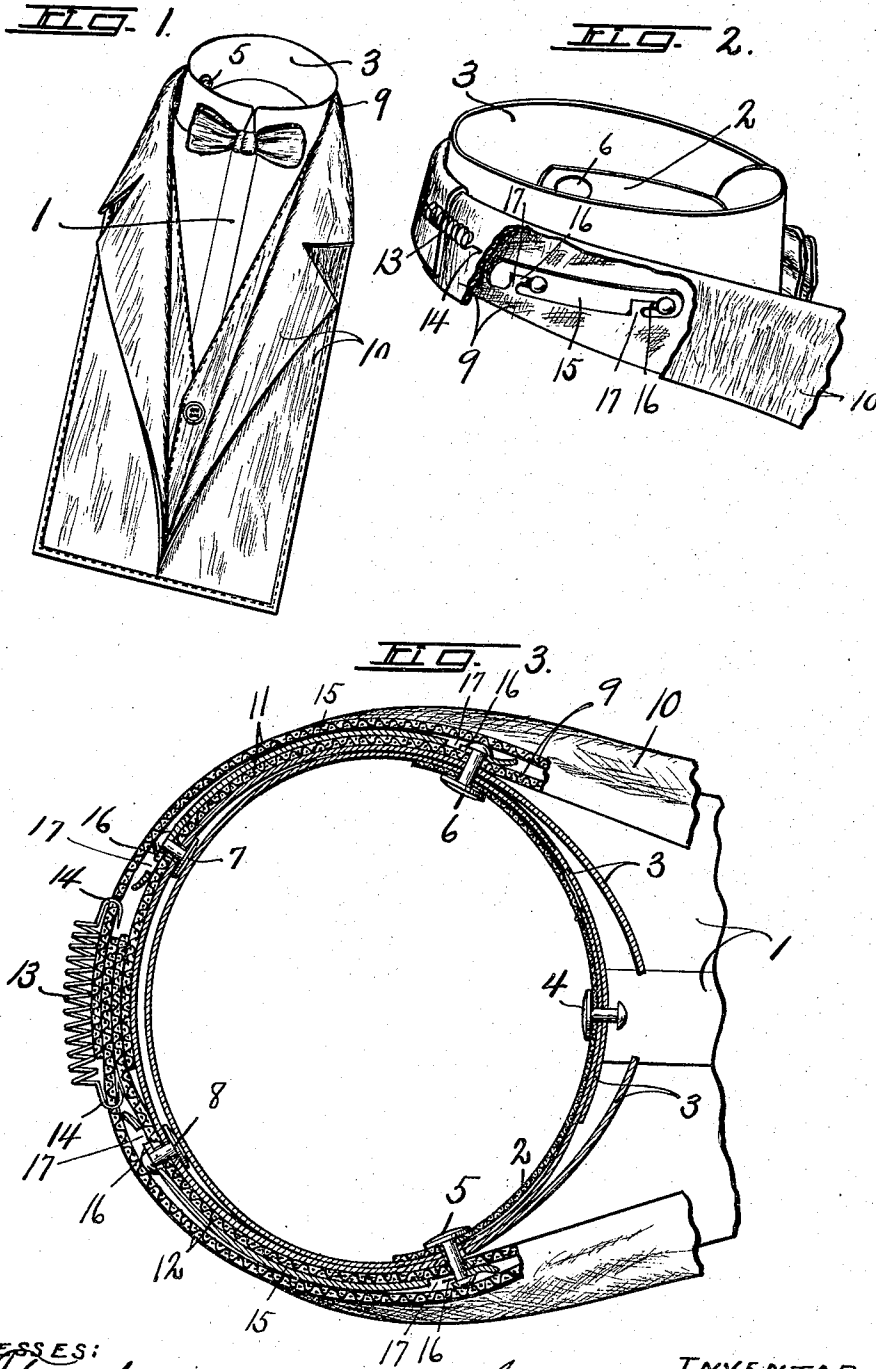


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. HOUGH, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Oneida, in the county of Madison, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improvements in garments, and more particularly to a means and method of securing together the collar, shirt and coat of a burial garment, in a unitary structure.

The primary object of the invention is to produce a garment as a unitary article of sale comprising a coat, shirt, collar, etc., and in which the collar is readily removable from the shirt and the coat readily removable from the collar to permit separation of the parts for changing the collar when desired and allowing the use of collars of various sizes and heights by reason of the susceptibility and rapidity of the change, so that the same garment is adapted for use upon persons of various sizes by the mere insertion of a collar of the proper size, as distinguished from the method of manufacture used and the garment produced prior to this invention, in which the coat was permanently secured by sewing to the collar, necessitating the undertaker and jobber carrying a large stock of goods covering garments provided with collars of all sizes and heights.

