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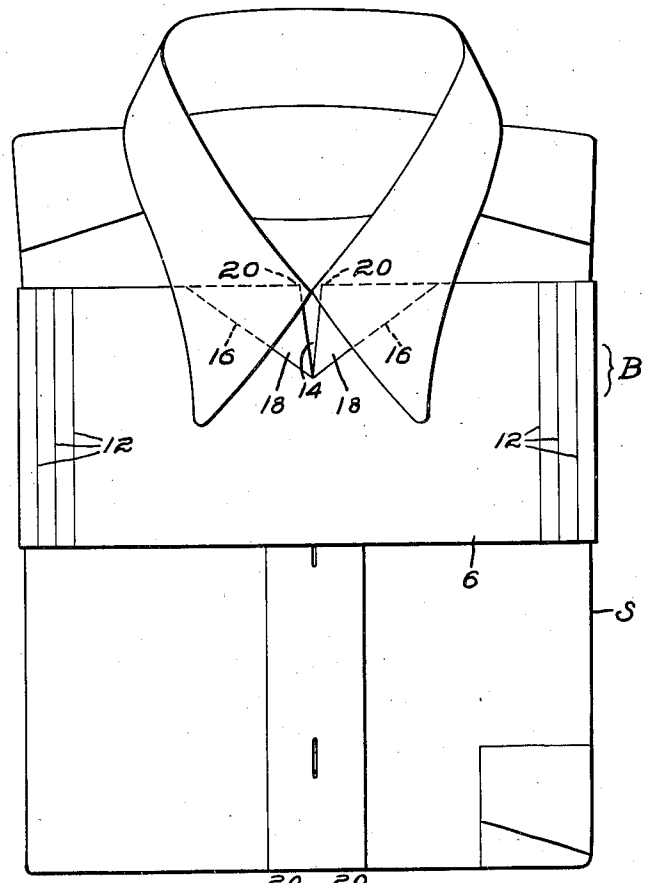
Fig. 1.



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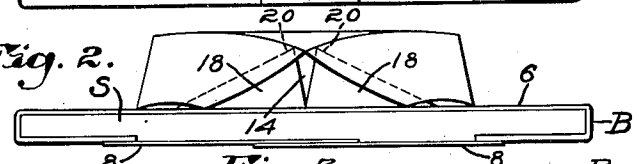

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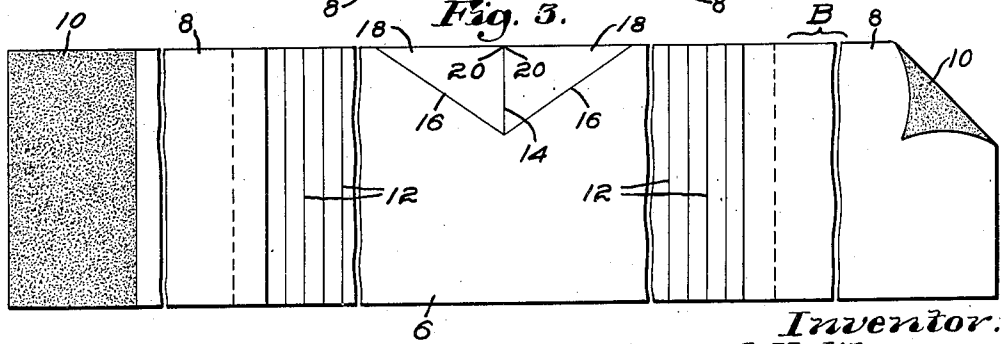

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This invention relates to devices for use in preparing a shirt for delivery to the customer by the maker or launderer, and the object is to provide a band which serves to hold the shirt in folded form and also provides means independent of any button for holding together the ends of the neck band. The construction is designed particularly for use with shirts having attached fold-over collars.

At the present time a laundry in preparing a washed and ironed shirt for delivery to the customer buttons the same, fastening together the end of the neck band either by the button which is sewed thereon of, if there are two button-holes, by means of a small collar button, folds the shirt about the stiffening board, applies an encircling paper band to hold the shirt folded and, frequently, applies also a cardboard stiffener support to the front portion of the collar.

