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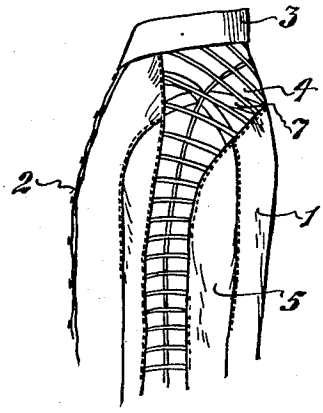

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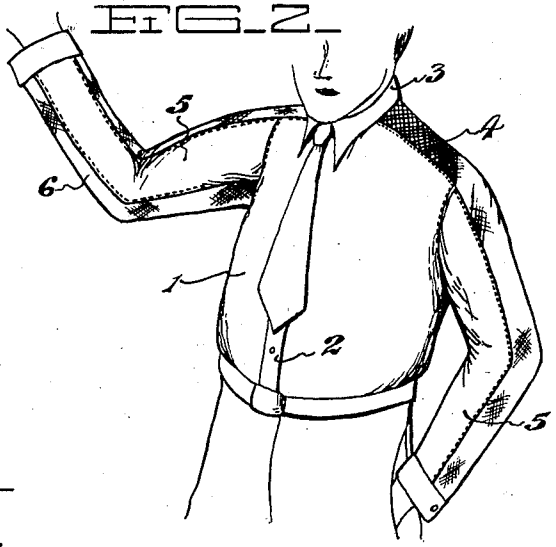

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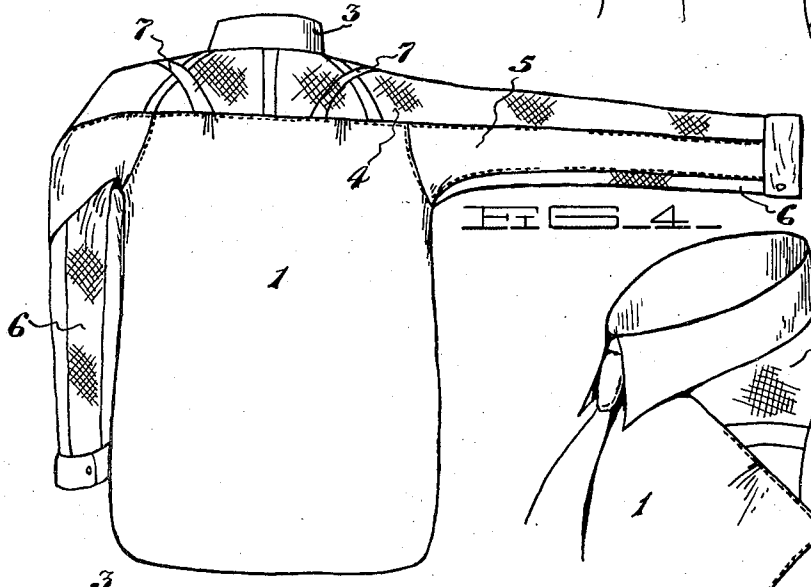

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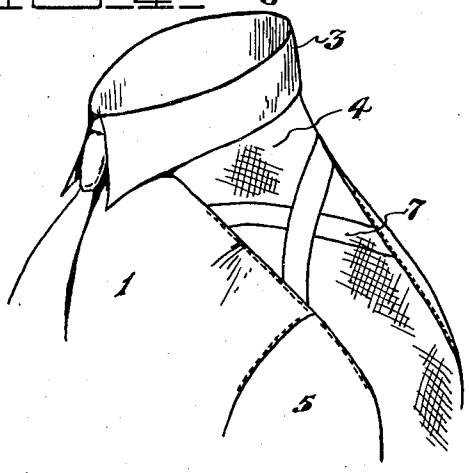

