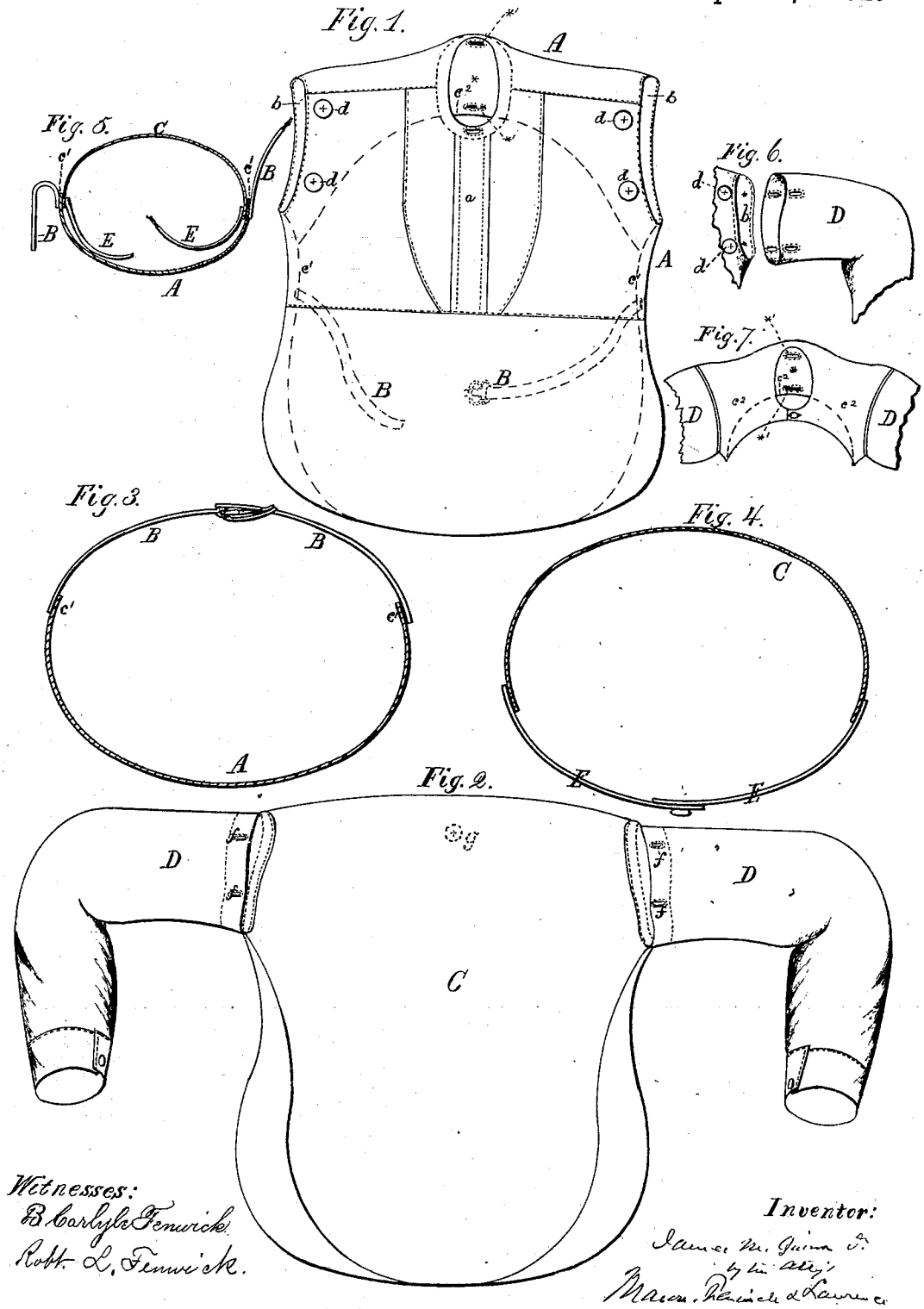
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. QUINN, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Sedalia, in the county of Pettis and State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Shirt, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in a shirt formed of two major sections—to wit., of a front body and tail portion, and of a rear portion extending down from the neck to the bottom of the front portion—said parts being made separate from each other, and the front portion having a yoke or rear shoulder and neck extension, and provided with armholes, a fastening-strap, and also with buttons or other fastenings at the armholes and back of collar-band of the yoke or shoulder and neck extension, while the back portion is provided with sleeves, either permanently fastened or buttoned to it, a fastening-strap, and also with button-holes or their equivalents at the front edge of the armpits or sleeve-recesses.

It also consists in the combination, with a shirt made of two major sections, which are provided with buttons at their armholes and armpits, of sleeves which are detached, and provided with button-holes all around their upper ends for the insertion of buttons provided at the armholes on the respective back and front sections of the shirt.