My invention provides a band to hold the shirt folded and also to position the ends of the neck band in proper relation, dispensing with the buttoning, and which, as will appear, will also permit dispensing with the collar support or stiffener and with the shirt board if desired.

My invention will be well understood by reference to the following illustrative embodiment thereof shown by way of example in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a folded shirt held in position by a device exemplifying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a view as seen from the lower end of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a view of the wrapping band extended, parts being broken away.

In the drawing I have shown a band B, preferably of substantial width, say four inches or even more, at least the middle portion 6 of which is of fairly stiff material as, for instance, light cardboard, say a sixty-fourth of an inch thick, while the end portions 8 may be of relatively light paper, the band as a whole being of a suitable length to encircle the folded shirt and having provision such as the latex coatings 10 on the opposite faces of the same at the ends permitting the ends to be joined to form an open-ended tube in encircling relation to the folded shirt S, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. The central portion 6 may be provided adjacent its ends with creases or scorings 12, facilitating bending of the same around the sides of the shirt, a number of these creases being provided as indicated to adapt the device to shirts of varying widths.

The central portion 6 of the band is provided with a cut 14, which may be a mere slit as shown, extending inwardly from the upper edge and the material is scored or creased along lines 16 extending diagonally outward from adjacent the inner end of the cut to the upper edge of the board. The angle of these lines is desirably 45° as shown. There are thus defined wing portions 18, preferably triangular and terminating distally in relatively sharp, closely opposed points 20, which normally tend to lie in the plane of the band but may bend upwardly and outwardly about the line 16.

In use the shirt S is folded either about a shirt board or not as may be desired and the band B is applied in encircling relation thereabout and its ends sealed to hold the shirt in folded form. This application may take place at a position somewhat lower than that shown in Fig. 1 and the band may be then slid upwardly so that the two distal points 20 of the wings engage within the fold-over collar at the line of fold. These points may first be slightly raised manually to provide a slight clearance between the points. As the band is forced upwardly the wing portion 18 is forced upwardly from the plane of the band, that is, toward the reader viewing Fig. 1, and laterally, as best seen in Fig. 2, providing a tension exerted through the points on the ends of the neck band closely adjacent the opening therein and drawing those ends together in the manner shown in Fig. 1 and also supporting the front portion of the collar. The action, however, is such and so applied that there is no tendency to crush the collar inwardly out of its rounded shape.

On account of the stiffness of the central band it will, if made of substantial width, effectively hold the shirt in folded form and the usual internal shirt board may be dispensed with if desired.

I am aware that the invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential attributes thereof, and I therefore desire the present embodiment to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive; reference being had to the appended claims rather than to the foregoing description to indicate the scope of the invention.

I claim:

1. A device of the character described comprising a band of a length to encircle a folded laundered shirt and having provision for con-

necting its ends to secure it in encircling position as an open-ended tube received between the upper and lower ends of the shirt, at least the central portion of the band being of substantial stiffness, said central portion having a cut extending inwardly from an edge thereof and the band being weakened to define bending lines extending from adjacent the inner end of the cut diagonally outwardly toward said edge to define wings having closely opposed distal engaging portions, which wings are yieldable upwardly and laterally when engaged beneath the shirt collar at the end of the neck band.

2. A device of the character described comprising a band of a length to encircle a folded laundered shirt and having provision for connecting its ends to secure it in encircling position as an open-ended tube received between the upper and lower ends of the shirt, at least the central portion of the band being of substantial stiffness, said central portion having a cut extending inwardly from an edge thereof and the band being weakened to define bending lines extending from adjacent the inner end of the cut diagonally outwardly toward said edge to define wings having substantially sharp points at the intersection of said edge and the sides of the cut, said points being adapted to engage the fold of the shirt collar inwardly thereof at the end of the neck band and, on upward and outward yielding of said wings as the band is slid upwardly about the shirt, to hold together the ends of the neck band.

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