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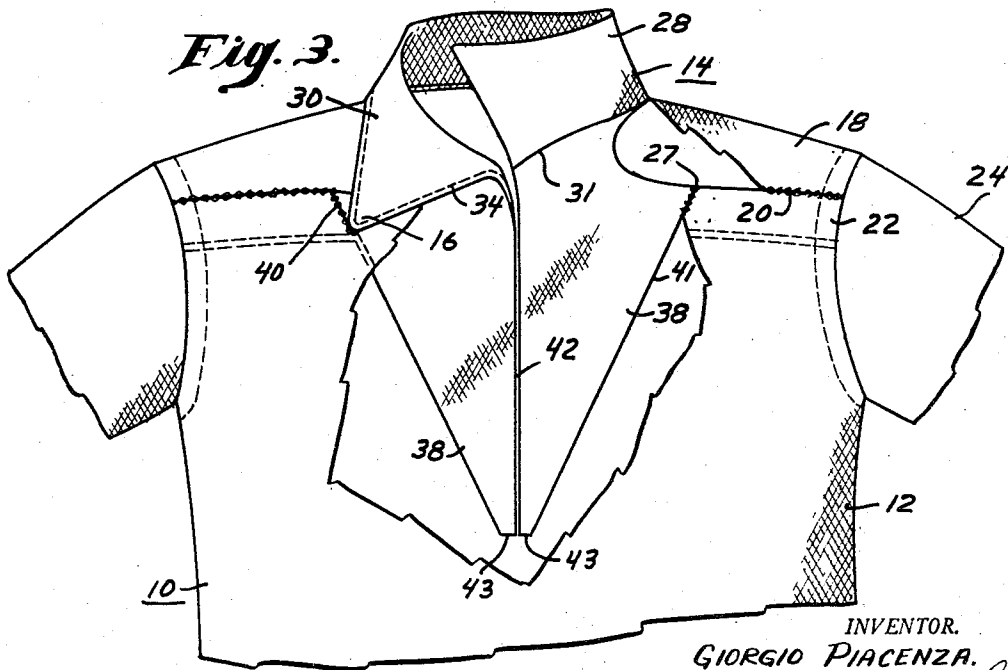
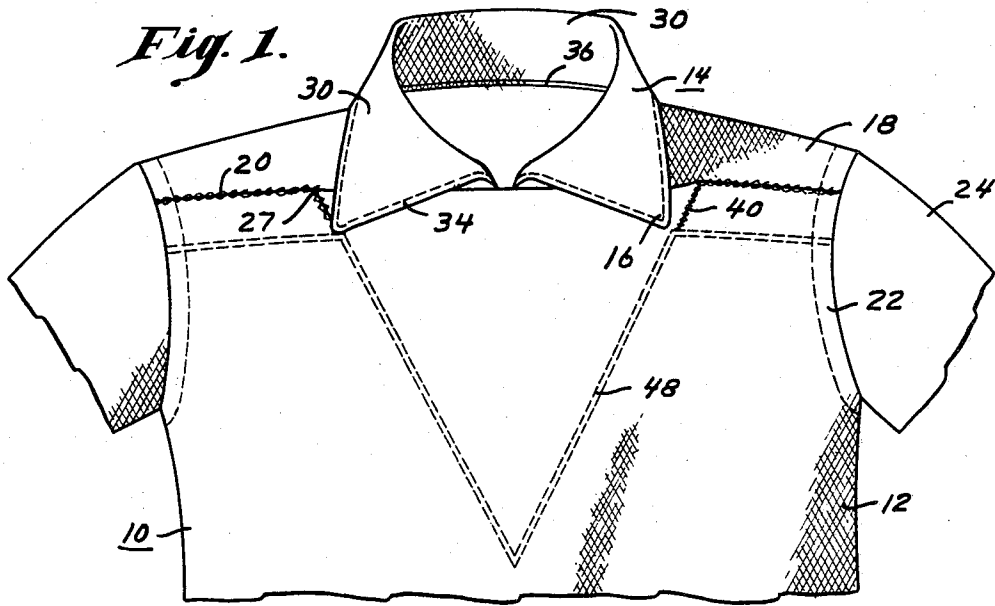
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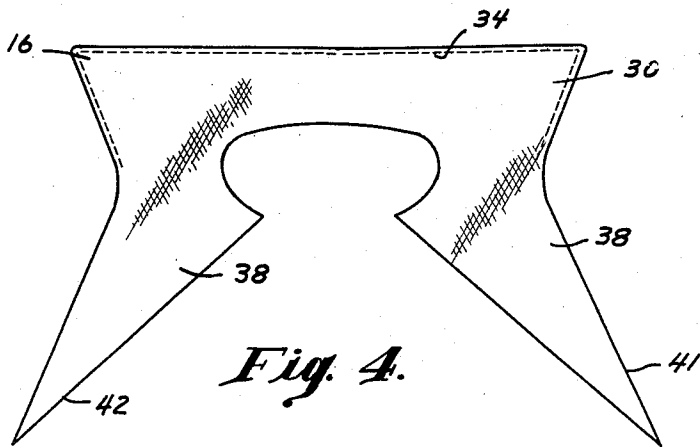
