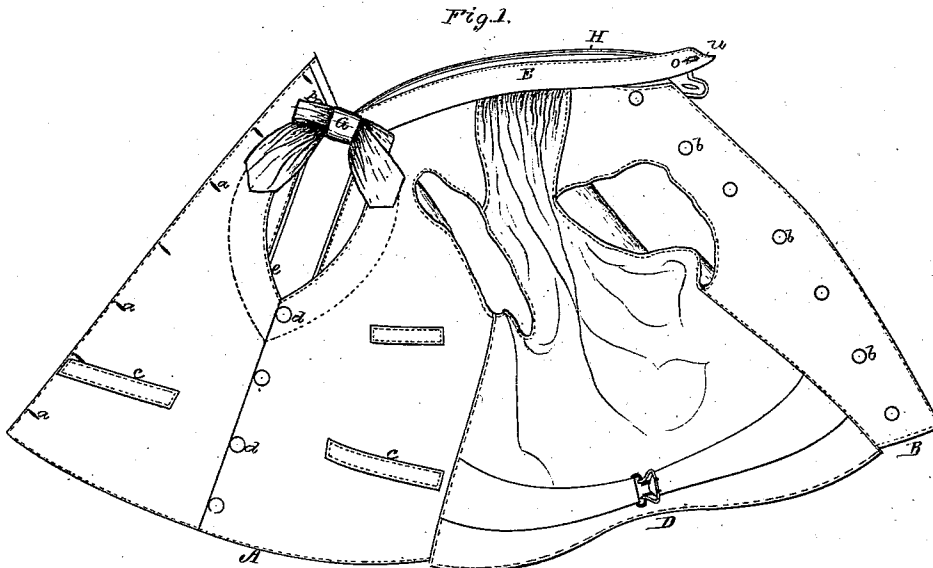
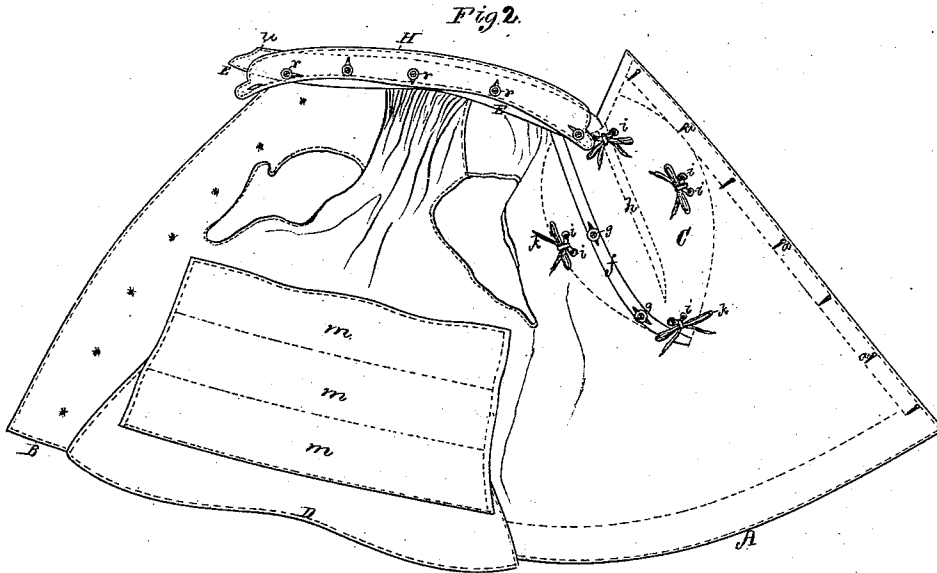


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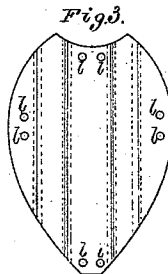
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IMPROVEMENT IN VESTS.

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To all persons to whom these presents may come:

Be it known that I, ZECHARIAH OBER, of Boston, of the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have made a new and useful invention having reference to Waistcoats or Vests; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, of which—

Figure 1 is an outside view, and Fig. 2 an inner-side view of a waistcoat provided with my invention.

