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Fig. 1.

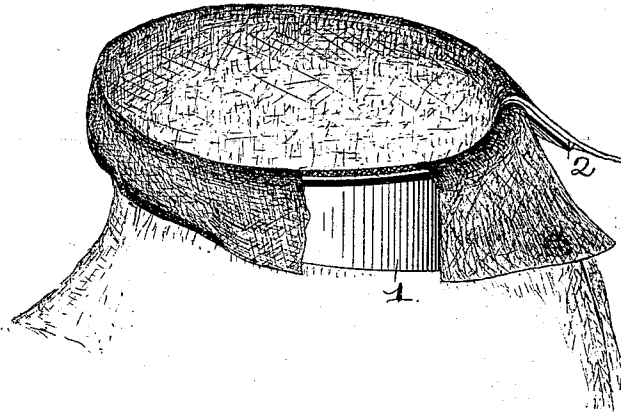


Fig. 2.

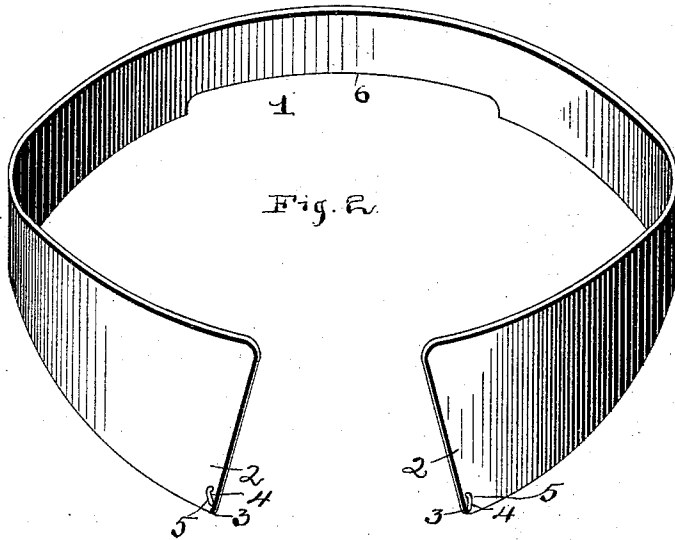
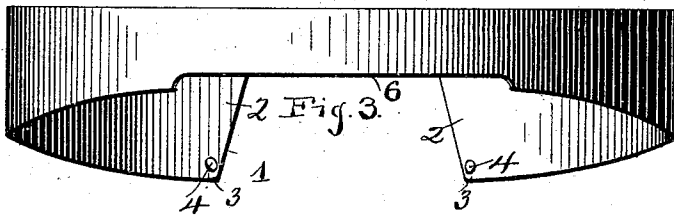


Fig. 3.



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## COLLAR-STIFFENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CLAYTON GIBBLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Manheim, in the county of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Collar Stiffener and Former, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in collar stiffeners and formers.

10 The object of the present invention is to provide for negligee shirts having loose-flowing collars a stiffener and former which will conform to the configuration of the collar and preserve the shape of the same.

15 The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

20 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the stiffener applied to a shirt-collar. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a stiffener or former embodying the invention. Fig. 3 is a rear view showing the recess which prevents the collar rising.

25 Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a collar stiffener and former constructed of a single piece of stiff flexible material—such as celluloid, paper, or the like—  
30 and conforming to the general shape and configuration of a collar of a negligee shirt and adapted to fit under the same and preserve the shape and prevent the collar rising. The stiffener or former has its ends 2 widened and  
35 conforming to the configuration of the points

of a collar, and the lower edges of the ends 2 form a point 3, which are provided with fasteners 4, consisting of hooks 5, extending downward at an angle to engage the points of a collar and secure the stiffener or former in place. The lower edge of the back of the collar stiffener and former is recessed at 6, and when in position the collar of a shirt will engage the edges of the same, and will be prevented from rising.

It will be seen that the collar stiffener and former is simple and inexpensive in construction, and is capable of preserving the form of the collar and prevents the same from rising, and can be worn without inconvenience to the wearer.

What I claim is—

A collar stiffener and former constructed of a single piece of stiff flexible material and conforming to the configuration of a collar and adapted to be placed beneath the same and having its ends widened and approximately the shape of the point of a collar, and provided with fasteners to engage the same, said collar stiffener and former being provided at its back with the recess 6 in the lower edge, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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