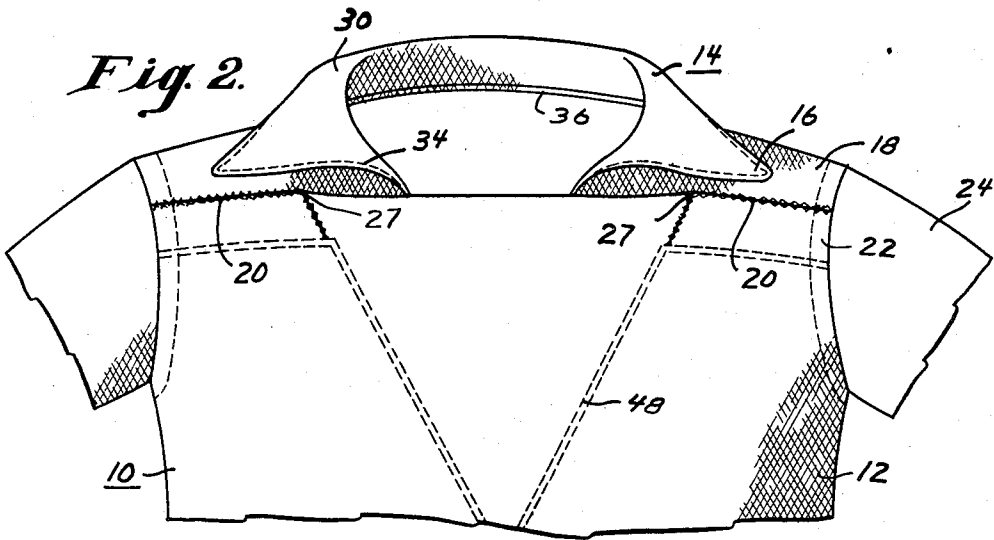
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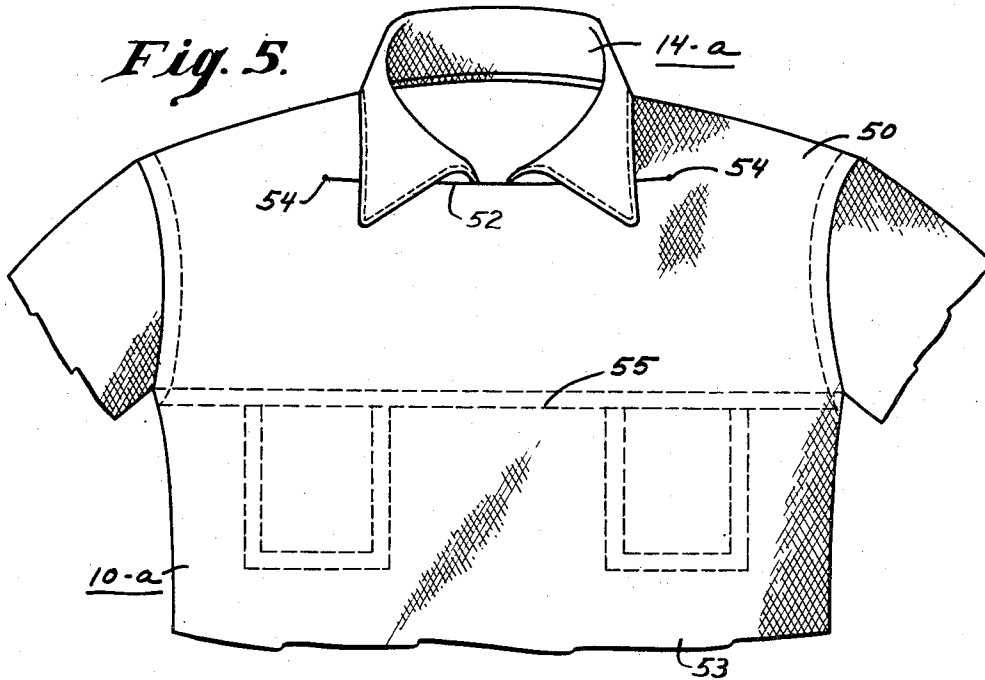
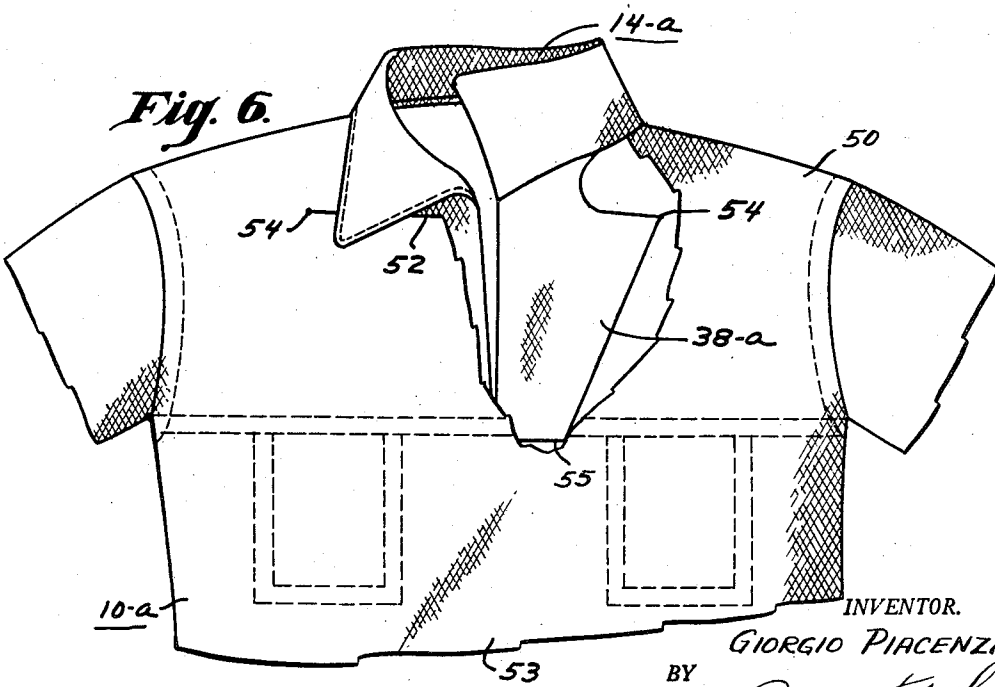


