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Shirts.

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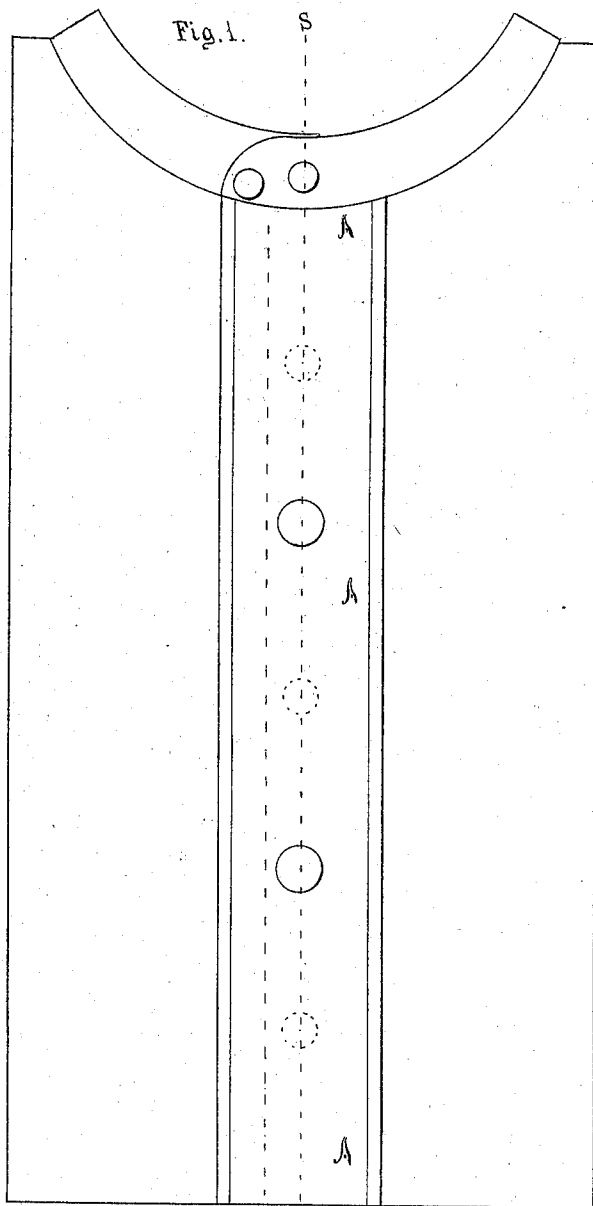
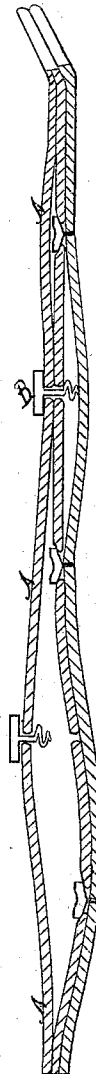


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH WIESER, of Williamsport, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain Improvement in Shirts, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to the bosom of the shirt, and consists in the use of a separate piece, strip, or plait of linen or other material, of which the bosom of the shirt may be made.

This separate strip, which is designated by the letters A A A in the accompanying drawing, may be made of any desirable width, and reaches from the neck-band to the bottom of the bosom. It is intended for use with a shirt-bosom which opens in front, and is designed to cover the buttons and button-holes, or such usual fastenings as may be used to connect together the two sides of the bosom. This separate piece is provided with eyelets for shirt-studs, and there are corresponding eyelets in the bosom of the shirt, by which means studs are used to fasten the separate piece to one side of the bosom lengthwise, and in such a position that it covers from sight the buttons and button-holes or such like fastenings used to secure together the right and left sides of the bosom of the shirt when the same is in use; at the same time by alternating the eyelets for the studs with the button-holes, sufficient room is given for inserting the finger beneath the separate piece for the purpose of buttoning and unbuttoning the front of the bosom.

This separate piece or strip may be permanently sewed to the shirt at the neck-band and at the bottom of the bosom, as shown in the drawing, or it may be entirely separate and attached only by the studs, or by studs and

by buttons, at the top and bottom when in use, thus allowing it to be washed and ironed separately from the bosoms. The studs, as represented at B, only extend through the separate piece and one side of the bosom, and, therefore, the false plait does not have to be detached nor do the studs have to be removed while the shirt is in use. The use of studs may, however, be dispensed with by sewing the false plait to one side of the bosom of the shirt, the stitching to be at intervals alternating with the button-holes in the bosom and taking the place of studs.

By means of this device of my invention those parts of the bosom most liable to soiling, viz., the parts near the button-holes, from the daily buttoning and unbuttoning, are entirely concealed from sight, and much greater economy in use is thereby secured, while at the same time the awkward and inconvenient method of having the opening of the shirt at the back to prevent soiling and tumbling of the bosom by repeated fastening and unfastening of the same in front is obviated, since, by my device, those fastenings, although on the bosom of the shirt, are concealed from view.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

In combination with a shirt-bosom opening in the center, the separate strip A attachable to either of the inner edges of said bosom lengthwise over the center thereof, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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