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Fig. 1.

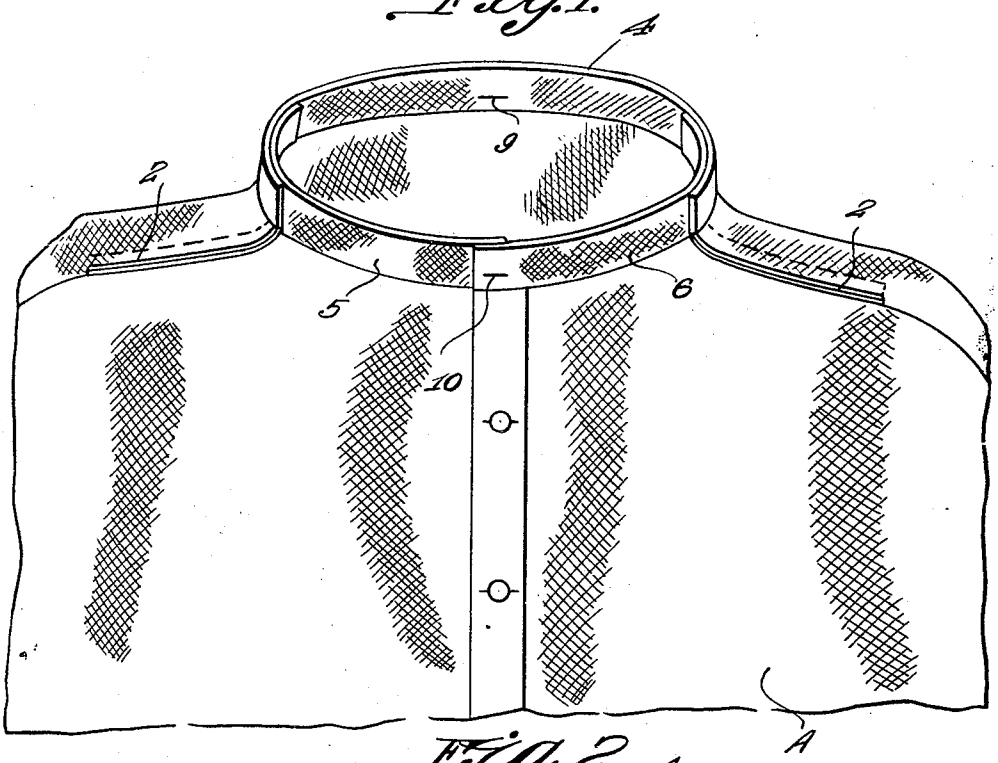
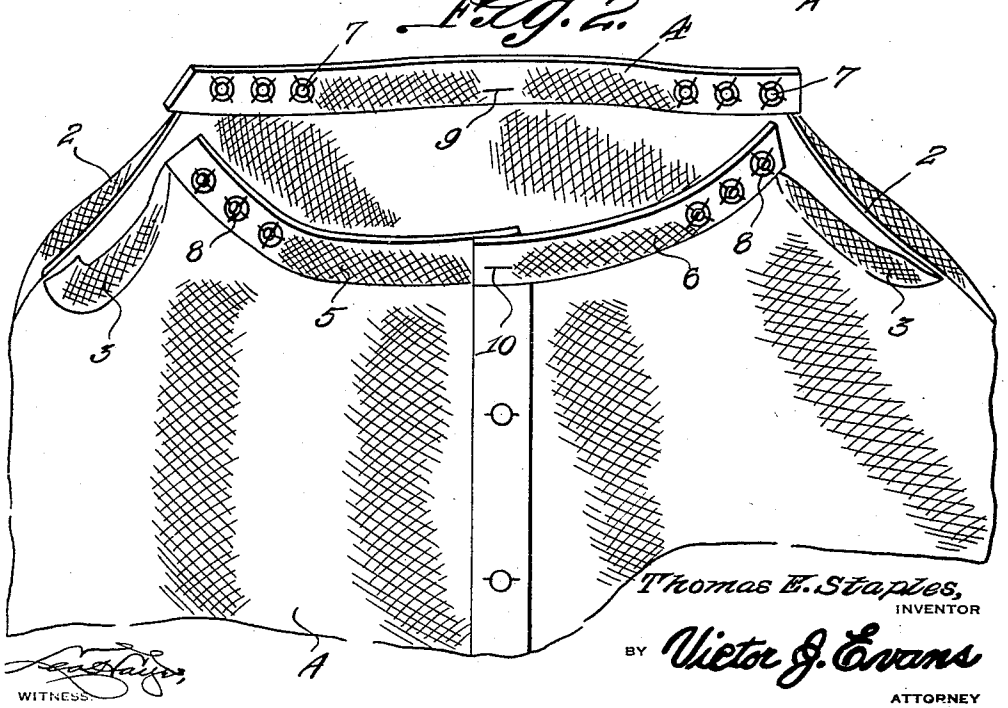


