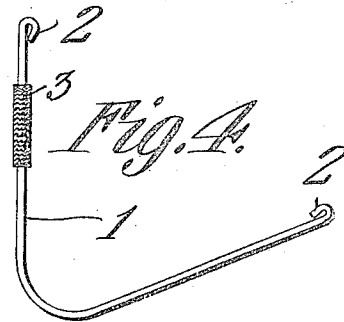
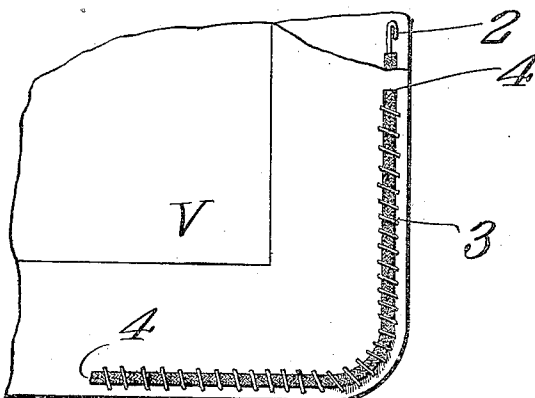
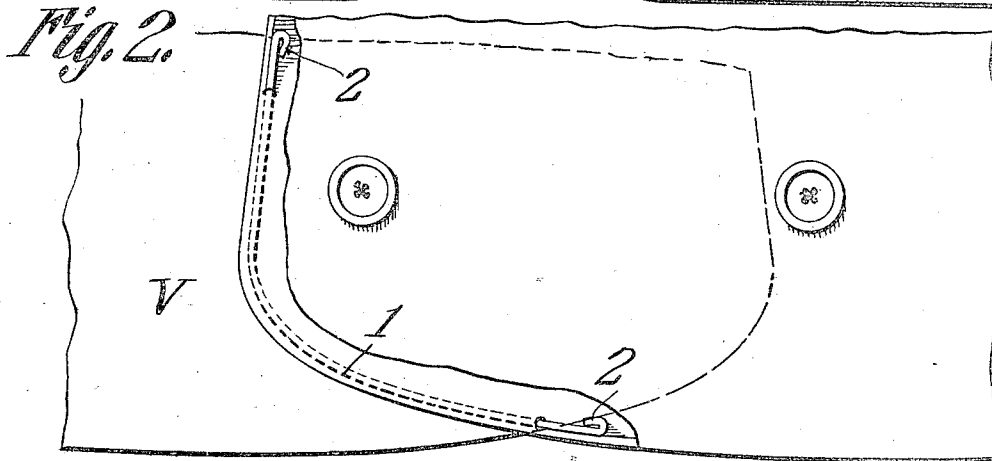
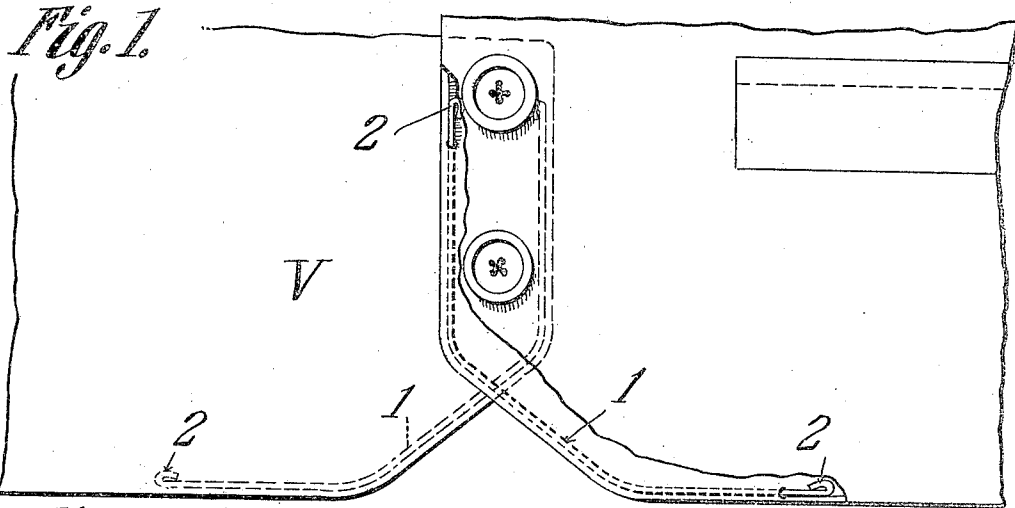


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHESTER D. CLEMENTS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wymore, in the county of Gage and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful Vest-Corner Stiffener, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to vest-corner stiffeners.

