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Fig. 1.

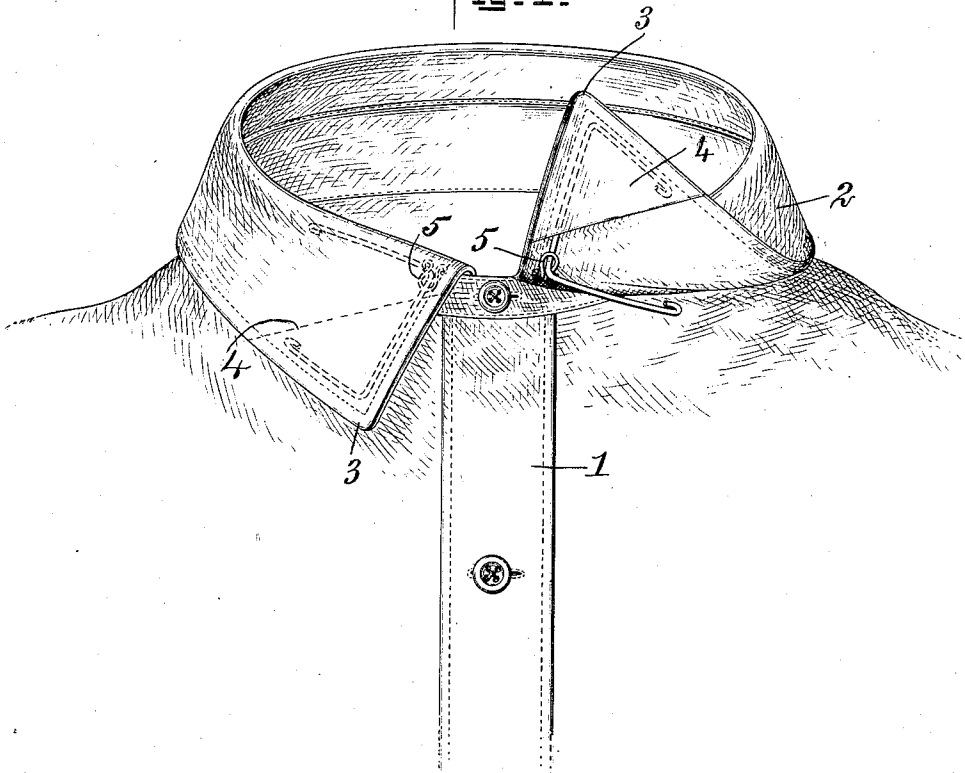
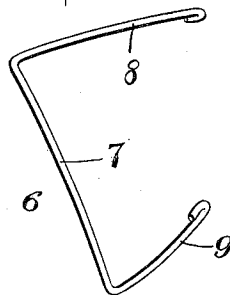


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY R. PARKER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Ashland, in the county of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Collar-Support for Soft Shirts, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to shirts, and especially to soft shirts, such as flannel shirts, which ordinarily have collars formed of the same material as the body of the shirt and attached to the shirt body. Collars of this kind have a tendency to sag or fold at the front and present an unsightly appearance.

The object of this invention is to provide an arrangement whereby this tendency may be overcome, so that a collar, though soft, will maintain its form and present a good appearance.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts to be more fully described hereinafter and particularly set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a front view of a shirt with which the invention has been incorporated, one side of the collar being represented in an upwardly folded position so as to more fully illustrate the manner in which the invention is applied; and Fig. 2 is a perspective of the device which constitutes a part of the invention and by means of which the collar is supported.

Referring more particularly to the parts, 1 represents the shirt, which is supposed to be of a soft material, such as flannel or outing cloth, said shirt being provided with a soft collar 2 which is of the usual rolled or turned-over type. At the corners 3 at the front of the collar, pockets are formed by attaching small triangular pieces 4 in the manner indicated in Fig. 1, the said pieces or flaps 4 being attached to the under side of the collar as shown. Near the neck band on the under side of the collar, eyes 5 are respectively attached in the manner indicated. In addition to this, I provide a small metal frame 6 which is clearly illustrated in Fig. 2. This frame consists of a bar 7 which is bent laterally so as to form fingers 8 and 9, the former of which is longer than the latter. The finger 9 forms a somewhat smaller angle with the bar 7 than does the

finger 8, for a purpose which will appear more fully hereinafter. The ends of the fingers 8 and 9 are preferably turned over or crimped, as shown in Fig. 2. The bar 7 is preferably slightly curved as shown, so as to give the same greater stiffness, and the device is especially adapted to be formed of wire, as illustrated.

In applying the device, the upper finger 8 is passed through the eye 5 as indicated at the right in Fig. 1, so that the bar 7 passes downwardly with its lower portion thrust into the pocket 4, the arrangement being such that the finger 9 lies along the lower edge of the collar. It is most convenient to apply the device with the corner of the collar turned upwardly, as shown. After the device is applied, the collar is then folded downwardly and the bar 7 operates as a support or stay for the flimsy material. In this way the collar is held in its natural position, and presents a good appearance.

The devices may readily be removed when the shirt is to be laundered, and evidently, they may be readily attached to the collars of shirts which were made without the expectation of the use of such a device.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A shirt collar of soft material having an eye attached thereto on the under side and near the neck band thereof, and a stiffening device adapted to be passed through said eye, said stiffening device having a bar extending downwardly, and a laterally projecting finger disposed near the lower edge of said collar.

2. A shirt collar of soft material having a pocket formed at the forward corners thereof, eyes attached to the under side of said collar above said corners and near the neck band of said collar, and stiffening frames passing through said eyes and seating in said pockets, said stiffening frames affording means for supporting the forward portion of said collar.

3. A shirt having a soft rolled collar, in combination with stiffening devices applied to the under side of said collar at the forward edge thereof, said devices each having a bar extending downwardly near the forward edge of the collar, and a laterally projecting finger extending from said bar toward the side and lying near the lower edge of said collar at the front, and means for holding said devices on said collar.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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