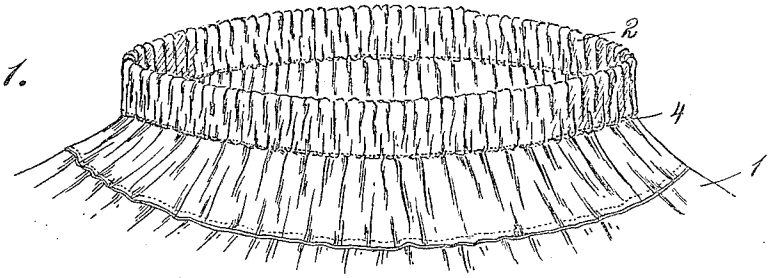
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Fig. 1.



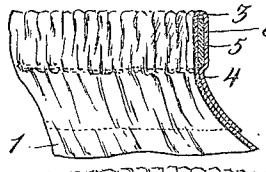
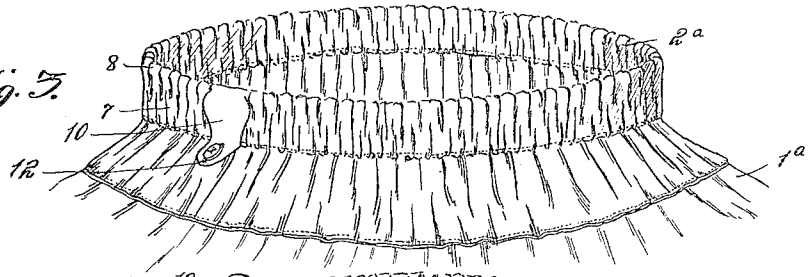


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



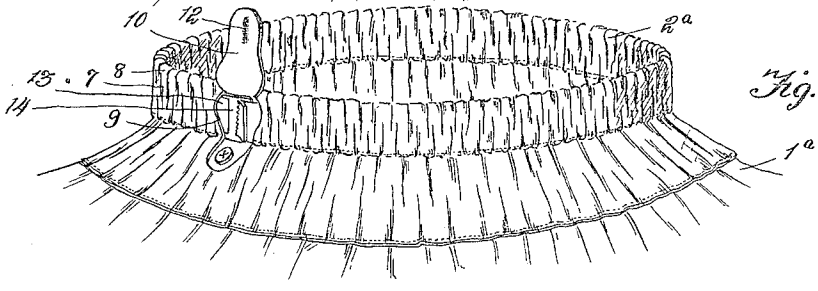


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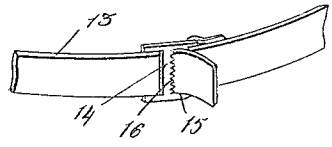
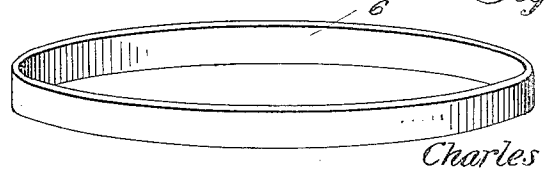


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. McCLURE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garments such as night-shirts, gowns or similar apparel, the object of the invention being to provide means whereby the neck and bosom portions of the shirt will be held operatively in their adjusted positions around the neck and chest of the wearer so as to prevent the wearer from catching cold through exposure of the neck and chest.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment wherein the elastic sustaining or contracting element can be readily removed when it is desired to launder the garment.

In the drawing, forming a portion of this specification and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of the garment. Fig. 2 is a section taken through the neckband thereof. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing a slightly modified form of the invention. Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 showing the flap of the neckband in a raised position. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a portion of the band used in the form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the band used in the form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

While the invention contemplates the provision of means whereby the neck and bosom portions of the garment will be held relatively adjusted so as to positively protect the neck and the chest of the wearer of the garment it may be stated that the invention is so designed that it may be used upon the sleeves or legs of a garment so as to hold such portions operatively confined against the legs and the arms of the wearer, however, such obvious changes which may be used advantageously on garments which are analogous to the one disclosed herein will not be specifically referred to.

The garment 1 may be in form of a gown, night-shirt or the like and the neckband 2 thereof is constructed of such a length of material as will permit of its being readily passed over the head of the wearer. The neckband is folded on itself, at 3, the portion 4 of the fold being stitched or otherwise secured to the garment adjacent to the neck so that the fold will define a permanent pocket 5. In this pocket is confined a continuous piece of flat elastic tape 6, the office of which being to contract the neck of the garment and to hold the same securely confined around the neck of the wearer. This construction is also such that the bosom portion of the shirt will be held up against the chest of the wearer as will be understood.

In the form of the garment shown in Figs. 3 to 5, inclusive, of the drawing, the garment 1^a is provided with a neckband 2^a which is substantially identical in construction with the neckband of the garment described in the preferred form of the invention. In this modified form the outer portion 7 of the fold 8 in the neckband is cut away to provide a passage 9. A tab 10 forms a part of the neckband and is designed to be folded over against one side of the passage to close the passage. Adjacent to the neck of the shirt the garment is provided with a button, the tab 10 having formed therein a buttonhole 12 through which the button may be extended to hold the tab in its closed position. The flat elastic tape 13 is provided at one end with a small flat clasp 14. This clasp is provided with a passage 15 having one of its walls formed with retaining teeth 16. The free end of the tape may be passed through the passage 15 in the clasp and the tape can be adjusted at the will of the user so that it may be placed at any desired tension in the fold of the garment, the teeth 16 serving to hold the tape in its adjusted position. By providing the fold 8 with the passage 9 and the tab 10 it will be understood that the work involved in adjusting the tape in the fold or removing the tape therefrom will be greatly facilitated. In this form of the invention the tape may be removed from the fold of the shirt so as to prevent the former from deteriorating when the garment is laundried.

I claim:—

A night shirt having a continuous neck and body portion of inelastic material, said neck portion being folded downwardly and upwardly upon itself and stitched circumferentially below its upper edge to provide a continuous pocket, said neck portion de-

fining the pocket being taken up to permit expansion thereof, said downwardly folded portion being provided with an opening, an elastic tape inserted in the pocket through said opening, a buckle carried by one end of the tape and adapted to adjustably receive the opposite end so as to regulate the expansion and contraction of the pocket, and an integral flap closing said opening and detachably connected with the garment below said pocket.

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

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