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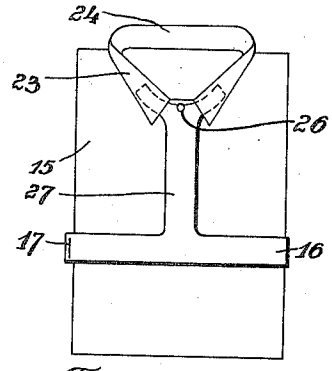


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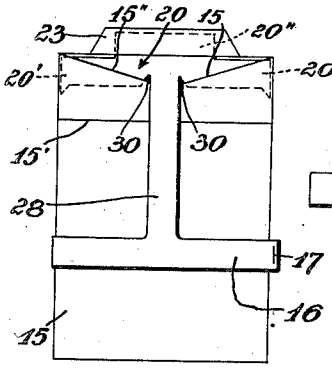


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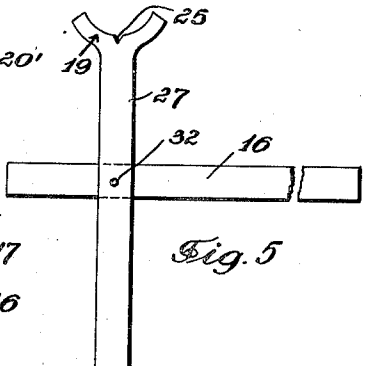


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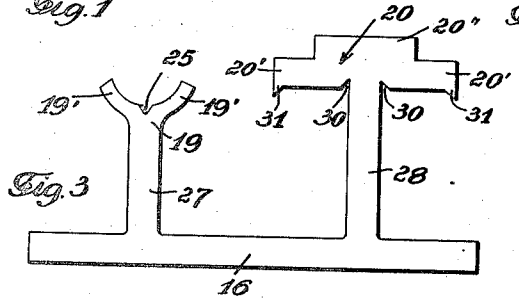


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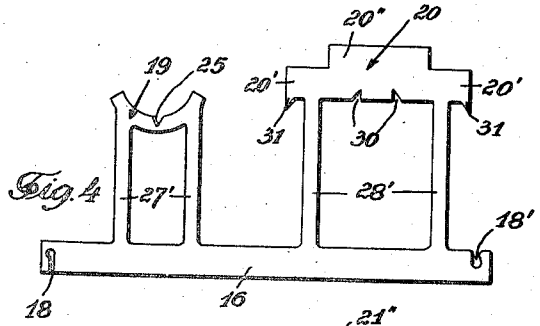


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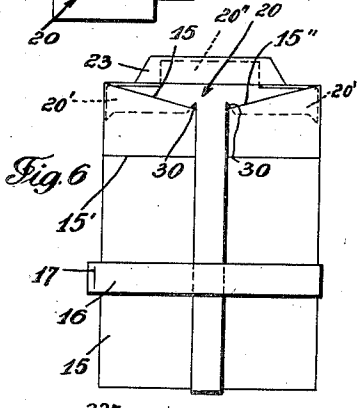


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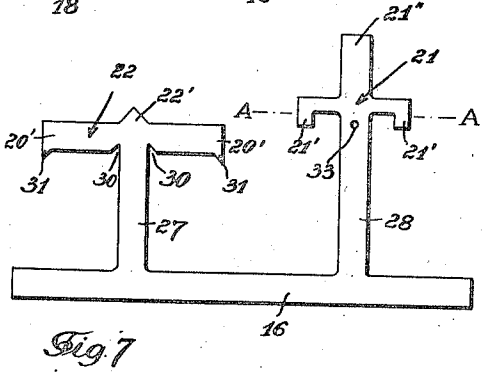


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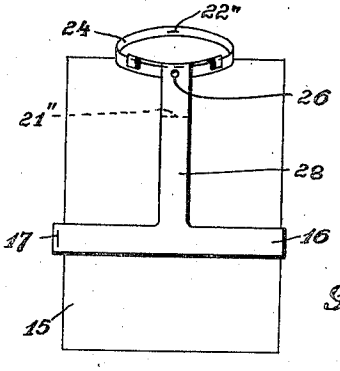


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The present invention relates to holders for folded shirts.

An object of this invention is to provide an article of manufacture of novel and improved construction, which is easily mounted onto a folded shirt and adapted to keep the shirt in freshly ironed folded condition until it is to be worn.

