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Fig. 1.

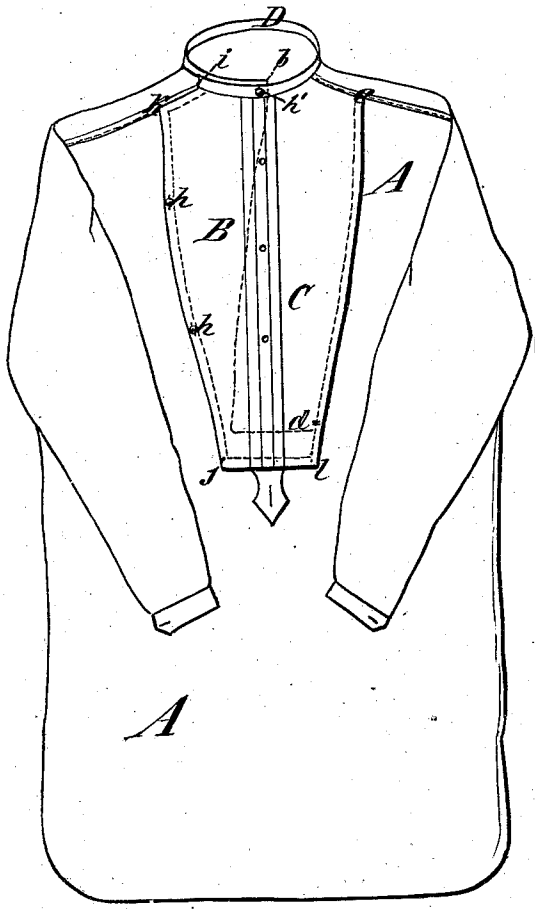
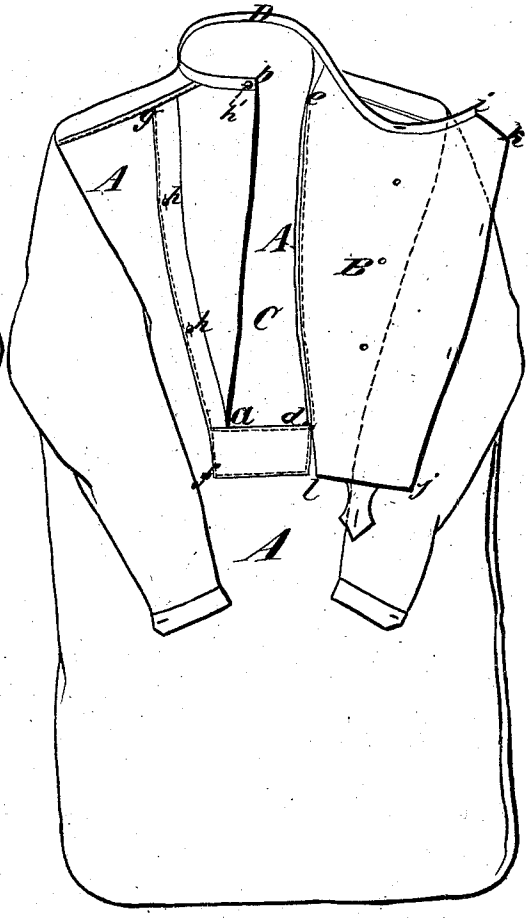


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MEYER SIMON, of the city and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Shirts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention more particularly relates to shirts having inserted or separately attached bosoms; and it has for its objects to secure all the advantages of shirts with open backs, and of shirts with bosoms opening in the middle, without their disadvantages, and to prevent shirt-bosoms from breaking and rumpling by contact with the waistband of the pantaloons.

My invention consists in a shirt having a portion cut away at its front to form an opening inclined vertically along one of its borders from the lower edge of said opening, in combination with a bosom connected at one side only to the body, and arranged to overlap the shirt-body at the other, and also to overlap the body of the shirt below the front opening, the end portion of the bosom being entirely disconnected from the shirt-body, whereby the bosom can be made as long as is found essential and desirable without liability or danger of its being drawn upward from the bottom and broken or rumpled by the action of the waistband of the pantaloons and suspenders buttoned to the waistband, as hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 in the accompanying drawing is a perspective view of a shirt constructed in accordance with my invention, with the bosom adjusted as when worn upon the person. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a similar shirt with the bosom folded back to show peculiarities of construction and attachment.

A represents the body of the shirt, and B the bosom of the same. C, Fig. 2, is the opening in the front of the shirt-body, on one side of which the bosom is attached.

Said opening is inclined along one of its borders from the lower angle *a* of said opening to the middle of the throat, and one termination of the collar-band *b*, making said opening narrower at the top than at the bottom thereof.

The bosom B is attached by stitching it to the body A on one side, *d e*, of the opening C.

Said bosom, when adjusted on the wearer, overlaps the body of the shirt near the border *a b* of the opening C as far as the line *f g*, Fig. 2, or thereabout, and is fastened in that position by buttons or studs *h*, and the throat button or stud *h'*, button-holes being formed in the border *d e* of the bosom and in the collar-band D.

Said collar-band is overlapped upon itself from *b* to *i*, or thereabout, as shown in Fig. 1, when the shirt is in wear.

Said bosom is not stitched or fastened to the body of the shirt along its lower border *j l*, but is made long enough to overlap the body of the shirt to a distance below the opening C, as indicated by the dotted outline in Fig. 1, and in full outline in Fig. 2.

It will be seen that this construction of the bosom and its attachment to the body of the shirt only on one side of the opening C, while it overlaps the other margin of said opening and the body of the shirt, entirely conceals said opening when the bosom is adjusted for wear.

The overlap at the bottom of the bosom, without stitching the bottom to the body of the shirt, allows the bosom to be made as long as desired without danger of its being drawn upward from the bottom and broken or rumpled by the action of the waistband of pantaloons and suspenders buttoned to the waistband, and as no buttoning in the middle of the bosom is required, shirts of this kind may be put on or off as often as open-backed shirts, without soiling or rumpling the bosoms. The coat and vest of the wearer may also be removed without exposure of the person or under-shirt, and ample ventilation for the chest is secured.

I claim—

In combination with a shirt having a portion cut away to form a front opening, C, inclined vertically along one of its borders from the lower angle *a*, the bosom B connected at one side only to the body A, and arranged to overlap the shirt-body at the other side, and also to overlap the body of the shirt below the opening C, but detached from the shirt-body at such point, as and for the purpose described.

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