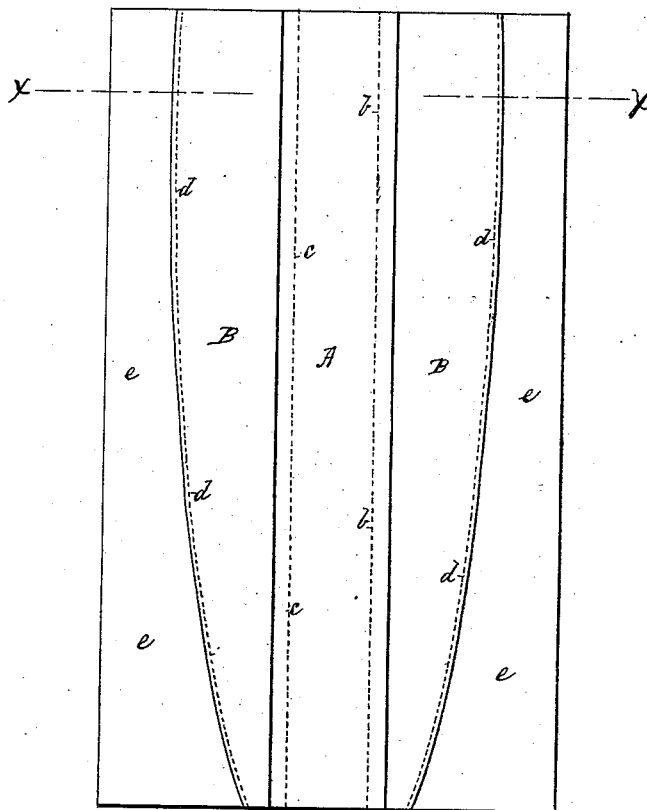


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*Fig. 1.*



*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, STEPHEN LASKEY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Bosoms; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan of my improved shirt-bosom; and Fig. 2, sections on the line *xx* of Fig. 1, the upper section showing a bosom which opens in front, and the lower one a bosom having a closed front, both being on an enlarged scale, in order to illustrate the mode of folding.

My improvement relates to that class of shield-shaped plaited shirt-bosoms patented to me September 22, 1874. In that patent the side plaits were formed by an under fold of the cloth, and which were folded and stitched in a line inclined from top to bottom toward the central plait. This improvement serves to make a better-defined plait of these side plaits, which, in some respects, gives a more finished and elegant appearance to the shirt-bosom.

The improvement consists in forming the side plait by an over-fold of the cloth, which is done by folding the under layer of the cloth, from the point which is to form the outer margin of the bosom, backward on the front side, and then folding it back again, still on the front side, commencing for this fold at a point at or adjoining the edge of the central plait, and in a line parallel therewith, and then cutting off such portion of the last fold as, while leaving the plait of the proper size, will give the inclined shape required to the plait, leaving a margin to be turned in, so as to leave the plait with an uncut exposed edge. This done, the turned-in edge is then stitched down to two thicknesses of cloth beneath, and the plait is completed.

To enable others skilled in the art to make my improved shirt-bosom, I will describe it in detail.

As both sides of the shirt-bosom to which my improvement has been applied are shown as being made exactly like each other, a description of one will answer for both.

A piece of goods of suitable size and shape is taken. The central plait *A* is then formed by folding that side of the cloth over sufficiently far to yield the plait and leave a margin to be turned in, as shown in the upper sectional view, on which it is then stitched down, as shown by the dotted line *b*. The outer edge of that plait is then also stitched, as shown by the dotted line *c*. If one or more intermediate plaits are required, they are formed and stitched down in the usual way. Then the other side of the cloth is folded over on the front side (see Fig. 2) and folded backward again toward the front, commencing at a point near to the edge of the central plait *A*, and in a line parallel therewith. This done, the edge of the cloth at the top of the plait is then turned inward at the point required to give the necessary width to the plait at its top. The same is then done at the bottom, giving to the plait the width required at that point, and the fold then perfected between them. The surplus material is then removed, and that edge of the plait *B* stitched down to the other foldings, as indicated by the dotted lines *d*, thereby giving to side plate *B* that somewhat angular shape which forms the so-called "shield-shaped" shirt-bosom. The general shape of the bosom when the two halves are united is still rectangular, the plaits alone, as combined, being "shield-shaped," the outer part *e* of the folding on each side remaining as a margin, by means of which it is set in and secured to the shirt in the ordinary way, either in rectangular form or in "shield-fashion," in which latter case such portion of the marginal pieces *e* are cut off, (always leaving a narrow margin as the means of inserting it into the shirt,) as will give the shape required. By this plan an evenness, smoothness, and elegance of finish is given to shirts with a "shield-shaped" bosom not common to other styles of shield bosoms.

It will be observed that the plan is equally applicable to bosoms which have closed fronts as to those which open in front.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A shield-shaped shirt-bosom, having its side plaits formed by folding the cloth from the line which forms the outer margin of the bosom over toward the front, then folding it back again, but still outwardly from a point at or near the edge of the central plait, and in a line parallel therewith, and then folding

it inwardly in a line inclined from top to bottom toward the central plait, in the manner substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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