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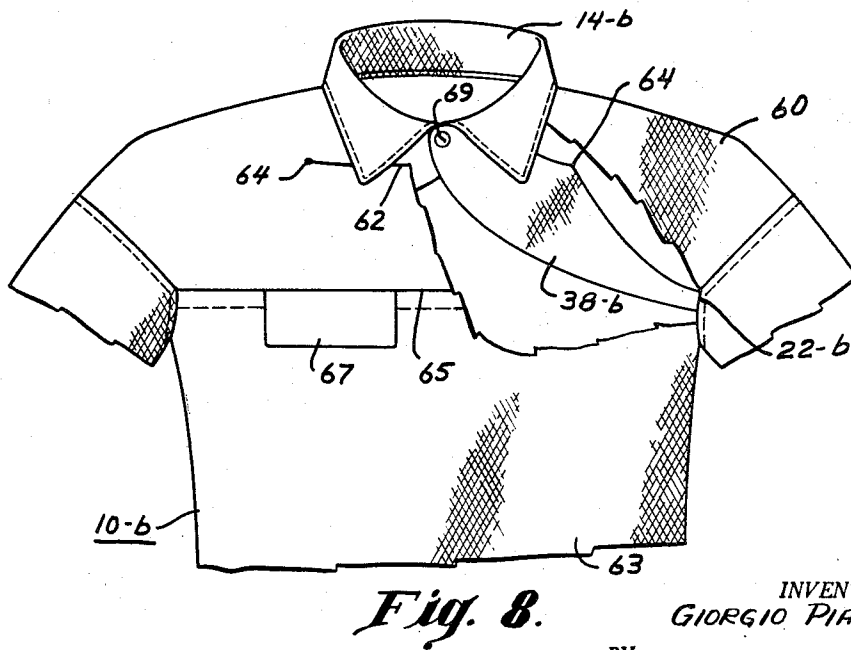
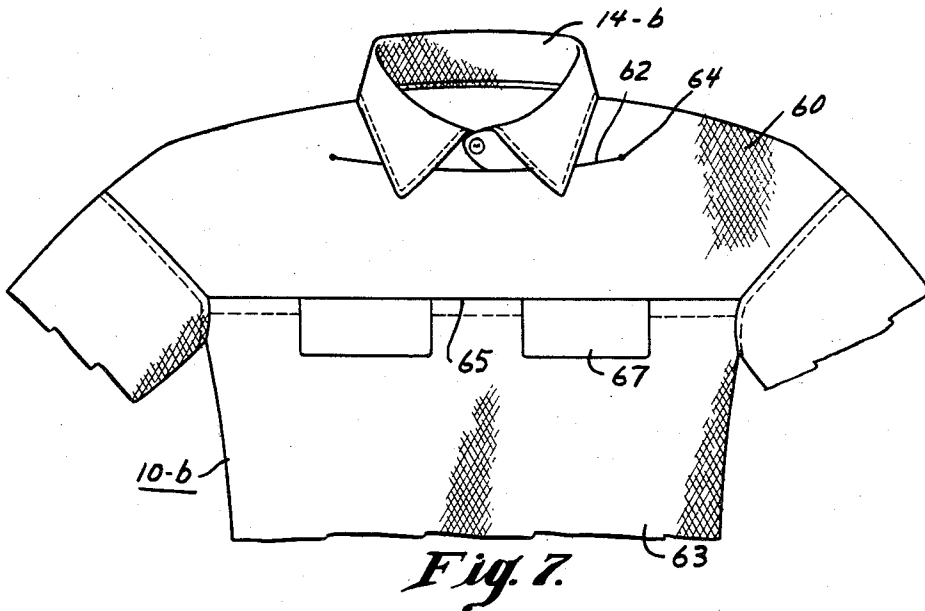


