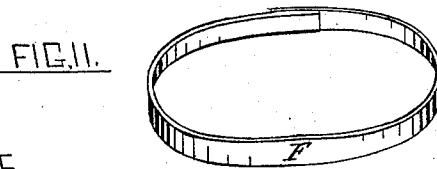
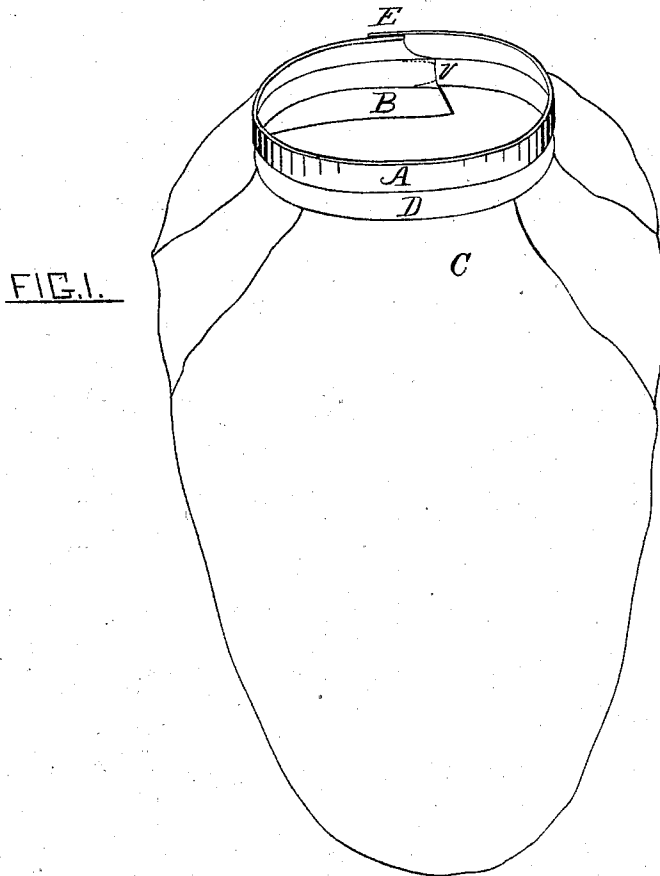


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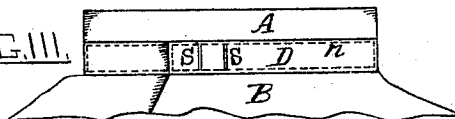
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FIG. III.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED OVER BOSOMS AND COLLARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC T. DYER, of Canton in the county of Lewis and State of Missouri, have invented an Improvement in Over Bosoms and Collars, of which the following is a specification:

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and convenient over bosom and collar to be worn both by ladies and gentlemen as a protection against dust, damp, and cold, and for table use, and for other purposes where such a garment may be found useful; and its nature consists in combining an over bosom with a spring for fastening it around the neck, and a suitable collar attached thereto, as hereinafter fully described and shown.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective representation of my improvement in over bosoms and collars; Fig. 2, a perspective representation of the spring-fastener removed from the collar of the bosom; Fig. 3, an elevation of the rear or back part of the collar, showing the holes for removing the spring when the bosom is to be washed.

A D represent the collar of the bosom, which is made of any desired fabric, and arranged to receive internally a flat coil-spring, F, (Fig. 2,) said spring being inclosed in that division of the collar shown at D and dotted lines *n*, Fig. 3. The collar overlaps its ends at E, Fig. 1, and is held in that position when it is put about the neck by the flexibility of the spring F. Holes S S, Fig. 3, are worked in the back part of the collar for the convenience of placing the spring F therein and removing it when the bosom is to be washed.

And in case the spring draws the collar too tightly around the neck the end *v*, Fig. 1, can be placed outside of the other end and put in one of the holes S, which is made of such size as to receive it, other holes, S, being made, if required, to accommodate the collar to the size of the neck.

The upper edge of the collar A can be smaller than the lower part adjoining the band F, so as to fit closely about the neck and keep out dust, damp, air, &c.

When the article is used as a napkin it can be made of such goods as are generally used for that purpose; but when used as a general protector for outside wear it can be made of ornamental, colored, or wrought goods, as most desirable.

The spring is made of spring-brass, plaited or plain, according to the style of goods, but other material may be used.

To apply the device all that is required is to pull the ends of the spring-collar apart and place them round the neck, allowing the part C to come over the bosom of the person.

When the device is not in use it can be rolled up in close compass and packed away similar to other goods.

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The over-bosom C, provided with a spring neck-band, A D, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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