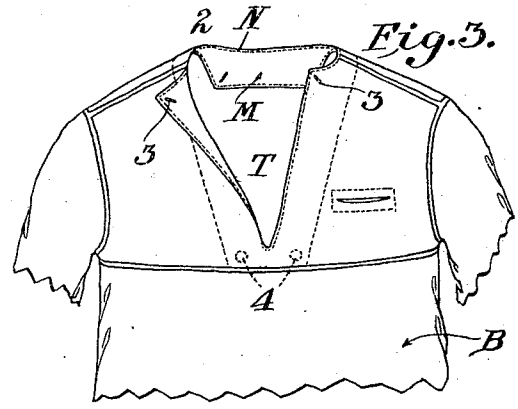
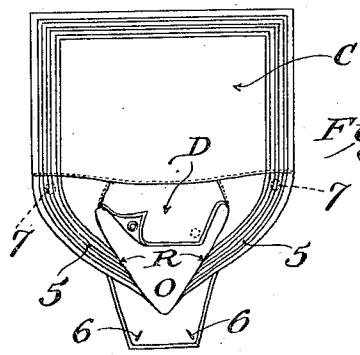


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT G. WINCHESTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Middy Blouses; 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 garments and more particularly to that type of garment known as a blouse and especially relates to naval blouses.

It is one of the objects of the present invention to improve the manufacture of garments of this character so as to provide a shirt or body portion which is substantially without collar band and without a collar and to provide for the ready attachment of a detachable collar to the neck of the shirt or body without visible fastening means and therefore, to simulate as far as possible a blouse having a collar that is sewed on but which provides, as above stated, a movable or detachable collar and which is herein shown as a roll collar.

With the above and other objects in view as will be rendered manifest to those skilled in the art the invention consists of the construction, the combination and arrangements and in details of the parts as more particularly described hereinafter relative to the embodiment of the invention illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the complete garment looking to the front thereof.

Figure 2 is a rear elevation of the upper portion of the garment.

Figure 3 is an elevation of the front of the garment with the collar detached and the neck so arranged as to disclose the fastening means.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the detached collar with the tail or back portion of the same elevated to show clearly the outline of the collar.

The body of the blouse may be constructed of any suitable pattern outline and in such sections or pieces as may be desired, the body being generally indicated at B and having a generally rounded neck edge at N at a top and a throat opening T of approximately V-form. Across the back of the neck portion of the blouse extends what might be termed a military piece or section M and at the ends of this are provided button holes 2 in the garment while at the upper point like portion of the throat forming edge of the garment on the inside thereof are holes for buttons or other suitable fastening means 3 and at the bottom of the throat opening and on each side thereof and on the inside of the garment are secured suitable fastening means as buttons 4, comprising therefore in all in the case here shown of six fastening devices to receive a detachable or removable collar shown in Figure 4. In this figure the collar is shown as comprising the front or throat portion 5 of a width to permit a button hole 6 to pass over the button 4 upon the inside of the front of the garment thereby concealing the fastening means which secure the front of the collar to the garment. The front portion of the collar turns or rolls, as is indicated at R, on each side of the neck opening O and extends rearwardly into the tail portion C made in the usual sailor collar fashion common in naval blouses. In the roll portions R on the back face thereof are secured buttons or other fastening means 7, one on each side, these designed to engage with the button holes 3 at the points of the neck opening. For the purpose of securing the neck portion of the collar to the back of the top edge of the garment the collar is provided with a drop portion D of suitable width and length to extend down over the military strip M, the ends of the drop portion D being provided with buttons or other suitable fastening means to engage the button holes 2 in the said strip.

From the above it will be seen that the collar can be readily connected to the shirt or blouse by fastening means that are entirely concealed and yet the collar appears to be fastened by stitching to the blouse and when worn presents what is commonly known as a rolled sailor collar in the naval type of blouse.

I claim:

1. A removable collar for middy blouses comprising, in combination, a tail part adapted to lie flat on the back, a breast flap continuous from one lapel to the other adapted to lie flat under the front of the blouse, and lapels connecting said tail part and breast flap adapted to roll outwardly.

2. A removable collar for middy blouses comprising, in combination, a tail part adapted to lie flat on the back of the blouse, means for securing said tail part with the neck band of the blouse, a flat lying breast member continuous from one lapel to the other, means for securing said breast member under the front part of the blouse, and lapels connecting said tail part and breast member with means for securing the inner sides of said lapels within and under the blouse.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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