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Fig. 1.

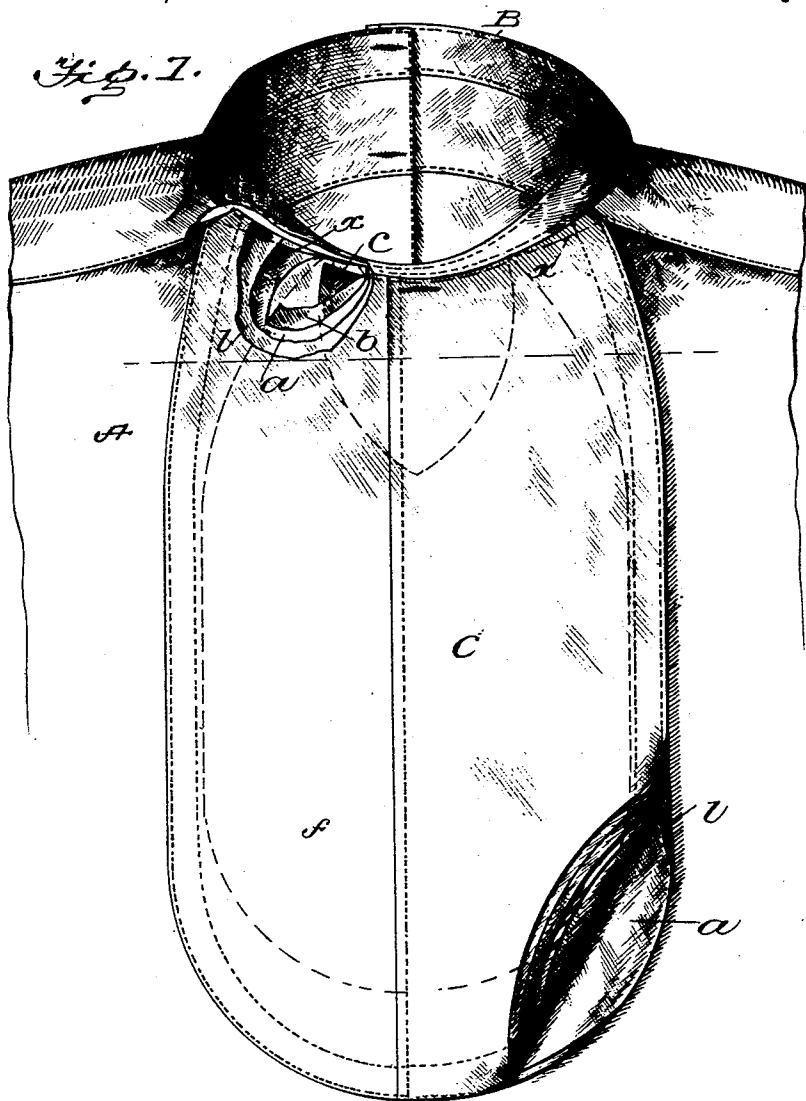


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

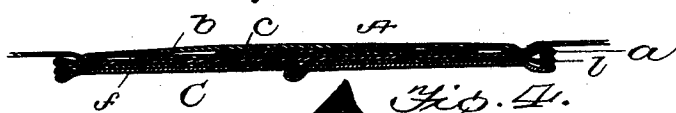
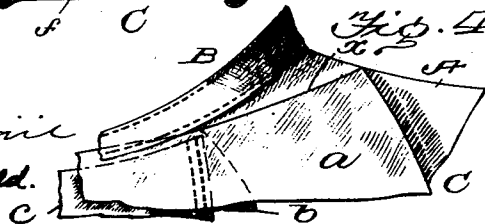


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. EIGHMIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates generally to an improvement in shirts, and specifically to an improved shirt-bosom comprising a number of plies of graduated dimensions so disposed with relation to each other as to give the relative stiffness where most necessary in order to prevent any undue breaking or wrinkling of the bosom and yet permit a certain degree of flexibility in that portion of the bosom to which the neckband is attached.

I am not aware that any person has heretofore made provision for a comparative flexibility of that portion of the bosom of a shirt to which the neckband is attached, while at the same time providing for the necessary thickness and rigidity of certain other portions of the bosom most liable to break or wrinkle in use, and therefore I believe myself to be the first inventor of a shirt the bosom of which possesses these valuable characteristics.

The invention will first be described in connection with the accompanying drawings and then pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a view in elevation of a shirt provided with my improved bosom, the various plies of material being indicated by dotted lines, a portion of the lower edge of the bosom being turned back and the upper edge partially broken out for clearer illustration. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of my improved shirt-bosom. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the same. Fig. 4 is a broken view in elevation, showing the position of the upper edge of lining *a* with relation to the junction of the bosom and neckband.

In the drawings, A represents the shirt-body, B the neckband, and C the bosom, which latter may be of three or more thicknesses and is preferably made with a facing *f* and a lining *l* of the exact size and shape of the facing.

In making my improved shirt-bosom, in addition to the facing *f* and lining *l*, I cut an-

other lining *a* of the full width of the bosom and shape it to conform to the bosom, securing it at its upper central portion to the neckband B and cutting it away, as at *x*, in each direction from this point of attachment on an arc greater than that of the neckband, thus leaving a space between it and the latter. Back of and to the lining *a* I secure another lining *b*, of less width and length than lining *a*, the upper portion of each side edge of lining *b* being cut on a less curve than the corresponding portion of lining *a* and the upper edge of lining *b* secured to the front portion of the neckband. From this construction it will be seen that lining *b* uncovers a considerable portion of lining *a*, both at the sides and bottom, as well as at the upper portion.

c represents a small preferably shield-shaped reinforce secured to lining *b* in such position that its upper edge will lie a short distance below the line of junction of the neckband with the bosom. It will thus be apparent that by my construction the neckband will have a comparatively flexible connection with the bosom, thus permitting the neckband to readily conform to the neck of the wearer without in any manner affecting the set of the shirt-bosom, and that, furthermore, the bosom is effectually stiffened in all necessary portions.

It will be apparent that, if desired, I may use the reinforce *c* without using the lining *b* or that I may use the latter without using the former, as in some styles of shirts, particularly dress-shirts, more stiffness is required over a larger area than in the shirts for ordinary wear.

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

1. In a shirt, a bosom having a lining comprising a plurality of plies, one of which is curved on its upper edge in different arcs of a circle, the smaller arc being in the middle portion, and on the line of which the neckband, in being stitched to the bosom, is stitched to said ply, the remainder of the curve being of greater radius and falling below the line of attachment of the neckband, for the purposes stated.

2. In a shirt, a bosom having one or more plies of lining of the same dimensions as the

facing and stitched at its sides and lower end to the shirt-body, in connection with another ply of lining of less width and length stitched to the adjacent ply, the upper end of the
5 smaller ply being flush with the upper ends of the other portions of the bosom and curved inward to such an extent as to be wholly secured by the stitching that secures the neckband to the bosom.
10 3. In a shirt, a bosom having one or more plies of lining, in connection with a small re-

inforce-ply stitched to the upper central portion of the lining in such position that its upper end will fall slightly below the line of attachment of the neckband to the bosom. 15

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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