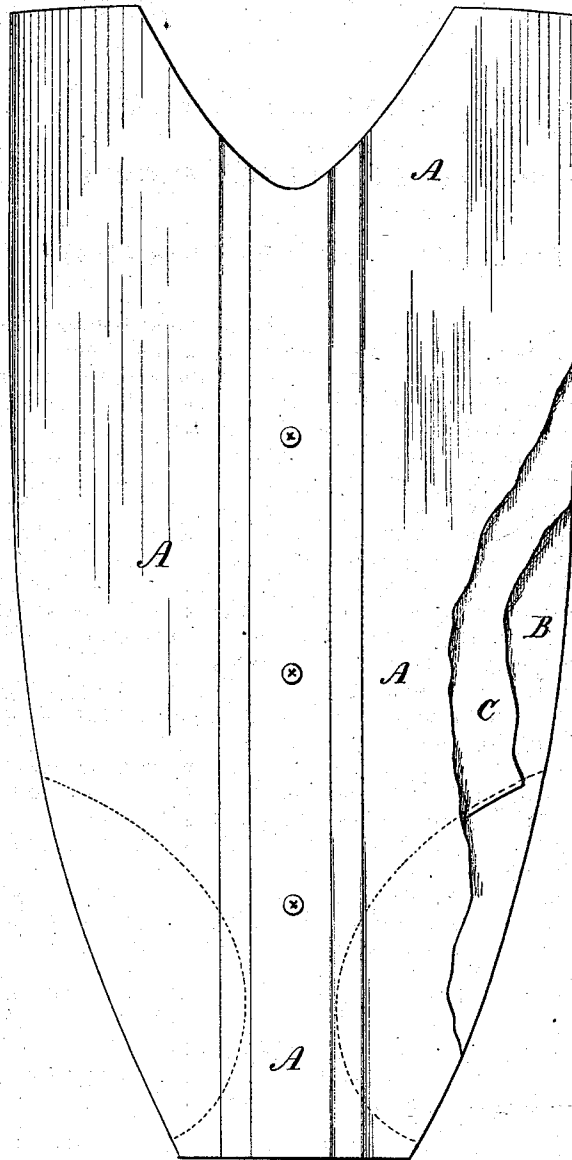


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRT-FRONTS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 136,771, dated March 11, 1873.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. A. SCRIVEN, of New York, in the county of New York and in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Fronts; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which is shown a front elevation of a bosom constructed in accordance with my improved method, a portion of the outer fabric being broken away so as to show the arrangement of the interior parts.

The design of my improvement is to afford all necessary rigidity to a shirt-bosom to cause it to maintain a smooth appearance, and at the same time to enable it to bend without breaking at the point where it is confined by the waistband of the pants; to which end it consists, as a new article of manufacture, in a shirt-bosom constructed substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter specified.

In the annexed drawing, A represents a shirt-bosom of usual form, provided, preferably, with a lining, B, between which and said bosom is placed a stiffening, C. From a point somewhat above the level of the waistband the stiffening C is removed upon a line which, from each side, extends inward and downward, and then outward in a curve, as shown, so as to leave at or beneath said waistband a narrow strip only of said stiffening.

As thus constructed, the rigidity of the bosom above and below the waistband is sufficient to afford the necessary support or "set," while at said waistband said bosom will readily yield and conform to the position of the wearer without affecting its other portions.

I am aware that shirt-bosoms have been constructed with the stiffening entirely removed upon a line corresponding to the position of the waistband of the wearer; and that, therefore, I was not the first to construct a bosom with a greater degree of flexibility at the point named than at other points above and below the same.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention, what I claim as new is—

As a new article of manufacture, the herein-before-described shirt-bosom A provided with a stiffening, C, reduced in width near its lower end, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of November, 1872.

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