Other objects and uses relate to the specific means and devices for accomplishing the above objects, and will appear from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a sufficient part of a garment to illustrate the practical application of the invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a portion of the garment showing the means for removably connecting the garment to the collar and the means for removably connecting the split portions of the garment at the rear of the collar. Fig. 3 is a cross section through the collar and the coat.

The invention comprises a suitable shirt —1— having an upwardly projecting band —2— at its upper end, to which an ordinary turn-down collar —3— is removably secured by means of buttons —4—, —5— and —6—, the buttons —5— and —6— extend-

ing through both thicknesses of the collar and projecting from the outer surface thereof. Suitable buttons —7— and —8— are likewise passed through openings in the collar, preferably through the outer thickness only, so that the base of the button is not exposed, and to the buttons —5—, —6—, —7— and —8— the turn-over collar —9— of a coat —10—, split vertically at the rear, is secured, the buttons projecting through button-holes in the inner thickness of the coat collar, such buttons being covered by the turn-over portion of the coat collar, the side —11— of the coat collar secured to the buttons —6— and —7— and the side —12— secured to the buttons —5— and —8—, the split portions of the coat collar at the rear being overlapped and preferably the two thicknesses of the collar at one side, as the side —12—, are inserted between the two thicknesses of the coat collar in the opposite side, as —11—, and the parts —11— and —12— are removably connected under tension by a spring —13— having its opposite ends formed in hooks —14— adapted to penetrate and grasp the outer layer of the sides —11— and —12— of the coat collar.

To prevent the sides of the coat collar from becoming accidentally disengaged with the buttons —5—, —6—, —7— and —8—, a suitable clip —15— is provided having elongated slots —16— adjacent its opposite ends and passageways —17— leading to the slots at one end, said passageways —17— being spaced apart a distance substantially equal to the distance between the buttons —5— and —8— and between the buttons —6— and —7—, respectively, a separate clip being provided for each side of the collar.

A clip —15— is passed over the buttons —5— and —8— or the buttons —6— and —7— so that the buttons move through the passageways —17— into the slots —16— and the clip is then moved longitudinally until the buttons are positioned in the closed ends of the slots —16— and thereby lock the sides of the garment in position.

It is obvious that the coat is adapted for use with collars of various sizes and by means of the spring —13— is held in the desired position irrespective of the size of the collar, and that the coat may be removed from the collar and the collar from the shirt to change the collar, by releasing the spring —13—, removing the clips —15—

from their respective buttons, unbuttoning the coat collar from the shirt collar, and removing the shirt collar from the buttons —4—, —5— and —6—, and that another collar of proper and desired size may be attached by reversing the method.

Although I have shown and described one particular construction and arrangement and one particular method for removably connecting the separate parts so that collars of various and desired sizes may be used without affecting the appearance or the exactness of form and shape of the garment, I do not desire to limit myself to any particular construction, arrangement or form, as many changes may be made in the details of the same without departing from the spirit of this invention as set forth in the appended claims.

What I claim is:—

1. A garment comprising a shirt, a shirt collar connected thereto and adapted to carry securing elements, a coat having its collar split vertically at the rear to form side portions, said side portions engaged with said securing elements, and means for resiliently connecting the split portions of said coat collar to hold the side portions of said collar under tension and in engagement with said securing elements.

2. A garment comprising a shirt, a shirt collar connected thereto and adapted to carry buttons projecting outwardly from the surface thereof, a coat having its collar split vertically at the rear to form side portions, said side portions having openings in which said buttons are adapted to be seated,

and spring means for connecting said side portions at the rear of the shirt collar to hold said portions under tension.

3. A garment comprising a shirt, a shirt collar removably connected thereto and adapted to carry a plurality of buttons having enlarged heads projecting outwardly from the collar, a coat having the collar thereof secured to said buttons, and a plurality of members, each provided with a slot having an enlarged portion adapted to engage said buttons to prevent removal of the coat collar.

4. A burial garment comprising a shirt, a shirt collar connected thereto, securing elements projecting outwardly from the collar, a coat, said securing elements extending through said coat and exposed beneath the coat collar, and a member provided with a slot having an enlarged portion engaged with each of said securing elements to prevent removal of the coat therefrom.

5. A burial garment comprising a shirt, a shirt collar connected thereto, securing elements carried by said collar, a coat split vertically at the rear thereof, said securing elements extending through a portion of the coat, means for preventing removal of the coat from said securing elements, and a removable spring clip connecting the split portions of said coat at the rear.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of February, 1915.

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