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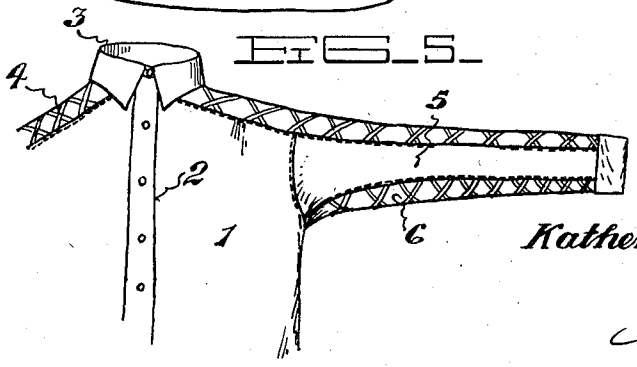

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SHIRT

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This invention relates to wearing apparel and particularly to shirts designed, primarily, for masculine wear but equally desirable, in some instances for feminine wear, and its principal object resides in the provision of a garment resembling in general appearance, the well known shirt, yet embodying certain new and novel innovations calculated to afford the wearer greater comfort in warm and sultry climatic conditions, enabling the wearer to dress comfortably and at the same time, attractively, under all conditions.

While the foregoing objects are paramount, the invention contemplates a new and unique design in masculine wearing apparel, departing from the old accepted customs in shirt structure, especially adapted to summer wear and in keeping with the present day variations in styles for both sexes.

Having thus set forth the novel objects and salient features of construction, a further description of the invention may be had by reference to the appended drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a modified form of the invention in which the ventilated portion constitutes a multiplicity of spaced strips, having a strip extending thereagainst.

Figure 2 is a view showing the invention as worn, illustrating the ventilated portions on the outside and the underside of the sleeves.

Figure 3 is a back elevational view of the invention, showing the yoke extending across the back and down the sleeves.

Figure 4 is a perspective fragmentary view showing the re-inforcing means on the shoulder, and

Figure 5 is a fragmentary front view, showing another type of closure for the ventilated portions.

Considerable effort has been put forth, in recent years, to design suitable summer clothes for men and women to provide a source of relief from the heat and since it is customary, and even necessary, in polite society, for gentlemen to wear their coats, regardless of the temperature of the weather, the present invention will afford the desired comfort on all occasions.

Accordingly, the invention comprises a conventional body portion 1 having an opening 2 extending down the front, as shown in Figures 2 and 5, and surmounted by a collar 3.

By reference to Figure 3, it will be noted that the yoke 4, being of a net like material, extends across the back and down the full length of the sleeves 5, to provide a ventilated portion across the shoulders and down the sleeves of the shirt, as in Figure 2. A strip 6, of the material is shown as being inserted in the underside of the sleeves 5.

In order to reinforce the netted portions in the yoke 4 and the sleeves 5, cross strips 7 are provided to strengthen the shoulders and down the sleeves, in the manner illustrated in Figure 3.

While a netted material is shown as being the preferred type of closure for the ventilated portions in the drawings, modifications in the form of cross strips, and the like, as shown in Figures 1 and 5, may be desirable and it is quite obvious that even various colors of material may also be employed.

Because of the normally close proximity of the arms to the body, it is necessary to provide proper ventilation under the arms and the ordinary type of shirt does not make this provision. The ventilated portion 6, therefore, affords the wearer the added comfort, allowing the air to pass through the sleeve.

Though the invention has been described with great particularity, the details of the embodiment of the invention herein shown are not to be construed as being limited thereto, as changes in arrangement and substitution of equivalents may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. In a shirt, a yoke comprised of open fabric, sleeves having open fabric strips extending the full length thereof on either side, the topmost of said strips communicating with the open fabric yoke of said shirt and means sewed to said shirt and crossing the

portion covered by said open fabric to reinforce the latter.

2. In a shirt, a yoke composed of open fabric, the latter joining the front and back portions of said shirt and extending down the full length of the sleeves of said shirt and means intercrossing the open fabric of said yoke to reinforce the same.

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