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Fig. 1.

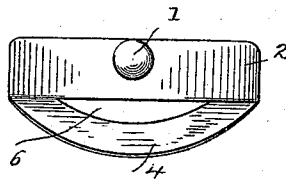


Fig. 2.

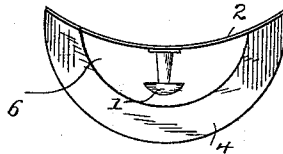
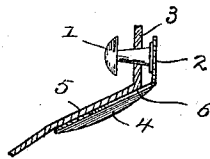


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK C. CRAW, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Norwalk, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collar-Buttons; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its object to produce a collar button which will support the bosom of a shirt so as to prevent it from breaking at the neck and will prevent the neck band from turning in.

It is a matter of serious inconvenience as well as discomfort to the wearers that the neck bands of shirts unless laundered with great care are apt to turn inward and double under, and that no matter how well laundered the shirt may be there is a constant source of annoyance by reason of the bosom breaking just below the neck band. In order to obviate these difficulties and provide a collar button which shall be simple and inexpensive, practically impossible to get out of repair and which will at all times hold both the neck band and the top of the bosom in proper position I have devised the novel collar button of which the following description in connection with the accompanying drawings is a specification, numbers being used to designate the several parts.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my novel collar button; Fig. 2, a plan view thereof, and Fig. 3 is a section of the neck band and bosom of a shirt, and also of the band plate and bosom plate which are attached to the button.

1 denotes the collar button itself which is of ordinary construction and is rigidly attached to a curved plate 2 which is adapted to lie within the neck band of a shirt, the latter being indicated by 3. This plate is made of metal, hard rubber or any suitable material, is rigid and is suitably curved to conform substantially to the curvature of the neck band of the shirt.

4 denotes a rigid plate which is formed integral with or rigidly secured to plate 2 and extends downward and outward therefrom in such a position that in use it will support the upper end of the bosom of a shirt and hold it up, preventing the bosom from breaking or sinking in as is clearly indicated at 5 in Fig. 3. The special shape of this plate is of course not of the essence of my invention. It is simply necessary that it be made wide enough and long enough to hold up that portion of the bosom which is liable to fall in in use. In practice I preferably curve the lower edge of the plate substantially as shown in the drawings, and may or may not cut out the central portion as at 6.

In use the button is inserted from the back of the neck band in precisely the same manner that an ordinary collar button is inserted, the neck band plate and the bosom plate assuming their proper position as a matter of course, it being impossible for the article to assume any but its proper position owing to the fact that the neck band plate substantially conforms to the neck band of the shirt. In use the button holes of the collar are passed over button 1 in the usual manner the operation after the article is once in place, being the same as that of ordinary collar buttons.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

As an article of manufacture, a collar button and bosom supporter comprising a rigid plate curved to correspond approximately with the neck band of a shirt, and provided with a collar button of ordinary construction, and a rigid plate 4 which extends downward and outward therefrom and is adapted to lie under the upper end of the shirt bosom to prevent the bosom from falling in, the device as a whole acting to hold the collar, and to retain both neck band and bosom in position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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