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to apparel, and the general object thereof is to provide an adjustable neck band for dress shirts and the like whereby the diameter of the band can be changed in accordance with the desires of the wearer so as to accommodate or fit collars of various sizes.

A further object of the invention is to provide a collar band for dress shirts and the like that can be adjusted to various diameters in an easy and expeditious manner and retained in the adjusted position accordingly and when worn with a collar cannot be detected by a casual observer.

Another object of the invention is to provide an adjustable collar band for garments, that is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and apply to a garment, and is efficient in operation and service.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

In describing my invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary front elevation of a dress shirt showing the application of my collar band thereto and in operative position.

Figure 2 is a similar view with the band in open position.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the letter A indicates a dress shirt having yokes 1, and these yokes are split for a portion of their length as at 2 with a strip 3 of material formed wth one side edge of the yokes for the purpose of underlying the split portion as shown in Figure 1 of the drawings. In a shirt of the type shown, the band is formed from three sections, namely, a rear section 4 and front sections 5 and 6. The rear section is secured to the back of the neck portion of the shirt as well as the top portions of the yoke, while the front sections are secured to the front of the neck of the shirt and the side portions of the yoke. The ends of the rear section are disposed in overlapping engagement with the sides of the front sections 5 and 6, and, secured to the inner sides of the ends of the rear section are one of the members 7 of snap fasteners, while the other members 8 are secured to the outer sides of the ends of the front sections 5 and 6 as shown in Figure 2. The members that make up the snap fasteners are disposed in spaced parallel relation with respect to each other and of course the members of the section 4 cooperate with the members of the sections 5 and 6. In the form of the invention as shown, the neck band is capable of being adjusted to three sizes, but of course a wider range of adjustment can be used if desired, and in this event a greater number of snap fasteners will be employed.

The rear section 4 has disposed centrally therein a buttonhole 9, while the front sections 5 and 6 have their front ends disposed in overlapped engagement and formed with buttonholes 10. The buttonholes are adapted to receive collar buttons for attaching a collar to the band in the usual manner, when the latter is secured in its adjusted position through the medium of any one set of members which make up the snap fasteners. When the band is adjusted to its smallest diameter, all of the members of the snap fasteners may be disposed in operative position, but when the band is arranged to its greatest diameter only the end members of the snap fasteners will be brought into use.

From the above description and disclosure of the drawings, it will be obvious that I have provided a collar band for dress shirts and the like that is adjustable for the purpose of fitting various sizes of collars, and when arranged in its adjusted position, will act in the capacity of an ordinary collar band.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of my invention will be readily apparent.

I desire it to be understood that I may make changes in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:

In a garment, a neck band therefor, said neck band comprising a rear section, front sections cooperating with the rear section for overlapping engagement therewith and being disposed on the inner sides thereof, said sections being of the same width, adjustable fastening means for securing the front sections to the rear sections in a manner to adjust the diameter of the neck band, said fastening means including members of snap fasteners secured in groups of threes upon the inner side of the rear section at the outer ends thereof, members cooperating with the members first mentioned and secured to the outer sides of the front sections at the ends thereof, said garment having a split yoke with the portions formed by the split secured to the respective sections, and a strip of material formed with one split portion and adapted to underlie the split when the sections are disposed in operative position through the instrumentality of the fastening means.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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