Another object hereof is to provide an article of the character mentioned, of novel and improved construction, which is easy to mount and remove, simple and cheap to manufacture and which is efficient in carrying out the purposes for which it is designed.

Other objects will become manifest as this disclosure proceeds.

In the accompanying drawing, similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Fig. 1 shows an embodiment of this invention as it appears on the front of a shirt having a collar.

Fig. 2 shows same as it appears on the back of the shirt.

Fig. 3 shows the blank of said embodiment.

Fig. 4 shows a blank of an embodiment of this invention substantially identical to the construction taught in Fig. 3, but which offers greater sturdiness in fulfilling its function.

Fig. 5 shows a blank of a shirt holder which also follows the teachings of the present invention.

Fig. 6 shows the blank of Fig. 5, as it appears on the back of a folded shirt about which it is mounted.

Fig. 7 is a blank of an embodiment of the present invention as adapted for collarless shirts.

Fig. 8 shows the article of Fig. 7, as it appears on the front of a folded shirt.

In the drawing, the numeral 15 designates a shirt as it is folded at the laundry immediately after ironing. This folding operation is such that along vertical lines, the sides of the garment are swung to lie flat against the back of the shirt, and from the bottom, the shirt is then folded upward in preferably two folds against the back of the garment; the bend 15' nearest the tails, lying immediately below the lines of the shoulder portions 15''.

The shirt holder blanks here illustrated, are cut out of cardboard-like sheet material. Each of said blanks includes an elongated strip 16, to serve as a horizontal band encircling the folded shirt, preferably below mid-section; the ends of this strip, when so mounted, being secured to each other in any suitable manner, as for instance by means of a staple 17, or a paper lock arrangement indicated by the numerals 18 and 18'. There extend integrally from this encircling band formed of strip 16, at least two elongated strips which are adapted in whole or in part, to lie respectively along the front and back of the folded shirt 15, and each terminates at its upper end when properly mounted on the shirt, in an element formed integrally therewith; said terminal components being designated generally by the numerals 19 and 20, and in one of the modified structures, by the numerals 21 and 22. These terminal components are adapted in some manner peculiar to their design, to engage the collar or neck-band, indicated respectively by the numerals 23 and 24 in the shirts shown.

The terminal component 19, which is at the front of the garment, has portions 19' extending laterally therefrom and lying against the neckband 24 of the collar 23, in necktie fashion, thus serving to preserve the collar from wrinkling, in which it may be aided by providing a notch 25 between said portions 19' to engage the shirt's front collar button 26 therein. It is best that the upper edges of said portions 19' shall conform to the contour of the junction line of the neckband and collar.

The terminal component 20, which is at the back of the garment, has portions 20' extending laterally therefrom to the vertical fold lines and lying between the back of the garment and its folded-back shoulder portion 15''. At the very top of this component 20 in its mounted position, is the upwardly extending portion 20'' which lies against the neckband 24 of the collar 23, in necktie fashion, thus serving to preserve the collar from wrinkling, and it is evident that the portions 20' will maintain the upper portions of the garment both front and back from wrinkling. The spacer strips are designated by the numerals 27, 27', 28, 28' and 29. So that a substantial part of the material of the terminal components 20, shall best serve their function, notches 30 and points 31 are provided to give a greater area of stiffness between the vertical folds of the garment, thus better supporting the garment and maintaining its tautness and folded condition.

In the embodiment of Fig. 5, strip 29 is of sufficient length to extend to the bottom of the folded garment and around and up along of the back of said shirt 15, to effect a more secure package. It is advisable, that in mounting the shirt holder of Fig. 5, the band formed of the strip 16, shall overlap the member 29 at the back

of the shirt. Further, said article, as is evident, may be made of two parts joined by an eyelet or other suitable pivot means **32**, whereby before use of the article at the laundry, both parts may be in superposed relation as a convenience in shipping and storing said articles.

For collarless shirts, the pointed element **22'** of the terminal member **22**, is inserted in the opening between the plies usual at the region of the back collar button hole **22''**, while the terminal member **21** at the front of the garment, is folded along the line A, whereby only tabs **21'** are adjacent the front of the neckband **24**, and the remainder thereof lies interior the buttoned shirt, serving to maintain the ironed shape of the neckband, and hence the entire upper region of the garment. The use of the tab **21''** aids to maintain the terminal member **21** in its folded condition along the fold line A. Also, this embodiment of Fig. 7, may have an aperture **33** therethrough to engage the front collar button **26** of the shirt.

