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SHIRT.

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Fig. 1.

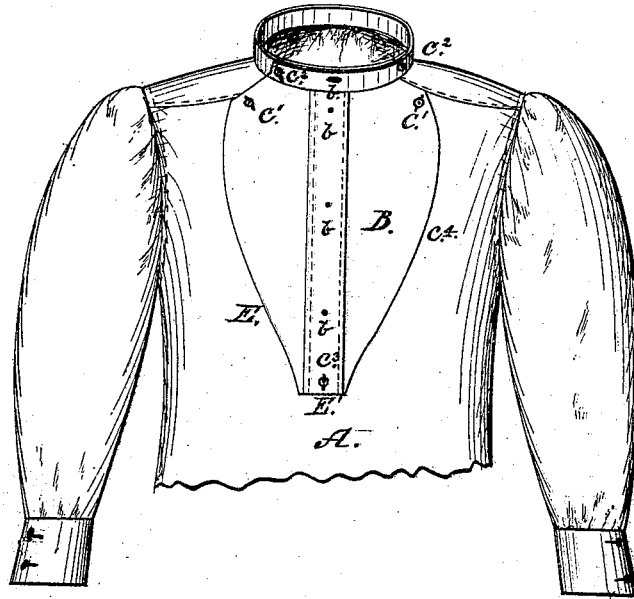
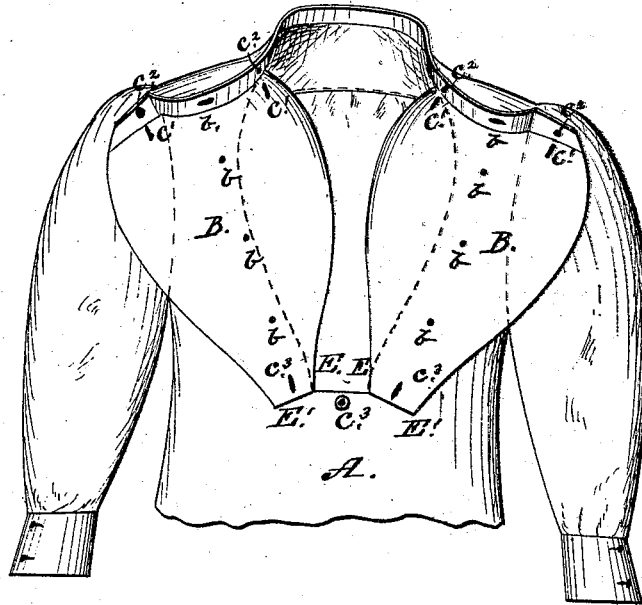


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRTS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, ZOHETH S. DURFEE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented Improvements in the Construction of Shirts and similar articles of clothing, of which the following is a specification :

This invention relates to the construction of the bosoms or fronts of such garments, and their attachment to said garments; and consists in making two bosoms or fronts for each garment or shirt, one front being sewed or firmly attached to one side of the shirt, and the other to the other side, each being free to be opened at the side opposite to that by which it is fastened, and the two fronts being combined so as to close one over the other, somewhat similarly to the operation of double-breasted coats and vests, either front being made outmost, at will of wearer.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the shirt with both fronts closed, as in wear; Fig. 2, the shirt with both fronts opened to admit its being put on.

It will readily be understood from the drawings that two fronts of different style and finish and of different materials can be put into one shirt; but the construction must be such that the several stud or button holes *b b' c c' c² c³* shall be opposite to each other whichever front may be ex-

posed, and the studs or buttons used should pass through both the fronts when the garment is in wear. I do not find it absolutely necessary to use both of the stud or button holes *c¹* and *c²*, as one, at *c¹*, seems to suffice; but both may be used, or either, as may be preferred.

The holes *c³* are for fastening the two fronts to the body of the shirt, the space from *e* to *e'* being generally left unfastened, to give the fronts, when closed, more flexibility than they would have if fastened more completely to the body of the shirt. If desired to fasten the loose sides of the fronts more completely across the breast, fastenings may be used along those edges, as at *c⁴*; but I do not find such necessary.

Having thus described my invention, and the mode of carrying the same into effect, what I claim is—

A shirt having two bosoms, provided with neck-bands, and attached to the shirt-body along their outward edges and unattached at the bottom, to allow of their being lapped over each other, substantially as described and shown.

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