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FIG. 1

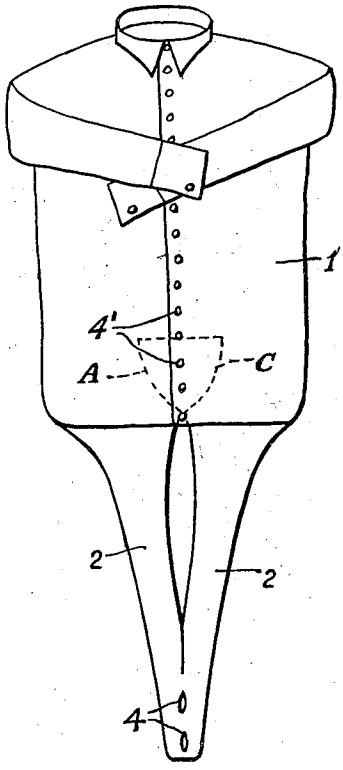


FIG. 2

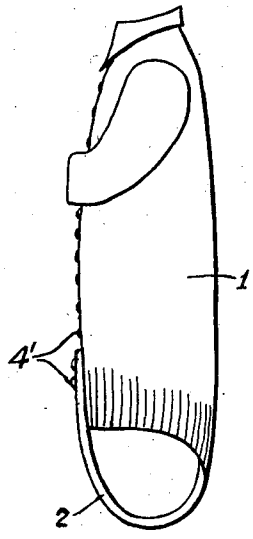


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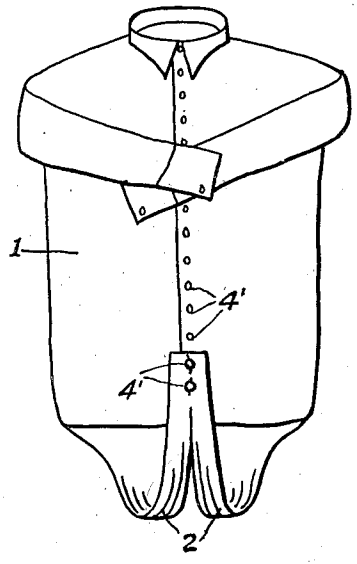
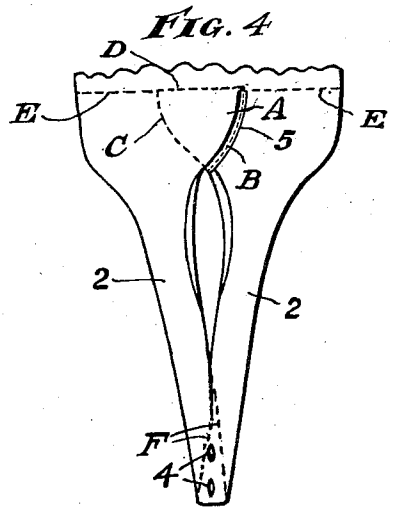


FIG. 4



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My invention relates to improvements in shirts.

The object of my invention is to provide means to retain the tail portion of the shirt from working upward, thus maintaining a comfortable fit with respect to the wearer and other garments therewith whereby unsightly folds and creases are eliminated and furthermore as an assurance against embarrassment during excess activities as in athletics or the like.

A further object of my invention is to provide in connection with the tail portion of a shirt, a pair of strips extending from the lower end of the rear tail portion through the crotch and joined at their outer ends and having means to engage with selected buttons a plurality of which are spaced along the front of the shirt as closing means therefor.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a means to overlap the strips at the merging point from the tail to avoid separation thereat eliminating the possibility of an aligned tear on the axis between the strips, when the said strips are separated.

These and other objects will hereinafter be more fully explained, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which like characters will apply to like parts in the different views.

Referring to the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front view of the shirt, the strips downwardly positioned.

Fig. 2 is a side view with the strips curved forward, the free ends attached to the front of the shirt.

Fig. 3 is a front view of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary rear view showing the lap of the strips at the tail of the shirt.

My invention herein disclosed has to do with the body of a shirt 1, having a strip 2 extending from the rear tail portion as shown in Fig. 4, the said strip is integrally joined to the back and split on the longitudinal axis, starting a spaced distance from the free end thereof and having at the other end a curvature at one side, the free end has button holes 4 to engage on selected buttons 4' positioned on the marginal edge of the opening in the front of the shirt as closing means therefor and accessible means to place the shirt on the body of the wearer and being so arranged the said strip portion is adjustable with respect to length for comfortable engagement at the crotch, functioning as securing means to avoid excess blousing of the body of the shirt at the waist band of the trousers, in other words, to retain the tail of the shirt within the trousers, regardless of the activities of the wearer.

The said strip at the intersection with the tail of the shirt is arranged by a curvature cut as at A and an inserted piece 5 stitched along the marginal edge as shown at B, the said piece lapping beneath and having a like curvature oppositely as shown by dotted line C and stitched across the top as at D forming a triangular insertion, by which means the lapped portions are free to move upon each other and being thus arranged are not easily severed along the longitudinal axis of the strip, but at all times the side portions of the said strip are free to move outward from each other when so required.

While I have shown and described a strip integrally arranged and severed on its longitudinal axis and curved to arrange for lapped engagement as above described, I do not wish to be confined to such alone as the said strip may be made in two parts to avoid the insertion of a piece of cloth but retain the lapped feature, in which case the two strips may be formed following the dotted lines shown at A and C in Fig. 1 and stitched to the back of the shirt at an approximate point shown by dotted line E in Fig. 4, and furthermore the outer free ends may be lapped and stitched together as shown by dotted lines F in Fig. 4 and such other modifications may be employed as lie within the scope of the appended claim.

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

In a shirt of the class described, having front and back portions, the back portion extending downward convergently and being severed along its longitudinal axis of the converged portion from near the lower end thereof, upward to a point selected, and from thence being curved to one side, the said curved portion being concavo-convex, a piece of cloth inserted and stitched to the concaved side of the sever, the piece underlapping the convex side of the sever and having a like curve for the opposite free edge of the said piece, the upper end of the said piece being stitched to the back of the shirt where it joins the same, the lapped portions from the last said stitching downward being free to move upon each other, and means to secure the lower end of the converged portion to the front of the shirt at a selected position.

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