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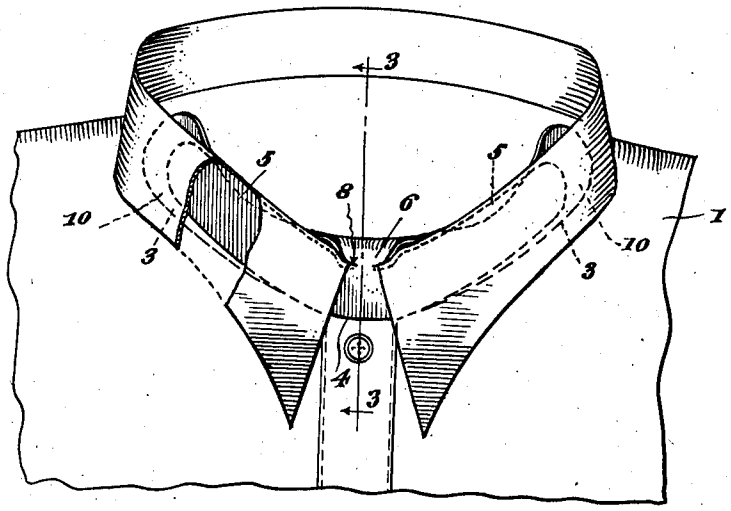


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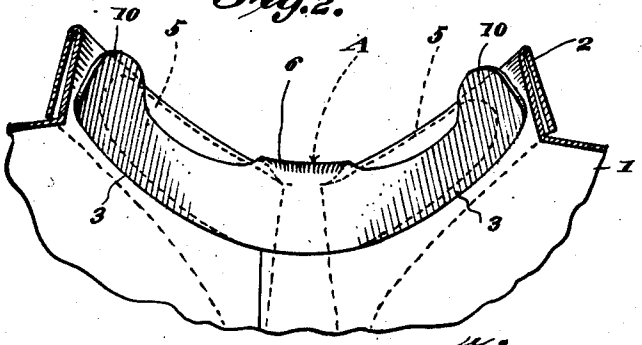


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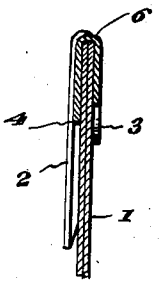


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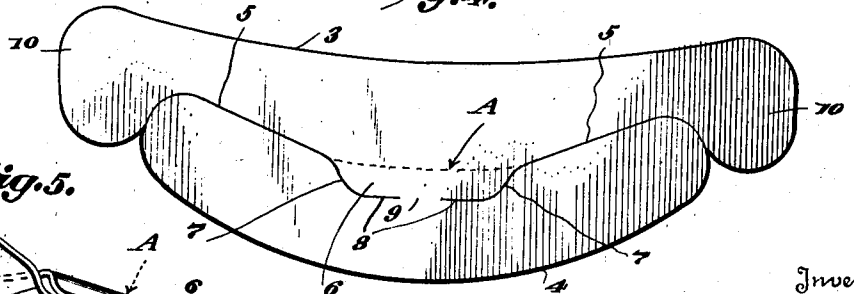
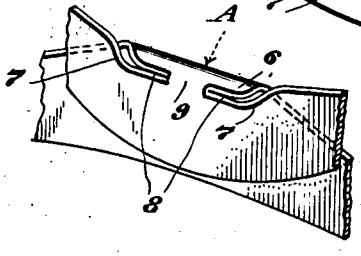


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This invention relates to a collar support for shirts.

An object of the invention is the construction of an efficient device for placing in a shirt collar after the shirt has been laundered for the purpose of holding the collar's shape and to eliminate buttoning same by the laundry worker.

Another object of the invention is the construction of a collar support which is provided only with rounded corners on all of the elements of the device, whereby considerable time is saved in placing the device in position on the shirt, because, for one reason, the device will not hook on any part of the shirt, at any time.

A still further object of the invention is the construction of an efficient and novel locking structure, which will snugly hold portions of the front edges of the collar right in the device, whereby the collar is more efficiently retained in its laundered condition, eliminating any need of further consideration after placement, or the employment of a button in the assembly of the collar at the laundry.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of an ordinary shirt, partly shown in section, and illustrating the manner of applying the device thereto.

