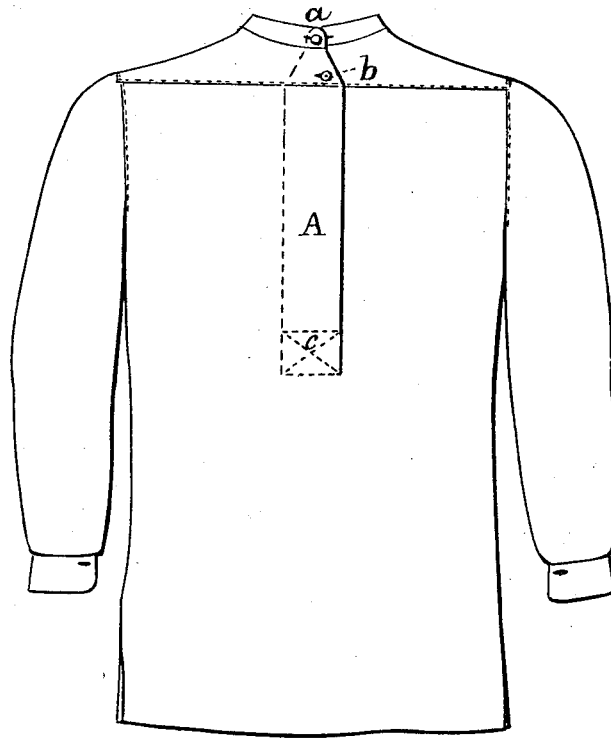


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. HUTCHINSON, of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and clear description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to open-back shirts, and consists in certain improvements in the same, as hereinafter set forth.

In open-back shirts of the ordinary make the opening in the shirt from the rear of the neck-band to a certain distance down the shirt has a lap, which, for convenience and comfort about the neck, is made as narrow as possible, to prevent the presence of too great an amount of goods under the collar. An inconvenience arises from the small width of the lap, in that the shirt is liable to separate and open at the lap by any ordinary movement of the person of the wearer. The purpose of my invention is to form a lap which shall not separate in this manner, and at the same time shall be as convenient and comfortable about the neck-band as the lap of open-back shirts of the ordinary cut. Another object of this invention is to give a greater area at the bottom of the said lap, which shall admit of a stronger and more thorough fastening than can be given to a narrower lap.

The accompanying drawing represents a back view of an open-back shirt having my improvement therein.

In the drawing referred to, a lap, A, is shown extending down the back from the neck-band to a suitable distance. The lap, which is

about three inches in width, is formed by one edge of the opening extending under that of the other. The lower extremity of the lap is strongly stitched, as shown at *c* by the dotted lines. This wide lap extends upward to a short distance below the neck-band fastening *a*, ending at the lower fastening *b*, from which point the lap suddenly narrows to the said neck-band fastening *a*. This sudden reduction of the width of the lap makes the width at the neck-band fastening only about half an inch.

By cutting the yoke of the shirt in a manner admitting of the lap as herein set forth, the principal objection to open-back shirts is removed. It will also be seen that the termination of the lap can be, and is, much more securely stitched than narrower laps can be, and that the strength of the shirt at that point is greatly increased.

I claim as my invention, and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

As a new article of manufacture, an open-back shirt having at the back, yoke, and neck-band of the same the wide and straight lap A, stitched as at *c*, and tapering upward between the yoke and neck-band, as shown, and provided with the fastenings *a* and *b*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name, in the city of Baltimore, this 22d day of July, in the year of our Lord 1874.

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