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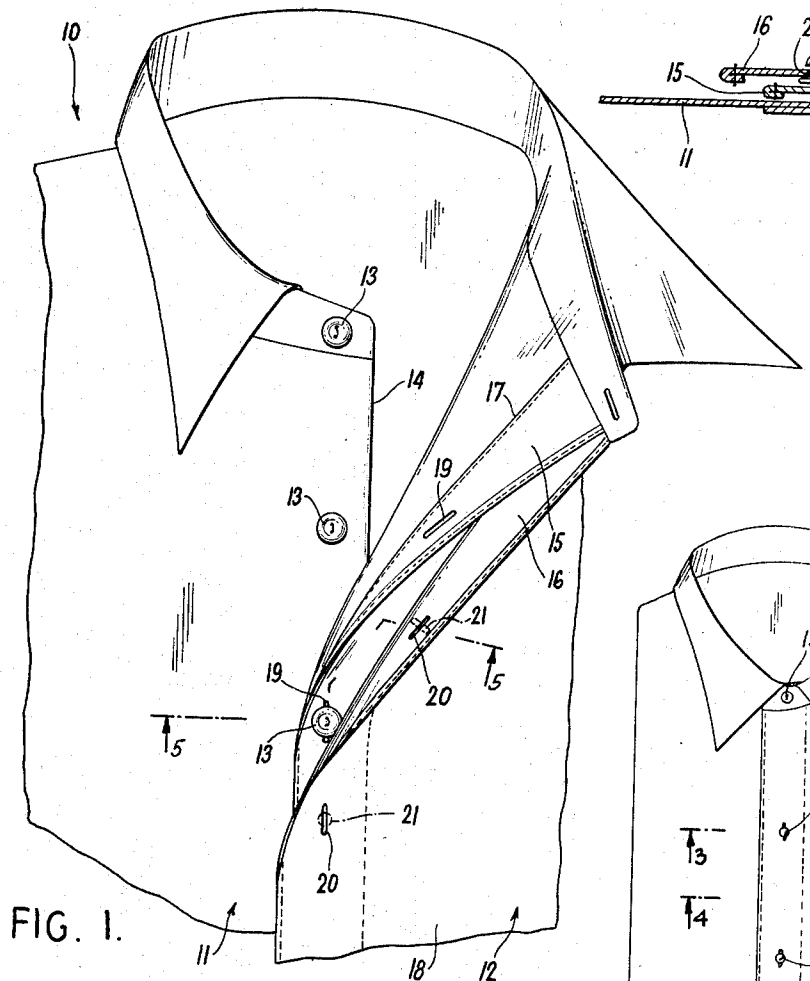


FIG. 1.

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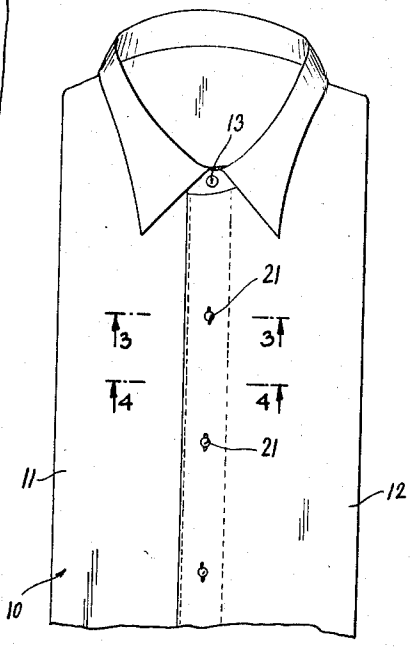


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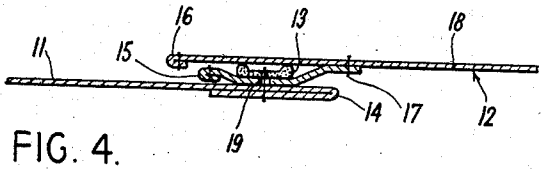


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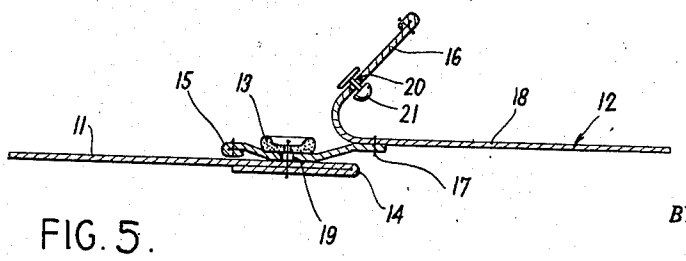


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This invention relates to shirts, more particularly to dress shirts adapted to support a row of studs at the front portion thereof.

A widely used type of dress shirt is that with a split front, like conventional front-button shirts in contradistinction to the dress shirt with a split back portion buttoned at the rear but having separate apertures at the front for receiving ornamental studs therethrough. The said conventional split-front type of dress shirt has overlapping front portions each containing a row of apertures in registry with the apertures of the complementary overlapping portion, whereby studs can be passed through the pairs of coinciding apertures to serve both as fasteners and as ornaments. It is a known fact that the insertion of studs through said apertures is an inconvenient process, requiring considerable care and skill to prevent an unsightly wrinkling of the front of the shirt, particularly so when the overlapping front portions have been starched to stiffness or semi-stiffness, as is often required by wearers of dress shirts. The reason for this difficulty becomes apparent when it is considered that in order to insert the stud from the rear surface of the inner overlapped portion, the front overlapping portion must be bent out of the way to enable access to be had to said rear surface. The resulting wrinkling or creasing of the bent-back front portion defeats the basic sartorial requirement of neatness in formal wear.