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This invention relates to a shirt or the like, and more particularly to a shirt whose collar may be worn in a plurality of attractive folded-over use-posture positions, and which may be easily slipped over the head of the wearer.

This application is a continuation-in-part of my co-pending application Serial No. 349,124, filed April 16, 1953, now Patent No. 2,677,826.

In the shirt or jacket of the present invention, the collar is provided with depending extension flaps, which depend beneath the bosom or the front of the shirt and are joined thereto at a point remote from the collar, said extension flaps being adjacent the center of the shirt front but unattached to each of the other so as to permit the shirt to be readily slipped over the head of the wearer, such flaps comprising an anchorage for the collar and permitting it to be disposed in an attractive use-posture position.

This invention has as an object the provision of a slip-over shirt in which the collar tabs are retained in attractive use-postures.

A further object of this invention is the provision of a shirt in which a wide opening for slipping on the shirt is provided, without affecting the appearance of the shirt when worn.

Another object of the present invention is the provision of a shirt having an open-neck collar which may be worn in several attractive use-posture positions.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

For the purpose of illustrating the invention, there are shown in the accompanying drawings forms thereof which are at present preferred, although it is to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which the invention consists can be variously arranged and organized and that the invention is not limited to the precise arrangements and organizations of the instrumentalities as herein shown and described.

Figure 1 represents a front elevational view of one embodiment of the shirt of the present invention with the collar in a closed position.

Figure 2 is a front elevational view of the modification shown in Figure 1, with the collar in an open position.

Figure 3 represents a front view similar to Figure 1, except that one of the collar tips and the adjoining portion of the collar is turned up, and the front portion of the shirt or bosom is cut away to expose the underlying parts to view.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the exposed collar ply and adjoining flaps.

