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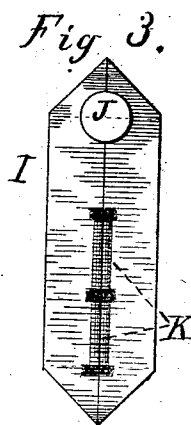
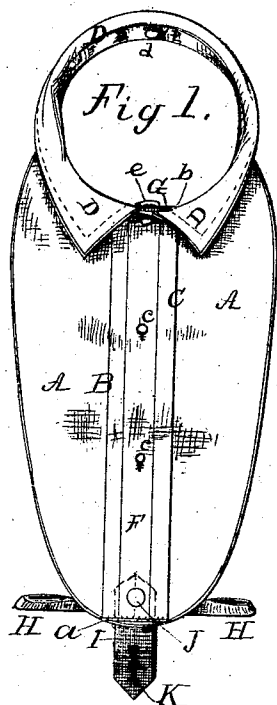
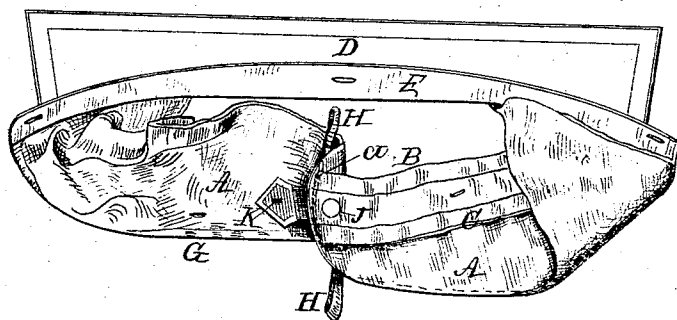


Fig 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARSHALL O. WEST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Port Chester, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dickey; 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 relates to that class of dickeys worn as over-bosoms or in lieu of shirt-bosoms; and it has for its object to provide a dickey uniting a bosom and collar that may be easily laundered, quickly put on, securely kept in place, and its collar not liable to ride upon the neckband of the shirt.

To this end my invention consists in an open-front bosom, firmly secured together at the bottom of the opening, a complete whole-backed collar secured thereon, and means for securing the same to other parts of the clothing, as hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my dickey complete. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, with the collar stretched out in position to be ironed on the side which would be its back if it were a turn-down collar, or its front if a standing collar. Fig. 3 is a detail view of my elastic tab.

A represents the main body or bosom of the dickey. It is first made in two complete parts, in any style of plaiting common to shirt-bosoms; then the two parts are joined by lapping the box portion F upon the under lap, G, and finally securing the two parts together at their lower extremity by one or more lines of stitches,

a. The usual provision for studs or buttons c is made, to join the two parts together in use.

D is a collar, of any usual form, either standing or turn-over, provided with a neckband, E, all made complete and whole, as though it were to be an independent collar, and then stitched to the upper end of the two parts of the bosom, the bosom being inserted between the parts of the collar-band at the ends of the lower edge, and extending back one-quarter of the length of the collar. In the style of bosom here shown the edge B overlaps the part G,

the edge b being directly under the back edge, C, of the central plait. The collar-band is provided with button-holes, as usual to collars, for studs, as shown at e and d, or for common buttons.

H represents two loops, made of tape, secured to the sides of the lower end of the bosom. Each of these loops is adapted to receive one prong of one pants-suspender or the suspender-button, to keep the bosom laterally extended.

I is an elastic tab provided with a button, J, at its upper end, and with one or more button-holes, K, to be buttoned onto the drawers or pants, to keep the bosom down. The tab is made of elastic tape, two portions thereof being joined edge to edge at the two ends and at intervals suitable to form button-holes K between. This tab may be joined to the dickey as usual, or it may be provided with a button, J, as above stated. By forming the button-holes in this manner the necessity for working their edges is dispensed with, the selvage of the tape answering that purpose. This selvage is furthermore elastic, thereby holding a button securely, while it is more easily buttoned or unbuttoned than a rigidly-worked button-hole. The two sides of this tab may be formed of one continuous piece of tape by folding the tape upon itself diagonally twice at the lower end, thus turning the sides parallel with each other, and afterward the lower corners may be stitched.

As economy and convenience are main purposes in this invention, it may be stated that a dozen of these dickeys will pack in the space of one shirt and a dozen collars; that one of my tabs will answer for any number of my dickeys, which are provided each with a button-hole to receive the button J.

The dickey answers all the purpose of a bosom and collar on a shirt, and it may be much more easily laid aside by mechanics and others when not required, and put on again at convenience.

By unbuttoning the front collar-button the dickey may be put on over the head, and when again buttoned in front and buttoned to the back of the shirt-neckband its collar will not rise up or ride upon said shirt-neckband, as common collars frequently do, because the dickey-bosom is secured to the dickey-collar half-way around and holds it down in place.

The two sides of the bosom are joined at the lower end for the purpose of insuring their being ironed alike and keeping together true and firmly when in use, as they would not do if merely buttoned together, for buttons and button-holes are notoriously untrustworthy. I join the two parts of the bosom at the lower end only, in order that they may stretch out, as in Fig. 2, to allow the collar to be ironed and afterward be ironed themselves. Some part of the ironing is necessarily done with the two parts somewhat separated, and then the finishing done with both parts laid in place together.

I am aware that a dickey wholly open in front attached to a whole-backed collar is not new, that elastic tabs are not new, and that straps for securing the top or shoulder portions of dickeys to suspenders or to pants-buttons are not new, and I do not claim either of these features, broadly, as my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A dickey consisting of an open-front bosom joined permanently together at its lower end, in combination with a collar open at

the front and whole at the back, secured to the upper end of the two sides of the bosom by lines of stitches joining the bosom with the neckband of the collar about one-half way around the collar, as shown and described.

2. The combination, with a dickey, of the side loops, H, secured to the lower end of the bosom, and adapted to loop upon the suspenders or suspender-buttons, as described.

3. The combination, with a dickey having side loops at its lower end, of a tab consisting of elastic tape in two parallel parts joined together at two or more points along their edges, forming button-holes, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

4. A tab consisting of elastic tape in two parallel parts, joined together at their ends and at one or more points on their contiguous edges, forming button-holes between said edges, as shown and described.

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

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