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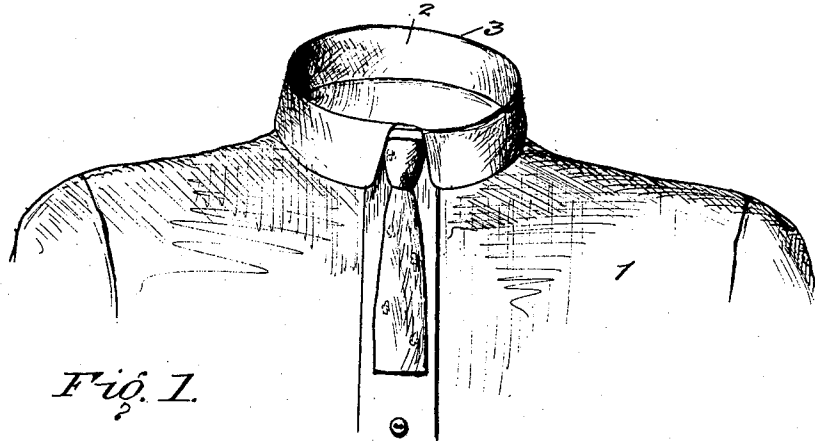


Fig. 1.

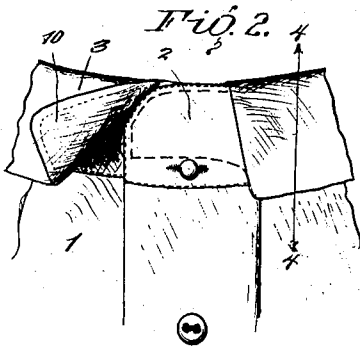


Fig. 2.

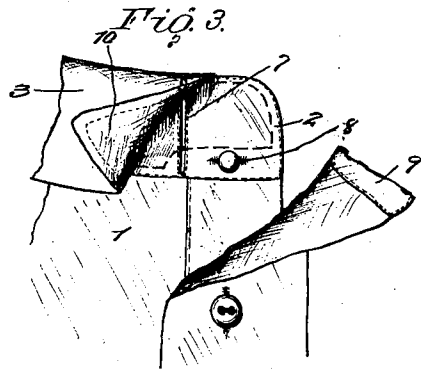


Fig. 3.

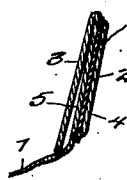


Fig. 4.

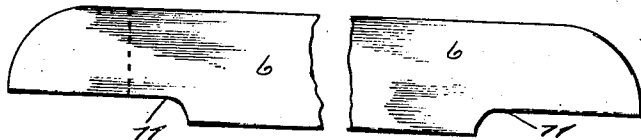


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT WILLIAM LORD, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Skowhegan, in the county of Somerset and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in negligée shirts of that class which are provided with stiffening means to give to the collar a more tidy and dressy appearance and to enable the collar to retain its shape.

The present invention is a departure from the constructions heretofore devised; and it consists, mainly, in the widening of the neckband and stiffening the same, so as to raise the collar, bringing it up on the neck and doing away with the vacant look that there usually is in the low band, and thus insuring a neater and more dressy look. I provide the neckband with a pocket formed between plies of the same and introduce thereinto a stiffener which may be readily removed when the shirt is washed, but held against displacement in use. The stiffener has its ends narrowed, so as to extend beyond and over the buttonholes in the neckband and to overlap when the neckband is buttoned about the neck to give additional rigidity at the front. The opening for the introduction of the stiffener is on the outside of the neckband and adjacent the buttonhole, and when the shirt is buttoned this opening to the pocket in the neckband is concealed by the overlapping portion at the front. By my construction I provide a better setting collar and a shirt that in many cases will take the place of the shirt with a starched collar, in that it will resemble one in appearance and yet be soft and not drooping if wet. I insert the stiffener from the outside and dispose it so that it is impossible for it to come in contact with or chafe the neck of the wearer.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel construction will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

The invention in its preferred form is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the numerals of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the upper portion of a negligée shirt having my improve-

ment applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a detail in front elevation, showing a portion of the collar turned back. Fig. 3 is a similar view with the other side of the collar thrown open and a portion broken away. Fig. 4 is a sectional detail on the line 4 4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a view of the stiffener removed and shown broken in two.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the upper portion of a negligée shirt, 2 the neckband, and 3 the collar, of the same. This neckband is widened or made higher than usual and is formed of a plurality of plies of material, in this instance two, 4 and 5, as seen most clearly in Fig. 4. Between these two plies is formed a pocket in which is adapted to be retained a stiffener 6, which latter may be made of celluloid or any other suitable material having sufficient stiffness or rigidity combined with flexibility. This pocket extends preferably to the extreme ends of the neckband beyond the buttonholes, being closed at one end, while adjacent the other end there is provided an opening 7, between which and the adjacent end of the neckband is formed the buttonhole 8. This opening or entrance to the pocket is so disposed that it is covered and concealed by the overlapping portion 9, which is the other end of the neckband, and this in turn is overlapped by the end 10 of the collar, as will be clearly understood from Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

The shape of the stiffener 6 is clearly shown in Fig. 5, the same having its ends cut away or reduced in width, as seen at 11, so that the stiffener may be made to extend over the buttonholes in the neckband and beyond the same to the end of the band. This gives additional stiffness at the front and serves to prevent drooping of the neckband at that point, as well as serving to keep the neckband distended vertically, so that the collar 3 will give a neat and dressy appearance to the shirt, as seen clearly in Figs. 1 and 4.

The stiffener is introduced into the pocket through the opening 7, the said stiffener being sufficiently flexible or pliable to permit of the extreme end thereof being bent and passed through the opening so as to extend into the end of the pocket over the buttonhole, as indicated in Fig. 3. It may be readily removed, if desired, when the shirt is to be washed.

The stiffener instead of extending beyond

the buttonhole adjacent the opening 7 may terminate at said opening, if desired, depending upon the other end of the stiffener, which extends over and beyond the adjacent buttonhole, as seen in Fig. 2, to give the requisite stiffness at the front. In such case the stiffener would be similar to that hereinbefore described, being simply cut off along the dotted line seen at the left of Fig. 5. Also the opening for the introduction of the stiffener may be made at any other convenient point in the outside ply or plies of the neckband.

What is claimed as new is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture a shirt having a turn-over collar and a neckband, the latter being widened vertically and provided with a pocket, and a stiffener removably inserted and inclosed within said pocket and having its ends reduced in width and the reduced portions extended over only and beyond the front buttonholes of the neckband.

2. As an improved article of manufacture

a shirt provided with a multi-ply neckband having an opening in the outside ply thereof, and a pocket between said plies with which said opening communicates, and a stiffener inclosed in said pocket and having its ends reduced in width with the reduced portions extended above and out of alinement with the buttonholes.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a negligée shirt having a widened neckband and a turn-over collar secured thereto, the neckband having a slit covered by the collar when buttoned, and a stiffener confined within the neckband with its ends overlapped at the front and reduced in width to avoid the buttonholes.

Signed by me at Skowhegan, Maine, this 15th day of January, 1906.

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