The waistcoat I construct with a pocket to receive a shirt-bosom or the representation of such, the said pocket being open in the front as a vest usually is to show the shirt-bosom; and I combine with the vest and arrange at the upper part of the said pocket a cravat-bow. I also make the vest closed in front below the bosom-pocket, and to open and button somewhat aside of such pocket. The neck-band of the vest is designed to represent a cravat, part of the said neck-band being separate from the body of the vest, and serving as a fly to cover the upper part of the overlap of the body, such fly having a button-hole in it near its end. The said neck-band I also provide with a series of buttons on its inner side to enable a shirt-collar to be buttoned upon them, and thereby to be connected with the neck-band made in resemblance to a cravat. The back portion of the vest may be constructed with one or more pockets or receptacles extended laterally in it, their purpose being to hold collars. The vest so made is specially made for travelers' use. There may be put in the bosom-pocket a pack or series of the shirt-bosoms, each as it may become soiled being removed from the pack or series. So when a shirt-collar may be soiled it may be unbuttoned from the vest and a fresh collar may be extracted from a back pocket and substituted for the soiled collar. The combined vest, shirt-bosom, and neck-band, and the cravat and bow are to be applied to or removable together from the person. The convenience and advantages of the bosomed, collared, and cravated vest will be found to be very great, especially to travelers, workmen, or others.

In the drawing, A and B denote the two parts of the vest-front, the part A being formed so as to extend across the body of the wearer

in opposite directions from the middle of the front thereof. The part A is designed to lap over and button on the portion B, a series of button-holes, *a a a*, being arranged in the part A in manner as shown, to receive a set of buttons, *b b b*, arranged on the portion B in manner as represented. Side pockets *c c* and a watch-pocket may be formed in the portion A, as in common vests, and such portions may have a row of buttons, *d d d*, fixed to the middle of its front; and, thus formed, will have the appearance of being made in two parts, buttoned together at the front and below the opening for displaying the shirt-bosom. The pocket for holding the shirt-bosom or pack of bosoms is exhibited at C. It has its central portion removed in front, as shown at *e*, in order to expose the bosom. The fabric extends across its rear to support the bosoms, and has a vertical opening, constituting a mouth, *f*, through which the said bosoms are introduced into such pocket. The mouth may have buttons and button-holes, as shown at *g g*; or it may be provided with other suitable means for closing it. The back portion *h* of the bosom-pocket may have eyelet-holes made in it, as shown at *i i*, to receive strings *k* for fastening the bosom or bosoms in place in the pocket, such strings going through a similar series of holes made in each of the bosoms, as shown at *l*, in Fig. 3, which represents one of the shirt-fronts or bosoms. The two front portions A B, like those of a common vest or waistcoat, are to be connected by a back, D, which may be provided with one or more collar-pockets, arranged in it as shown at *m m m*, each being open at one or both ends, or otherwise furnished with a mouth by which a collar may be introduced into or removed from such pocket as occasion may require. Furthermore, the neck-band E of the vest I make as a standing neck-band, to extend from the middle of the upper part of the front opening of the bosom-pocket, and be fastened to the back D, and the front portions A B, except to that part of the portion B which is overlapped by the upper part of the portion A, when the neck part of such portion A is buttoned to the portion B. The unattached part *u* of the neck-band I form as shown, and provide with a button-hole, *o*, to button upon a button, *p*, fixed on the portion A, next to and under a cravat-bow, G, fast-

ened centrally to the neck-band, and disposed as shown. I arrange upon and fix to the inner side of the collar E a series of buttons, *r r*, to enable a short collar, H, to be connected to the collar E by being buttoned to it, the said collar E thus becoming, if made of silk or a material contrasting with that of which the vest is made, an imitation cravat.

I claim as my invention the following:

1. A vest, made with the pocket C open in front, as set forth, and arranged as described to receive and hold one or more shirt-bosoms.

2. I also claim the vest or waistcoat, made with a shirt-bosom pocket, C, open in front, and arranged in the front part A, constructed to button with B, as shown and described.

3. I also claim the vest, provided with the shirt-bosom pocket C, the neck-band E, and its projecting parts *n*, and having the cravat-bow G, the said parts being arranged with respect to the said pocket, and the back and front parts A B D of the vest, all as described.

4. I also claim a vest, provided with one or more pockets, *m*, arranged in its back D, in the manner as represented, and for receiving one or more shirt-collars, as stated.

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