Figure 2 is a vertical central sectional view of a portion of a shirt and its collar, showing in rear elevation the device applied thereto.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3, Figure 1, and looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the device, prior to folding.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective of the device.

Referring to the drawing by numerals, 1 designates an ordinary shirt, provided with the usual collar 2.

The device, in accordance with this invention, is preferably formed from a sheet or piece of suitable material, and comprises an elongated rear portion 3 and an elongated front portion 4. The device is cut or slitted on straight lines 5 (Fig. 4), and at its center is provided with a broad protecting portion 6; this broad protecting portion 6 is folded along line A. This broad protecting portion 6 is produced by continuing the inner ends of slits 5 in curved lines 7, these curved lines terminating at their inner ends in horizontally-extending collar-receiving slits 8 (Fig. 5), which peculiar structure affords an efficient non-spreading locking action on the edges of the collar, as will be hereinafter further explained.

The protecting portion 6 and the front portion 4 are connected by a tongue 9 (Fig. 5).

The ends of the rear portion 3 are comparatively broad, at 10; these ends extend transversely to the longitudinal axis of rear portion 3, and each end 10 is rounded so as not to catch on the garment, whereby the insertion or the removal of the device upon the collar is greatly facilitated.

The ends of the front portion 4 are also rounded, for the same purpose as specified for the rounded ends of rear portion 3.

In placing the device upon the shirt, the ends of the front portion are placed under the collar as shown, then the laundry operator slides the edges of the collar into the peculiarly formed slits 7 and 8, and when in this position the rear portion is placed within the shirt behind the collar (Fig. 2), and as clearly shown in Fig. 1, the edges of the collar are most efficiently gripped, holding the collar in an excellent assembled position, without any possibility of creeping or spreading apart, or accidentally becoming displaced from its assembled position. Of course, it will be obvious that additional fastening means, such as a button, will be entirely eliminated by the use of my novel device. The broad portion 6 covers the front edges of the collar as well as the shirt between the edges of the collar, thereby causing the laundered shirt to be delivered to the customer in excellent condition.

It is to be noted that the broad protecting portion 6, and its novel contiguous parts really perform two functions, to wit, (1) it acts as a protector to the part of the shirt covered, thus saving it from being soiled or crushed, besides (2) it acts as a lock or binder, with its attending advantages.

While I have described the preferred embodiment of my invention and illustrated the same in the accompanying drawing, certain minor changes or alterations may appear to one skilled in the art to which this invention relates during the extensive manufacture of same, and I, therefore, reserve the right to make such alterations and changes as shall fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A collar support formed from a blank of sheet material, said blank having longitudinally curved front and rear edges and being slit from adjacent ends of its front edge to provide a front section and a rear section of greater length than the front section, said slits extending at a forward incline towards their inner ends and having their outer end portions curved forwardly to provide the rear section with enlarged end portions constituting ears projecting forwardly across ends of the front section, the inner end portions of the slits being curved forwardly and then extending towards each other to provide the rear section with a central forwardly projecting extension having curved ends and integrally united to the front section between the slits, said extension being folded forwardly to dispose the front section in front of the rear section and provide a supporting tab for the front section having a shank and a crosshead, the crosshead being united to the rear section for its entire length and having its lower edge free from the front section at opposite sides of the shank and providing members at opposite sides of the shank for overlapping and gripping wings of a collar when the device is disposed in position for use with the front section between folds of the collar and the rear section back of the front portion of the collar with its ears projecting upwardly from side portions of the collar.

2. A collar support formed of sheet material and comprising a front section to fit between inner and outer folds of a collar and a rear section to fit back of the front portion of a collar, said rear section having a forwardly projecting intermediate portion and having its end portions formed with heads extending upwardly to provide upstanding ears, said front section being integrally united intermediate its length to the said intermediate portion of the rear section, the said intermediate portion of the rear section being folded downwardly to provide a tab for straddling the front portion of a collar between adjoining ends of the outer folds of the collar, and said ears extending upwardly above the plane of the upper end of said tab in position to project upwardly above side portions of a collar when the device is disposed in position for use with the front section between inner and outer folds of the collar and the rear section back of the front portion of the collar.

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