It is primarily within the contemplation of my invention to provide a split-front type of dress shirt in which the aforementioned shortcomings are avoided. More specifically, it is an object of my invention to enable a dress shirt of the said type to support therein one or more conventional ornamental studs without the aforesaid inconvenience of inserting the studs through the rear overlapped portion of the shirt front. And in this aspect of my invention it is an object to enable a split-front type of dress shirt to be buttoned closed with the same ease as buttoning together the split front of a conventional non-dress type of shirt, and which will at the same time enable the ready insertion of stud elements for frontal display.

It is also within my contemplation to provide a dress shirt having the features above-mentioned, and which is additionally provided with means to completely hide from view the button fasteners, showing only the heads of the studs. And it is my further objective to so arrange said button fasteners and stud apertures so as to prevent interference therebetween, thereby to eliminate bulkiness and provide a flat smooth stud-supporting shirt front.

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Another object of my invention is to provide a simple and readily fabricated construction which will have the features aforesaid.

Other objects, features and advantages will appear from the drawings and the description hereinafter given.

Referring to the drawings,

Figure 1 is a fragmentary front view of a dress shirt in accordance with my invention, the front portion being curled back to show the inner construction, some studs being shown in place by dot-dash lines.

Figure 2 is a front view of the shirt of Figure 1, with the outer flap in closed position, and showing studs in place.

Figure 3 is a section of Figure 2 taken along line 3—3.

Figure 4 is a section of Figure 2 taken along line 4—4.

Figure 5 is a section of Figure 1 taken along line 5—5.

In the form of my invention illustrated in the drawings, the shirt 10 contains the overlapping front marginal portions 11 and 12, inner portion 11 being overlapped by outer portion 12. The said overlapped portion 11 contains a row of buttons 13 sewed on in conventional manner and disposed in spaced adjacent relation to the front edge 14. In the preferred form of my invention, the said overlapping portion 12 has two overlapping flaps 15 and 16 secured together at the juncture line 17. In this preferred form, the front flap 16 is a continuous portion of the front shirt section 18, whereas the inner or intermediate flap 15 is a separate strip attached by stitching to said front section 18, and extending vertically substantially along the entire front of the shirt, or at least along such portion thereof adapted to support studs. The width of outer flap 16 is no less than that of flap 15, so that when the former is operatively in place, as illustrated in Figure 2, it will completely overlap and conceal the inner flap 15.

The said inner flap 15 contains along the vertical length thereof a row of buttonholes 19 positioned for registry with the said buttons 13, so that the latter may be inserted through the said buttonholes. The flap 16 contains a vertical row of stud-receiving apertures 20, these being preferably in staggered relation with respect to the said buttonholes 19.

Inasmuch as the studs 21 are not employed as fastening means to secure together the said over-

lapping portions 11 and 12, they can be inserted through apertures 20 before the shirt is put on. In this manner, there is a minimum of bending or distortion of said front flap 16, since the inserting process can be performed with the shirt in any position for convenient handling. Thereafter, when the shirt is placed on the body, the said sections 11 and 12 are secured together by inserting the buttons 13 through the buttonholes 19, an operation which can readily be performed without wrinkling the inner flap 15, and obviously with no wrinkling or creasing of outer flap 16. Should it be desired to insert the studs 21 after the shirt has been put on the body and the overlapping portions 11 and 12 buttoned together, the flap 16 can be gently turned back, as indicated in Figure 1, and the studs inserted with the danger of wrinkling reduced to a minimum, since the studs pass through the conveniently positioned outer flaps 16, and are not required to be passed behind edge 14 to the inner surface of overlapped section 11 as is required in conventional shirts.

When the outer flap 16 is in overlapping relation to inner flap 15, the latter is completely hidden from view, as aforesaid, thereby also hiding buttons 13. To further reduce any suggestion that there are buttons 13 behind outer flap 16, the above-described staggered arrangement of apertures 20 with respect to buttons 13 completely eliminates any interference between the studs and buttons, thereby presenting a relatively flat and smooth front flap 16.

The arrangement is hence such that the shirt gives the outward appearance of a conventional dress shirt with a row of studs in the front thereof, and yet has the advantages of ease of closure of the shirt and of attachment of studs, as well as a wrinkle-free front. It is also apparent that the construction is relatively simple, making for a comparatively inexpensive garment.

In the above description, the invention has been disclosed merely by way of example and in

preferred manner; but obviously many variations and modifications may be made therein. It is to be understood, therefore, that the invention is not limited to any specific form or manner of practicing same, except insofar as such limitations are specified in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a dress shirt, two overlapping front marginal portions comprising an outer overlapping portion and an inner overlapped portion, said outer portion comprising an outer and an inner flap joined together along a juncture line in spaced relation to the front lateral edge of said outer overlapping portion, said inner flap having therein a plurality of buttonholes, said overlapped portion having a plurality of buttons therein positioned and proportionad for operative registry and insertion through said buttonholes, said buttons when operatively inserted through said buttonholes being disposed between said outer and inner flaps, said outer flap having a plurality of stud-receiving apertures therein in staggered relation to said buttonholes, said outer flap being swingable away from said inner flap from said juncture line, thereby to expose the inner surface of said outer flap for enabling the insertion of suitable studs through the said apertures therein.

2. In a dress shirt, the combination according to claim 1, said shirt having a front section that is continuous and an integral part of said outer flap, said inner flap being a separate member secured to said section at said juncture line, the width of said outer flap being at least equal to that of said inner flap to conceal the latter.

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