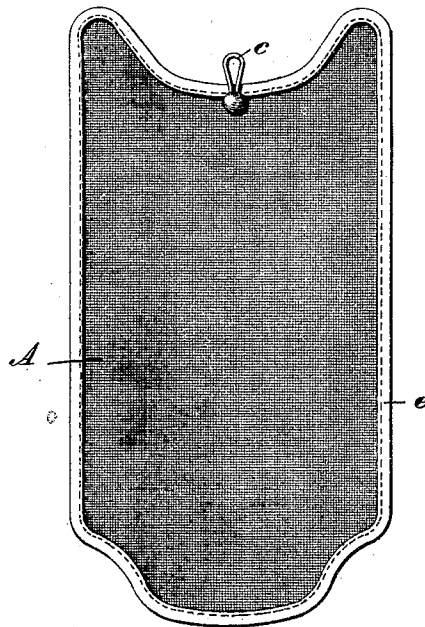


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Shirt-Bosom Supports.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRT-BOSOM SUPPORTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC M. POST, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in False Bosoms for Shirts, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a false shirt-bosom for gentlemen's wear, composed of wire-gauze, to be worn under the linen bosom, for the purpose of keeping the latter in shape, and preventing it from becoming mussed or soiled by perspiration, &c., the same constituting a new article of manufacture.

The drawing represents a front view of my gauze bosom as made for sale and ready for use.

To make these bosoms I take wire-cloth made of brass wire, having from forty to sixty meshes to the inch, and cut therefrom the bosoms, of the form substantially as shown in the drawing. I prefer to make them of a width not greater than the plaited portion of the linen bosom, and of such a length as not to reach quite to the waistband of the pants when in position.

As shown in the drawing, the upper end is hollowed out to fit the neck, and is provided at the center with a loop, *e*, of elastic or other suitable material, by which it is secured to the button of the neckband of the shirt. I then cover the edge all around with a binding, *e*, of tape or similar material, which is stitched fast, and which can be readily done on a sewing-machine.

In making these bosoms care should be taken to use gauze composed of annealed wire, so as to render it pliable and to permit of its being bent or shaped as desired. They should also be cut from the sheet in such a manner that their greatest length will be in line with the filling or of the gauze, as those wires are bent, while the warp wires are straight, thus rendering it pliable and yielding lengthwise, while it is comparatively rigid or stiff crosswise. In this way I produce a light article, which not only serves to support the linen bosom and prevent it from being mussed and creased, but which also serves to keep the linen bosom away from the body, and thereby prevents it from becoming soiled by perspiration, especially in warm weather. Being light and pliable it yields readily to the motions or positions of the body, and can, therefore, be worn with perfect comfort.

If desired the gauze may be plated with silver or nickel to prevent it from being discolored, or staining the clothing when wet, or moistened by the perspiration of the body.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the shirt bosom or shield, constructed of wire-gauze, as and for the purpose herein described.

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