Figure 5 is a front elevational view of another embodiment of the shirt of the present invention.

Figure 6 is a front elevational view of the shirt embodiment of Figure 5 with one of the collar tabs and adjoining portion of the collar being turned up, and a portion of the shirt front being cut away.

Figure 7 is a front elevational view of another embodiment of the shirt of the present invention.

Figure 8 is a front elevational view of the shirt em-

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bodiment of Figure 7 with a portion of the shirt front being cut away.

Referring initially to Figures 1 through 4, inclusive, 10 designates one embodiment of the shirt of the present invention in which 12 denotes the shirt front or shirt bosom or bosom panel and 14 denotes the folded-over collar which includes collar tips or tabs 16; the collar-carrying shoulder-enveloping portion of the shirt 10 being denoted by 18, such shoulder-enveloping portion 18 being joined with or integral with the back of the shirt.

Shoulder-enveloping portion 18 is joined at each side of the shirt to the shirt front or bosom 12 by a line of stitching 20 which extends from sleeve attachment seam portion 22 by which sleeves 24 are retained on the shirt, to an inner-positioned point 27. Between the two points 27 on separate sides of the center of the shirt, the shirt front 12 is detached from the shoulder portion. The central detached portion of shirt front 12 is preferably of sufficient width to permit a significant portion of the tips of the collar to be tucked therebeneath.

The collar 14 of the shirt 10 may consist of two plies 28 and 30; the underlying ply 28 being joined to the shoulder portion 18 along line 31 and the overlying ply 30 (which may itself comprise a plurality of cloth layers) being joined to underlying ply 28 along a border line of stitching 34. Overlying ply 30 is joined to the shoulder-enveloping portion 18 along line of stitching 36 at the back of collar 14.

Flaps or extensions designated 38, which may comprise extensions of overlying ply 30 (see Figure 4), underlie shirt front 12 and are connected to shirt front 12 along line of stitching 40 at the top end of the inclined outer edge 41 and also in the region 43 at the bottom of each flap 38, with a row of stitches 48, preferably extending therebetween, primarily for ornamental purposes.

As will be noted particularly in Figure 3 flaps 38 lie adjacent each other in the medial portion of the shirt with their inner edges 42 spaced apart somewhat, which permits the shirt 10 to be readily slipped over the head of the wearer.

By anchoring flaps 38 to the shirt front 12, flaps 38 constantly draw the tabs 16 of collar 14 to their proper use-posture or use-position such as that shown in Figure 1 (where the collar is in "closed position") or in Figure 2 (where the collar is in "open position"). Furthermore, the flaps 38 prevent the collar from widening beyond the proper extent while the shirt 10 is being worn.

In the embodiment of the present invention shown in Figures 5 and 6, the shirt 10-a includes a shoulder-enveloping portion 50 which extends over the chest of the wearer and is provided with a centrally positioned slit 52. Preferably, slit 52 is of sufficient width to permit a significant portion of the tips of the collar to be tucked beneath the marginal zone of the lower edge of the slits 52. Shoulder-enveloping portion 50 may be joined to a front panel 53 by a cross-seam 55.

Collar 14a of shirt embodiment 10-a is provided with flaps 38a which underlie shoulder-enveloping portion 50. Flaps 38a are anchored to shoulder-enveloping portion 50 at points 54 at the ends of slit 52 and at cross-seam 55; anchorage points 54 serving to anchor the collar 14a and permitting it to be disposed in a plurality of attractive use-posture positions.

In the embodiment of the present invention shown in Figures 7 and 8 the shirt 10-b includes a shoulder-enveloping portion 60 which extends over the chest of the wearer and is provided with a centrally positioned slit 62. Preferably, slit 62 is of sufficient width to permit a significant portion of the tips of the collar to be tucked beneath the marginal zone of the lower edge of the slit 62. Shoulder-enveloping portion 60 may be joined to a front-panel 63 by cross-seam 65. Depending covers or cover-flaps 67,

for pockets or for ornamental purposes, extend downwardly from cross-seam 65.

Collar 14-b of shirt embodiment 10-b is provided with flaps 38-b which overlap each other above slit 62 in the region of collar button 69 (one of the flaps being provided with the button and the other with the buttonhole). Flaps 38-b extend downwardly and laterally beneath shoulder-enveloping portion from the aforementioned region of overlap.

