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Fig. 2.

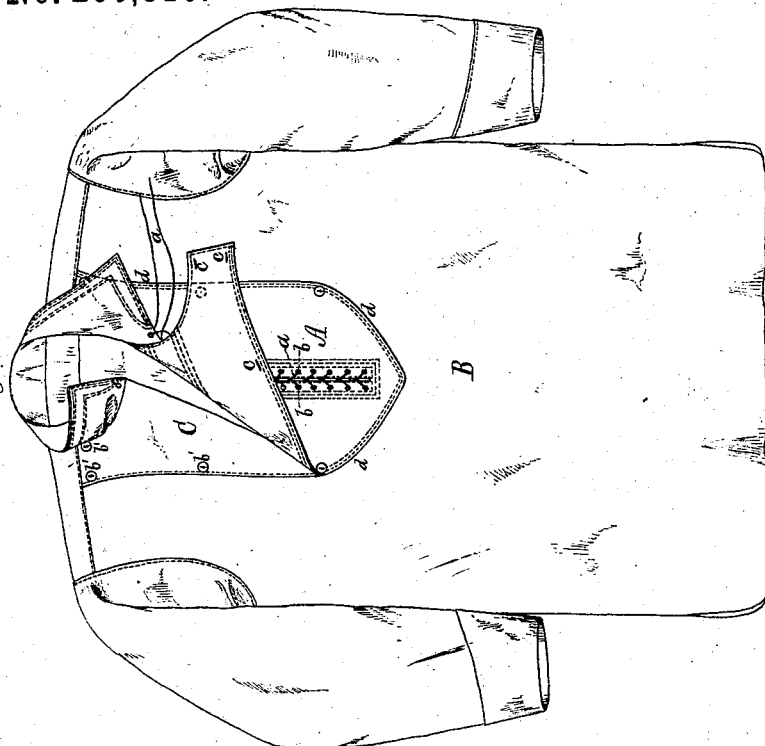


Fig. 1.

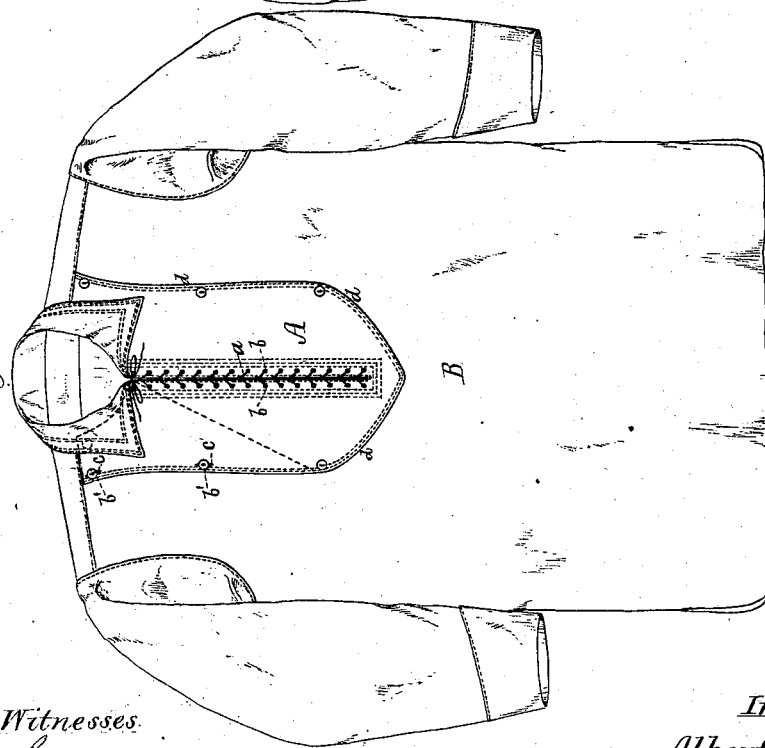
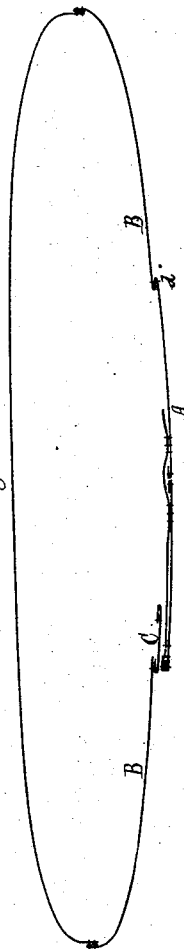


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT R. PERKINS, of Newton, in the county of Middlesex, of the State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shirts; and I do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a shirt having my invention and showing its front as closed. Fig. 2 is a like view of it with its front unbuttoned and turned back. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the shirt body and front on an enlarged scale.

The nature of my said invention is defined in the claim hereinafter presented.

In this shirt there may be in the front A, which is an integral part of the body B, a lacing, *a*, to go through two rows of eyelets, *b*, such lacing and eyelets being arranged down the front, at its middle, in manner as shown. The front, down along its middle, may be slit open, and a strip of cloth may be applied to the rear face of the front, so as to cover the opening, the lacing-holes being made in the parts directly aside of the median slit or opening.

In making this shirt the body, from the neck or shoulder to or nearly to the waist, is slit down at a distance from the middle of the front equal to half or about half the width of the front. This having been done, there is sewed or fastened to the body at the shoulder and the collar or neckband and edge of the slit a facing, C, to extend underneath the free portion of the front, there being fixed to such facing a series of buttons, *b'*, and in the front a corresponding series of button-holes, *c*, to admit of the front being buttoned to the facing.

The front is in no respect a supplementary

or additional one, but is an integral part of the body, or in one piece therewith. To give such front the appearance of a supplementary, or what is termed a "double" front, the shirt-body from the lower part of the slit may be narrowly plaited across and up the body to the shoulder, the plait-lap being sewed down to the body by one or more rows of stitches extending through the two. This plait is shown at *d d d* in Figs. 1 and 2, and also in Fig. 3. Furthermore, instead of making but one slit in the body from the neck or one shoulder down or nearly down to the waist, there may be such a slit from each shoulder or each side of the neck downward, in which case the front would be connected with the body only at the lower part of such front. The body, at each slit, is to have a facing sewed to it, and to extend down from the neck or shoulder and neck and under the front, each of the facings being provided with buttons and the front having button-holes therefor. The front thus made may be without the plait *d* at its lower part, or may have it. When buttoned down, the front, at its upper part, extends underneath the collar when the latter is folded down.

What I claim as my invention, or an improved article of manufacture, is as follows, viz:

A shirt having its front an integral part of or in one piece with the body, and having a slit in the body from one or each shoulder downward, and also having along the slit or each of the slits a facing, C, fastened to the body and collar or neckband and extending under the front, all being substantially as set forth.

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