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Fig. 1.

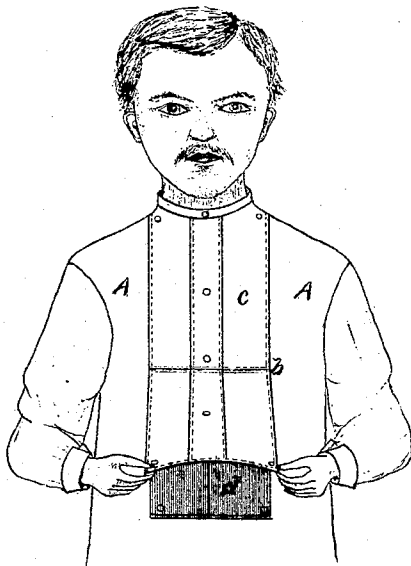
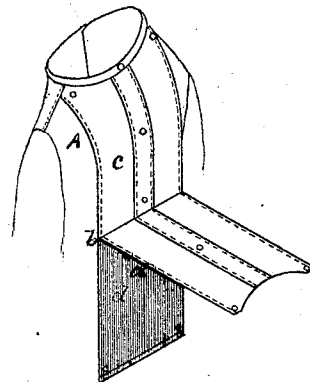


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISMAR ZACHARIAS, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improved Shirt-Front; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention or improvement without further invention or experiment.

My invention relates to an improved shirt bosom or front, which is especially useful for laboring-men or travelers. My improvement consists in providing shirts with two bosoms or fronts, which are so arranged that either can be exposed at pleasure by dropping or raising vertically a loose flap.

Usually one of the bosoms will be of common colored goods, while the other will be of linen, and they are so arranged that when the colored or common bosom is exposed the linen bosom will be protected by it.

In order to more fully explain my invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved bosom. Fig. 2 is a perspective view.

A is a shirt. In order to provide the shirt with one of my improved bosoms, I take a linen bosom, *c*, such as is ordinarily provided for fine linen shirts, and sew it to the shirt in the ordinary manner as far down as the letter *b*, which is about half the length of the bosom. I then take a common colored bosom, *d*, and sew its lower portion to the shirt the remaining length of the bosom down to the waist, thus leaving the lower half of the linen bosom and the upper half of the colored bosom free at the middle line of the bosom. I then sew the two free portions together, as shown, so as to provide a flap which, when turned up and buttoned or otherwise secured at the shoulder upon each side of the neck, exposes the colored bosom and protects the linen bosom; but when the flap is turned down and buttoned or otherwise

secured at the waist, the linen bosom will be exposed.

The particular point at which the two bosoms are united is not material. It may be higher or lower, according to fancy.

From the above it will be evident that a working-man can turn the flap up and button it at each side of the neck, and thus protect the linen bosom from dirt, while the colored one serves as a working-shirt front. When his work is finished, or when he desires to go upon the street, he can always have a clean white shirt-front by unbuttoning the flap and turning it down.

Any suitable device can be employed for fastening the flap in place.

It is not absolutely necessary that one of the bosoms be made of colored material, or even that the two bosoms be made of different material, as any kind of bosoms can be used, the object of my arrangement being to provide a means of protecting one bosom while the other is exposed.

This arrangement will be especially useful for workmen and travelers, by providing them a ready means of appearing neat and clean, without the necessity of changing their shirts.

I am aware that shirt-bosoms have been made to fold to the side and thus change the fronts, and therefore I do not claim, broadly, the providing of two bosoms or fronts to a shirt.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The two shirt fronts or bosoms *c d*, united together at their middle so as to provide a flap which can be turned vertically up or down, as desired, substantially as and for the purpose above described.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal.

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