By my invention a shirt is furnished which can be quickly put on and easily taken off, and in taking it off the bosom is not soiled or rumpled. To take off the front section of the shirt it only becomes necessary to unbutton it at the neck and loosen the strap, when it will slip down and off the wearer. With other shirts it is necessary to unbutton and draw them over the head, which latter operation subjects them to strains, which cause them to give way before they are half worn out. The back section of my shirt is taken off by simply loosening the strap and withdrawing the arms from the sleeves. If the sleeves are made detached and the respective sections are provided with buttons, the front section of the shirt can have the sleeves buttoned to it and be worn with sleeves independent of the rear section.

My invention also admits of a new front section of a shirt being furnished at about three-fifths the first cost of a whole shirt without the expense for a new rear section whenever the bosom becomes soiled or stained, so as to make it unfit for further use; also, when the bosom becomes soiled only the front half of the shirt need be changed for washing during the week, and thus wear and expense in the washing are avoided. These are items of importance, as one back will almost outlast two fronts; and in ironing my shirt it is not necessary to employ a bosom-board, for the shirt being in two parts, its bosom can be ironed upon any ordinary board or table.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the front section of my improved shirt, the rear extension thereof being shown by dotted and full lines. Fig. 2 is a front view of the back section of the shirt. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the front of the shirt, and Fig. 4 is a similar view of the rear portion of the same. Fig. 5 is a horizontal section, on a smaller scale, of the two parts of the shirt as used together; and Fig. 6 is a detail view, also on a reduced scale, showing a sleeve with buttons, holes, and the armhole portion of the front part of the shirt with buttons. Fig. 7 is a modification of the yoke and sleeves.

A is the front, and C the rear section, of the shirt. Section A is provided with a bosom, *a*, and with armholes *b b*. The edge of this section extends beyond one-half the transverse width of the body of the wearer, in the manner shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, and as indicated by dotted and full lines at *c c' c²*, and this extension portion fits about the sides of the body, upon the back of the shoulder, and the neck of the wearer. About midway the length of the section A a buckled strap, B, for fastening it around the body of the wearer is provided, and on the front side of the armholes buttons *d* are applied. Buttons * and button-holes *' are also provided at the back of the yoke or neck and shoulder portion *c²*. At the top portion of the yoke *c²* of the shirt-section A (shown in Fig. 1) two button-holes opposite one another are provided to receive a double-headed collar-stud for holding the collar to the shirt, and at the bottom of this yoke two similar button-holes are provided to receive a button fast-

ened to the rear section of the shirt. The rear section, C, of the shirt extends from the neck of the section A to the tail thereof, and is in width a little more than equal to the full half of the shirt proper. At its upper end, on each side, sleeves D are applied, and in the front side of the armpit or shoulder portion of these sleeves button-holes *f* are formed, and on the outside, at the middle of the shoulder portion of section C, a button, *g*, is attached, while about midway of the length of this section are provided buckling or buttoning straps for fastening the same to the wearer. The sleeves at their upper ends may be buttoned all around their armholes to either of the sections A and C, and thus, when it is desirable, they may be taken off section C and buttoned to section A, and section A worn without section C; but if the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is adopted, then the section A will be placed upon the body of the wearer, buttoned at the back of the neck, and strapped around the body; and, next, the section C will be slipped on by placing the arms through the sleeves, and then this section will be buttoned at its yoke or neckband to the front section by button *g*, and at the upper ends of its sleeves by the buttons *d*.

If desired, the yoke may be extended around, as shown in Fig. 7, so as to button at the front as well as at the rear, and the front portion, A, can then button at the front of the yoke, while the section C may be connected to the rear of the yoke, in which case the sleeves will be connected either permanently or by buttons, as described.

Prior to my invention shirts have been made with the back and front or major sections united in one piece, and with a back opening from the yoke to the lower extremity of the shirt; but my invention differs from such shirts in that my improved shirt admits of the front major section being worn either with or without the back major section, while it also admits of either the front or rear section being worn with sleeves, or of both sections together being worn with or without sleeves; and thus my shirt is adapted for shop and street wear, besides possessing the other advantages set forth in the specification.

I am aware of the patents granted to J. H. Myers, November 16, 1875, No. 6,749, and to S. T. Converse, April 17, 1877, and therefore my claim is not intended to cover anything shown in these patents.

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

1. The new article of manufacture consisting of a shirt formed of two separate and independent major sections, A and C, the section A of itself comprising the front body and tail portion, and a yoke or shoulder and neck portion, and having armholes, and also suitable fastenings, and the section C of itself comprising the rear neck, shoulder, body, and tail portion, and the sleeves, and also suitable fastenings, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A shirt formed of two sections provided with buttons or other suitable fastenings at their armholes and armpits or sleeve-recesses, in combination with detachable sleeves provided with button-holes, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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