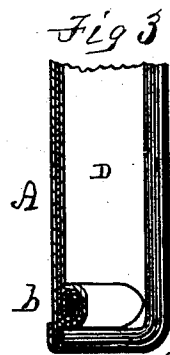
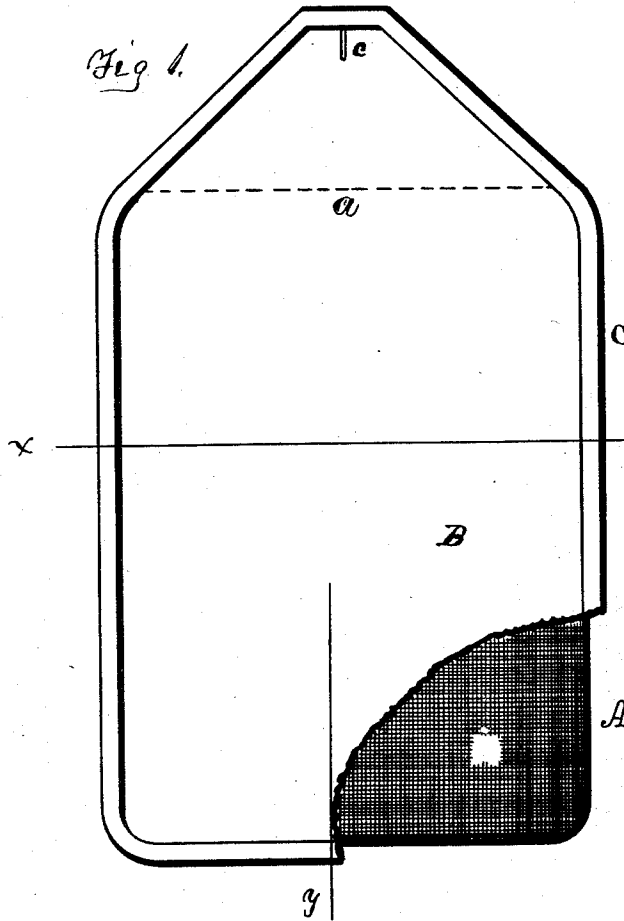


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRT-BOSOM SUPPORTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. HALL, of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Shirt-Bosom Supporter, of which the following is a full description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation. Fig. 2 is a section at *x*. Fig. 3 is a section of part at *y*.

Gentlemen are greatly annoyed by the wrinkling of their shirt-bosoms; and this portion of dress is often unpresentable simply because wrinkled, and not because soiled. The object of my invention is to obviate the difficulty mentioned; and this I accomplish by the use of a supporter, which can be conveniently made from fine wire cloth, covered with common cotton cloth or flannel.

In the drawings, A represents a piece of fine wire cloth, the lower end of which is rolled over, as shown at *b*, Fig. 3. B is a piece of cotton cloth or other suitable covering for the front, and D a similar covering for the back side. A portion of the covering is cut away in Fig. 1 to show the wire cloth. The upper end of the wire cloth is at or near the dotted line *a*; and that part of the article above *a* consists of cloth alone, and is perfectly flexible. The wire cloth may be bent over at its upper end to prevent the wires from cutting the cloth B D. The edges may be bound, as represented at C, or the two pieces of cloth B D can be secured at the edges without the binding. The gauze is rolled at the

bottom to form an enlargement, *b*, as it is desirable to have the article somewhat enlarged at that point.

In use, the supporter is to be placed beneath the shirt-bosom, and can be buttoned at the upper end onto the inner portion of the collar-stud, or onto a button provided for the purpose. It will be well to turn the shirt or bosom under the lower end of the supporter.

This article is efficient in preventing the wrinkling of the shirt-bosom, and also serves the purpose of a chest-protector.

I am aware that bosom-supporters have been before used formed of oblong or skeleton frames; and I do not, therefore, broadly claim such device.

The advantage presented by my invention is that, as the entire support is formed of wire cloth or gauze, the bosom has a support its entire surface, and cannot be broken, as where only a frame is used to support particular portions of the bosom.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the shirt-bosom support herein described, consisting of wire cloth, interlining A, and back and front coverings B D, all constructed and combined as described, for the purpose specified.

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