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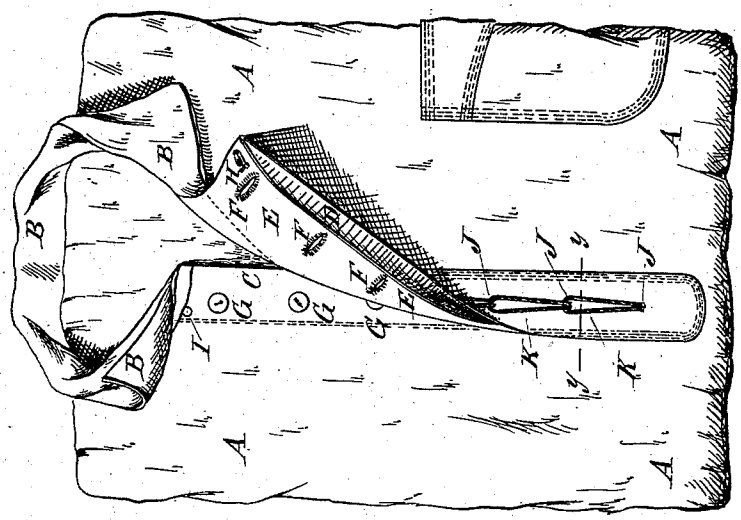


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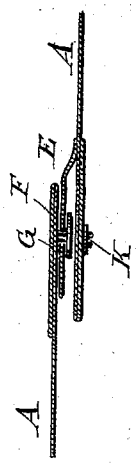


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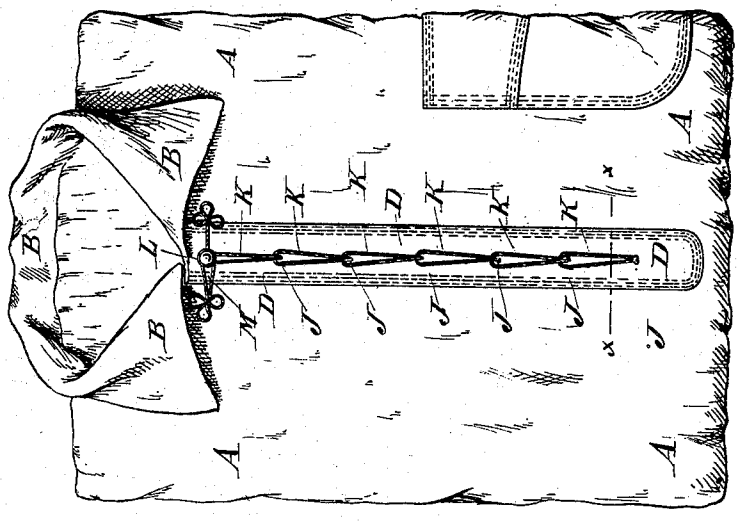


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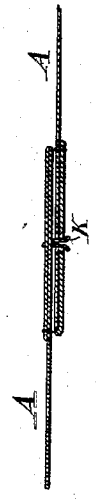
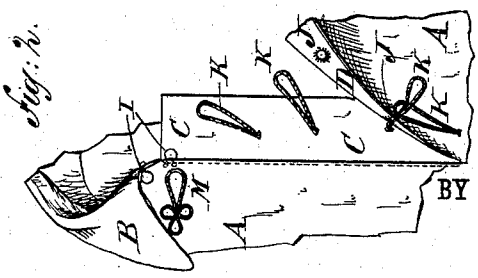


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HOWARD LYNCH, of the city, county, and State of New York, and FRANK L. SHELDON, of Rahway, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Shirt-Front, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improvement, showing its position when in use. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of a part of the same, shown as partly unfastened. Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view of the same, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 shows another application of the same. Fig. 5 is a sectional plan view of the same, taken through the line *y y*, Fig. 4.

This invention relates to the class of outer shirts which are worn by bicyclers and other sporting-men, and has for its object to provide a neat and convenient front for said shirts.

The invention consists in a shirt-front constructed with a series of cord-loops passed through eyelet-holes in the outer part of the said shirt-front and interlocked with each other. The upper loop of the series is passed over a button attached to the outer part of the shirt-front, and over which is also passed a side loop to hold down the free edge of the said outer part of the shirt-front, as will be hereinafter fully described.

A represents the body of a woolen outer shirt, to which is secured a collar, B, in the ordinary manner.

C is the under part of the shirt-front, which is overlapped by the outer part, D. The outer part, D, is provided with a fly, E, in which are formed button-holes F, to button upon buttons G, attached to the under part, C, of the front.

To the free corner of the outer part, D, and of the fly E are attached one or more hooks, H, to hook into eyes I, attached to the under part, C, close to the edge of the collar B, so as to confine the said corner closely, as indicated in Fig. 1.

K are loops of colored silk cord, which are passed through eyelet-holes J in the outer part, D, of the shirt-front. The lowest loop K is passed over the loop above it, and that is passed over the next loop, and so on to the upper loop, which is passed over a button, L, attached to the said outer part at or near its upper edge.

With the button L is also connected a loop, M, attached to the shirt-body A near the edge of the collar B, to hold down the free corner of the upper part, D, of the shirt-front and give a finish to the said front.

The ends of the cords forming the loops K may be secured to the inner side of the outer part, D, of the shirt-front; or the fly E may be omitted and the ends of the loop-cords passed through the inner parts, C, of the shirt-front and secured to the inner side of the said part. In this case the series of interlocked loops K form the fastening that secures the two parts of the shirt-front to each other. The construction first described is preferred, as it allows the shirt-front to be more easily and quickly closed and opened.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a shirt-front, the combination, with the outer part, D, of the front, having eyelet-holes J, of the series of interlocking cord-loops K, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. In a shirt-front, the combination, with the series of interlocked cord-loops K, of the button L and loop M, substantially as herein shown and described, whereby the series of loops K are kept from becoming separated and the edge of the outer part of the shirt-front is held down, as set forth.

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