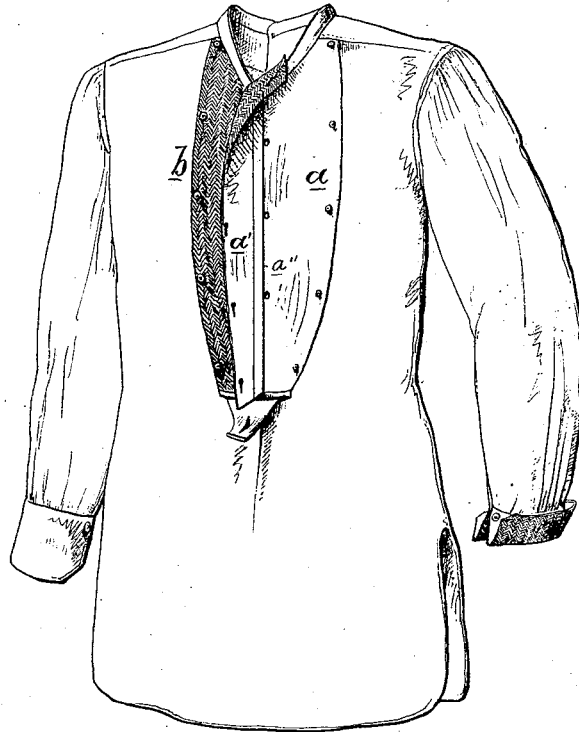


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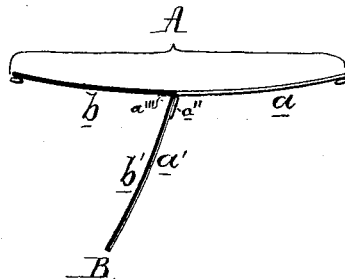
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRT-BOSOMS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL S. FLEISHMAN, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Shirt-Bosoms, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to improvements in shirts, in which the bosoms can be readily changed so as to present to view different patterns; and the object of my invention is to so construct a shirt of this class that the bosom shall be plaited, and so that it can be washed, starched, and ironed with facility, an object attained in the manner which I will now proceed to describe, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved shirt, and Fig. 2 a sectional view.

It should be understood in the outset that woolen shirts have been made with reversible flaps for changing the appearance of the bosom, such shirts having been made with open fronts, that my invention is especially adapted to shirts with linen plaited bosoms, to be starched and ironed in the same manner as those of ordinary shirts, and that my invention is applicable only to that class of shirts which open at the back.

The bosom of my improved shirt consists of two main parts, namely, the front A and flap B, the former of which is stitched permanently at its edges to the body of the shirt, the latter having consequently a closed front and open back. The flap B is connected at one edge to the middle of the front A, one-half, *a*, of which on one side of the flap is of white fabric, or faced with white fabric, to correspond with that on the side *a'* of the flap B, the other half, *b*, of the bosom being faced

with a colored fabric of any desired pattern to correspond with a similar fabric on the side *b'* of the flap, which may be folded against the half *b* of the front, when a white bosom will be presented to view, or against the half *a* of the front, when a bosom with a colored pattern will appear, the edge of the flap being secured in either position by buttons or otherwise. The plait *a''* is secured to and carried by the flap B, and a corresponding plait, *a'''*, is formed upon the portion *b* of the fixed bosom, these plaits being essential to the production of a shirt-bosom having a neat and finished appearance.

By securing the front A permanently to the body of a shirt having an open back I am enabled to get up both front and flap by washing, starching, and ironing with as good a finish and as readily as an ordinary shirt-bosom.

I do not claim broadly a shirt having a flap the position of which can be so altered as to present either a white or colored bosom; but

I claim as my invention—

The combination, in an open-back shirt, having a hinged flap, B, formed of continuations of the two sides *a b* of the fixed portion of the bosom, of plaits *a'' a'''*, one carried by the flap and the other arranged on one side of the fixed bosom, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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