Each flap 38-b is anchored to shoulder-enveloping portion 60 at points 64 at the ends of slit 62 and is connected to the front-panel 63 in the sleeve seam attachment portion 22-b.

The present invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential attributes thereof, and it is therefore desired that the present embodiments be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, reference being had to the appended claims rather than to the foregoing description to indicate the scope of the invention.

Having thus described the invention it is claimed:

1. A shirt whose collar may be worn in either open or closed position comprising a shoulder-enveloping panel having a rear portion extending across at least the uppermost portion of the back and having two forwardly extending portions extending across the shoulders, with the uppermost edge of the rear portion thereof and the facing edges of the forwardly extending portions thereof constituting portions of a collar-opening, and with the uppermost portions of the laterally outermost side-edges of said shoulder-enveloping panel forming portions of sleeve-openings, and a shirt-front panel having a generally horizontal upper edge and the uppermost portions of the laterally outermost side-edges thereof forming portions of sleeve-openings, said shoulder-enveloping panel and said shirt-front panel being sewed together along a substantially horizontal line to form a shirt body having sleeve openings at its sides and a collar opening midway between the sleeve openings, said shirt body being permanently closed across its front and having in said front a transverse free upper edge margin adjacent the collar opening and substantially shorter than the distance between said sleeve openings, a collar having a central portion sewed to said collar opening and having side portions each providing at its upper end a front tip and at its lower end an elongated tapering flap formed by inner and outer side edges converging at the lower end portion of the flap, stitching securing the upper portion of said outer edge of each flap to the shoulder-enveloping panel adjacent said transverse free upper edge margin, and other stitching securing said lower end portion of each flap to the shirt-front panel, whereby said inner edges of the two flaps are disposed in unconnected relation adjacent to each other behind the shirt front when the collar is disposed in closed position, in which position the collar tips may be disposed behind said transverse free upper edge margin, and whereby said inner edges of the flaps may be disposed in upwardly diverging relation behind the shirt front when the collar is arranged in open position.

2. A shirt as claimed in claim 1, in which the transverse free upper edge margin of the shirt front comprises the upper edge margin of the shirt-front panel.

3. A shirt as claimed in claim 1, in which the shoulder-enveloping panel and the upper edge of the shirt-front panel are sewed together adjacent the sleeve openings only, the central portion of the upper edge of the shirt-front panel being left free and unattached and constituting the free upper edge margin of the shirt front behind which said collar tips may be disposed.

4. A shirt as claimed in claim 1, in which the shoulder-enveloping and shirt-front panels are sewed together along a continuous single line of stitching, and in which the transverse free upper edge margin of the shirt front behind which the collar tips may be disposed is formed by a slit in the shirt front above said line of stitching and beneath said collar opening.

5. A shirt as claimed in claim 1, in which the inner edges of the two flaps of the collar are substantially parallel and closely adjacent each other when the collar is disposed in closed position.

6. A shirt front as claimed in claim 1, in which the transverse free upper edge margin of the shirt front comprises the upper edge margin of the shirt-front panel, and in which the inner edges of the two flaps of the collar are substantially parallel and closely adjacent each other when the collar is disposed in closed position.

7. A shirt as claimed in claim 1, in which the shoulder-enveloping and shirt front panels are sewed together along a continuous single line of stitching, and in which the transverse free upper edge margin of the shirt front behind which the collar tips may be disposed is formed by a slit in the shirt front above said line of stitching and beneath said collar opening, and in which the inner edges of the two flaps of the collar are substantially parallel and closely adjacent each other when the collar is disposed in closed position.

8. A shirt as claimed in claim 1, in which the inner edges of the two flaps of the collar are disposed in downwardly diverging relation to each other when the collar is disposed in closed position.

9. A shirt as claimed in claim 1, in which the shoulder-enveloping and shirt front panels are sewed together along a continuous single line of stitching, and in which the transverse free upper edge margin of the shirt front behind which the collar tips may be disposed is formed by a slit in the shirt front above said line of stitching and beneath said collar opening, and in which the inner edges of the two flaps of the collar are disposed in downwardly diverging relation to each other when the collar is disposed in closed position.

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