This invention is capable of various forms and numerous applications without departing from the essential teachings herein disclosed. It is therefore intended and and desired that the matter set forth herein be deemed illustrative and not restrictive, and that the patent shall cover all features of patentable novelty herein disclosed; reference being had to the following claims rather than to the specific embodiments described herein to indicate the scope of this invention.

I claim:

1. A holder of cardboard-like material for a shirt which has its shoulder portions folded back around substantially vertical lines and its tails then folded up rearwardly between said vertical fold lines to lie below the said shoulder portions, comprising an elongated strip adapted to be formed into a horizontal band around the folded shirt, a strip element extending from said band and adapted to lie in whole or in part along the rear of the folded shirt, and a terminal member at the upper end of said strip element extending towards both sides of the shirt substantially to said vertical fold lines; said terminal member being provided with upwardly extending notches along its lower edge wherein the upper edges of the respective folded back shoulder portions of the folded shirt may lie; said terminal member being adapted to lie between the back of the shirt and the said shoulder portions and further adapted to lie against the neckband of the shirt and maintain the upward position of the back portion of the neckband and to maintain the exposed front portion of the skirt in taut condition across the chest.

2. A holder of cardboard-like material for a shirt which has its shoulder portions folded back around substantially vertical lines and its tails then folded upward rearwardly between said vertical fold lines to lie below the said shoulder portions, comprising an elongated strip adapted to be formed into a horizontal band around the folded shirt, a strip element extending from said band and adapted to lie in whole or in part along the rear of the folded shirt and a terminal member at the upper end of said strip element extending towards both sides of the shirt substantially to said vertical fold lines; said terminal member being of greatest vertical length along its side edges at the vertical fold lines of the folded shirt; said terminal member being adapted to lie between the back of the shirt and the said shoulder portions and further adapted to lie against the neckband of the shirt and maintain the upward position of the back portion of the neckband and to maintain the exposed front portion of the shirt in taut condition across the chest.

3. A holder of cardboard-like material for a shirt which has its shoulder portions folded back around substantially vertical lines and its tails then folded upward rearwardly between said vertical fold lines to lie below the said shoulder portions, comprising an elongated strip adapted to be formed into a horizontal band around the folded shirt, a strip element extending from said band and adapted to lie in whole or in part along the rear of the folded shirt and a terminal member at the upper end of said strip element extending toward both sides of the shirt substantially to said vertical fold lines, adapted to lie between the back of the shirt and the said shoulder portions and further adapted to lie against the neckband of the shirt and maintain the upward position of the back portion of the neckband and to maintain the exposed front portion of the shirt in taut condition across the chest; said strip element and the band being pivotally secured to each other whereby they may be set in superposed substantially aligned relation.

4. A holder of cardboard-like material for a shirt which has its shoulder portions folded back around substantially vertical lines and its tails then folded upward rearwardly between said vertical fold lines to lie below the said shoulder portions, comprising an elongated strip adapted to be formed into a horizontal band around the folded shirt, a strip element extending from said band along the front of the folded shirt, a terminal member at the upper end of said strip element extending towards each side of the shirt, adapted to lie against the neckband of the shirt and maintain the ironed shape of the front portion of the neckband, another strip element extending from said band and adapted to lie in whole or in part along the rear of the folded shirt and a terminal member at the upper end of said second strip element extending towards both sides of the shirt substantially to said vertical fold lines, adapted to lie between the back of the shirt and said shoulder portions and further adapted to lie against the neckband of the shirt and maintain the upward position of the back portion of the neckband and to maintain the exposed front portion of the shirt in taut condition across the chest.

5. An article as in claim 4, characterized in that the rear terminal member is provided with upwardly extending notches along its lower edge wherein the upper edges of the respective folded back shoulder portions of the folded shirt may lie.

6. An article as in claim 4, characterized in that the rear terminal member is of greatest vertical length along its side edges at the vertical fold lines of the folded shirt.

7. An article as in claim 4, characterized in that the strip elements extending from the band are pivotally connected thereto whereby said band and strips may be set in superposed substantially aligned relation.

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