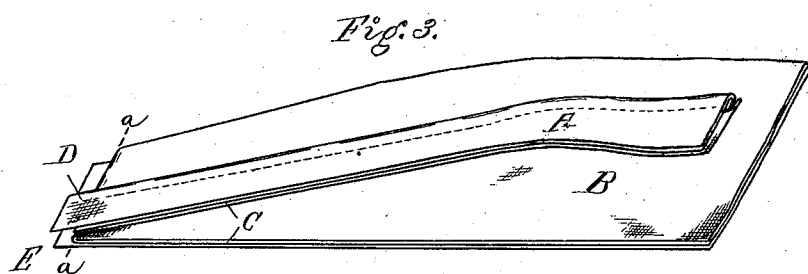
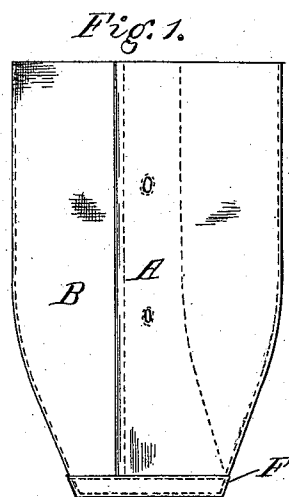
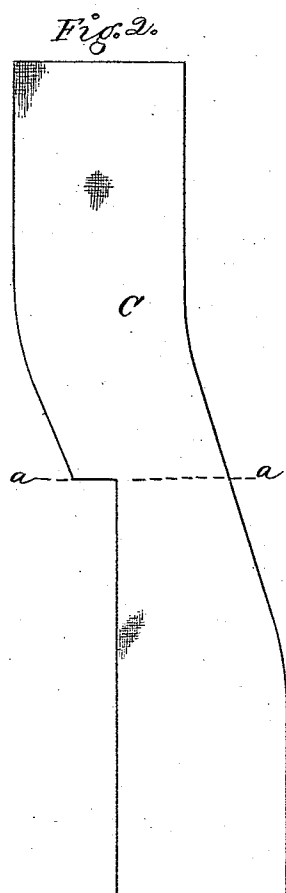


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTON ROTHE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shirt-Bosoms, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in shirt-bosoms, and has for its object to provide means for strengthening a bosom, which consists of two overlapping parts and preventing the ripping asunder of the parts. It is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a finished bosom. Fig. 2 is a view of the reinforcing-strip. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of a three-ply bosom, showing the strip in position, the bosom being partly open.

Like parts are indicated by the same letter throughout the several views.

A is the upper lap of the bosom, B the under lap. In the view these are shown as three-ply. In the ordinary mode of bosom-making these laps are secured together at the bottom by rows of stitching and by strips across the width of the bosom at the bottom. The weakest part of an open-front bosom is at this point, and these rows of stitching are often ripped in opening the bosom. To prevent this, I have provided the strip C, which forms one ply in each lap. In the upper lap it is shown as the back lining and in the under lap as the interlining, being folded along the line *aa* of Fig. 2. This is the preferable mode of construction in ordinary "stock-work," where substantially the same material is used for both interlining and back lining. In "custom-work," however, the interlining is

usually cut from lighter material than the back lining, and in such case it will be necessary to use the strip as interlining in both laps. Obviously the strip might occupy still other positions relative to the other thicknesses of the laps, and might be applied to other than three-ply bosoms. The face D of the upper lap and the back lining E of the under lap are cut longer than the other plies of the bosom and project below, as seen in Fig. 3. This is for the purpose of attachment to the shirt-body and finishing by the sewing on of the bosom-strip F. The fold *aa* of the strip C is of course farther up than the stitching of the bosom-strip, so that all strain from opening the bosom will be borne by the strip C.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A three-ply shirt-bosom consisting of two overlapping parts, the back lining of the upper part and the interlining of the under part being formed of a single piece of cloth folded as shown and described, and for the purpose specified.

2. As an article of manufacture, a shirt-bosom consisting of two overlapping parts, the face of the upper part and the back lining of the under part being longer than and projecting below the other plies of the bosom and one of the plies of the upper part being folded at the lower end of the bosom and turned upward to form one ply of the under part, substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose specified.

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