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This invention relates to improvements in means for supporting the collar of the collar-attached style of shirt to retain the collar in correct shape and position after the shirt leaves the laundry or factory.

The object of the invention is to provide a collar support made integral with the customary shirt board ordinarily used by laundries and requiring no additional paper stock. The support is well adapted to different lengths and widths of shirts and sizes of collars, may be quickly and easily inserted and is quite economical. Collar supports may be placed at both ends of the shirt board so that the one at either end of the board may be used, and, also, any size board may be used.

The invention will be readily understood from a perusal of the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the support in operative position in a collar-attached style shirt, the latter being represented in broken-line formation;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the support in flattened position and in integral relation with a shirt board; and

Figure 3 is an enlarged detail sectional view of a portion of the shirt board including one of the supports, the view being had along the line 3–3 of Figure 2.

Proceeding in accordance with the drawing and wherein like parts carry like indicating numerals, a shirt is indicated at 1 with its collar 2 shaped for use. The collar support as shown is formed integrally with the shirt board, the latter, in practice, usually being eight by sixteen inches for a standard size mostly used by laundries and factories producing the shirts. However, the shirt board may be of any desirable or required size or dimensions, to conform to the size and fold of shirt.

The collar support as shown consists of a tongue 3 which is preferably scored at 4 for easy bending and the tongue is formed integrally with a curved portion 5 having its ends 6 extended on opposite sides thereof. The full lines in Figure 2 show the outline of the tongue 3 and portions 5 and 6 of the collar support where the die cuts the support in the shirt board 1. In Figure 2 are shown two supports for the collar, both cut in the same board, one being located nearer the end of the board and either of these supports may be used as preferred according to shirt size or collar. If the lower support is used the board is, of course, reversed to bring the lower end of the board in Figure 2 to the top. Obviously, the two collar supports may be of the same dimensions and located equi-distant from the ends of the board, so that the board may be quickly applied to the shirt without any special care in selection end for end in placement and yet be adaptable for several different sizes of shirts and collars.

In adjusting the support in the shirt 1, the tongue 3 is bent at the point 4 and the board is placed inside the finished shirt when it is buttoned and ready to fold. When the shirt is folded about the board, the support is pulled through the neck opening of the shirt and bent at the point 8 and brought over the top edge of the collar 2 at the button, which then permits the portion 5 with the ends 6 to be placed between the folds of the collar. This is clearly shown in Figure 1. The point 8 thus forms a bridge and together with the portion 5 and the ends 6 which rest upon the board 1 prevent the collar from being crushed. The support is cut at the proper distance from the top of the card to permit the support to be swung up or down which makes the support adjustable to fit large or small collar.

While the disclosure presents a practical working embodiment of the invention, it is understood that the precise form of construction may be altered to an extent which would be within the scope and meaning of the appended claims.

What is claimed as new is:

1. A shirt board of the character described, comprising a body portion about which the body of the shirt is folded in use, said board having cut marginally therein a collar support comprising a tongue extending longitudinally and inwardly from near the end of the board and being foldable transversely at its base, said tongue, at its free end, having a cross extension, the ends of said cross extension terminating normally adjacent the longitudinal side margins of the board; the support, when applied to the shirt collar, having the tongue portion folded upwardly from the body of the board and the cross extension folded downwardly from the tongue, both folds being made acutely, whereby the tongue and contiguous middle portion of the cross extension extend over the meeting middle portions of the shirt collar on the board, the end portions of the cross extension are fitted under the forward folds of the collar and the lower marginal portion of the folded and collar-inserted cross extension supportingly rests on the adjacent underlying body portion of the board.

2. The shirt board as set forth in claim 1, and further describing the cross extension of the tongue element as being of marginal contour concave with respect to the longitudinal extension of the tongue.