As is well known, the corners of vests will curl and become distorted and wrinkled, owing to the pressure of the abdomen of the wearer thereagainst when seated. This feature is not particularly objectionable with vests made of thin material, inasmuch as they have a tendency to smooth themselves out when strain is removed from any particular part, but where the vest is made of heavy cloth and the corners thereof become curled, the distortion will remain and will increase in time.

It is the object of the present invention in a ready, simple, cheap, thoroughly efficient and practical manner, to obviate the above objection, and without imparting a stiff or unnatural appearance to the garment.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists, generally stated, in a vest corner stiffener embodying a length of wire, preferably one that is easily bent and is non-oxidizable, the wire being shaped to conform to the outline of the corners of the vest, and being attached thereto in a manner to be presently described.

The invention consists, further, in the various novel features of the invention, that will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a view in front elevation displaying the two corners of a single-breasted vest equipped with the improvements of the present invention, a portion of one of the corners being cut away to display the stiffener. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a portion of a double-breasted vest. Fig. 3 is a view of one corner of a vest, viewed from the inner side thereof, and displaying the manner in which the stiffener is assembled with the vest after it has been made. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the stiffener.

As shown in Fig. 1, the stiffening mem-

ber is applied to the corners of a single-breasted vest, and these corners are shown as cut away, but it is to be understood that the invention is equally adaptable to vest corners that are sharp or angular, and as this will be readily understood, detailed illustration of the latter form is omitted.

The stiffener 1 is constructed from a length of wire of any suitable gage, preferably one that is non-oxidizable, non-resilient and is readily bendable. For this purpose copper wire is peculiarly adaptable, as it may be purchased inclosed in a protecting sheathing or wrapping which will still further accentuate its non-oxidizable properties.

The stiffener is secured at the vest corners in a manner to be presently fully described and in order to prevent puncturing of the goods, the ends of the stiffener are rebent to form loops 2 which will effectively secure the object sought.

As shown in Fig. 1, the improvements are applied to a single-breasted vest V, and, as will be apparent, and as described, it will be necessary to employ a stiffener in connection with each of the corners. The vest shown in Fig. 2 is of the double-breasted type, so that it will only be necessary to stiffen the exterior corner thereof.

The application of the device to a vest corner is accomplished in the manner shown in Fig. 3, wherein the stiffener 1 is shown attached to the inner side of the corner of the vest by stitches 3.

In order to conceal the looped terminals 2 of the stiffener, small incisions 4 will be made in the fabric of the garment, and the ends of the stiffener inserted therethrough.

Where the stiffener is assembled with the garment under the conditions above set forth, the wire will be of the covered type, and care will be observed to select a covering the color of which will closely approximate that of the fabric of the vest.

By employing a wire having the characteristics stated for the stiffener or stiffeners, discomfort in use will not ensue as would result if the wire were of resilient character, and, the mere fact that the vest corners curl is immaterial, as the wearer merely has to straighten out the corners of the vest at the close of the day's work to restore these parts to their proper condition.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that the inclusion of the stiffener will

not necessitate any material change in the structural arrangement of the vest, nor will it add any calculable cost to its production, as the amount of wire used will only amount in cost to a fraction of a cent for each vest.

While the stiffener is herein shown as extending only a short way up the front of the vest from the corner, and a short way around the band, yet it is to be understood that the invention is not to be limited to the particular length shown, as the device may be of any length desired, and as this will be readily understood, detailed illustration thereof is omitted.

I claim:—

The combination with a vest having hem portions at the lower corners formed with openings, of a stiffener for the said corners consisting of a strand of wire bent to conform to the outline of the corner, the bent portions being inserted at their extremities through the openings in the hem and being stitched between their ends to the inner surface of the vest.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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