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 SAMPLE-CARDS.

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Fig. 2.

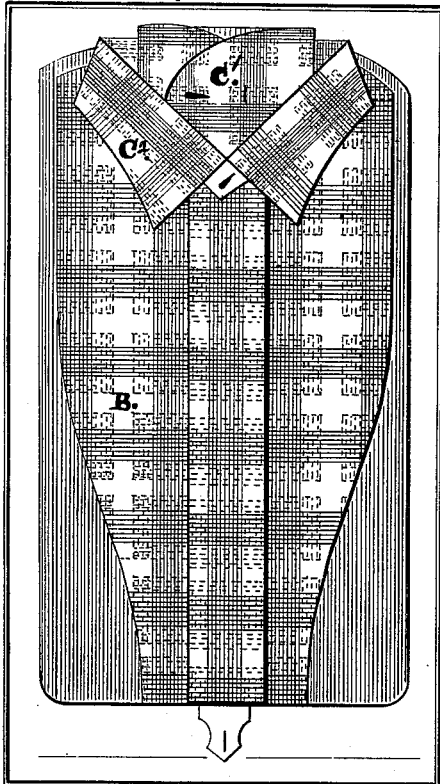


Fig. 3.

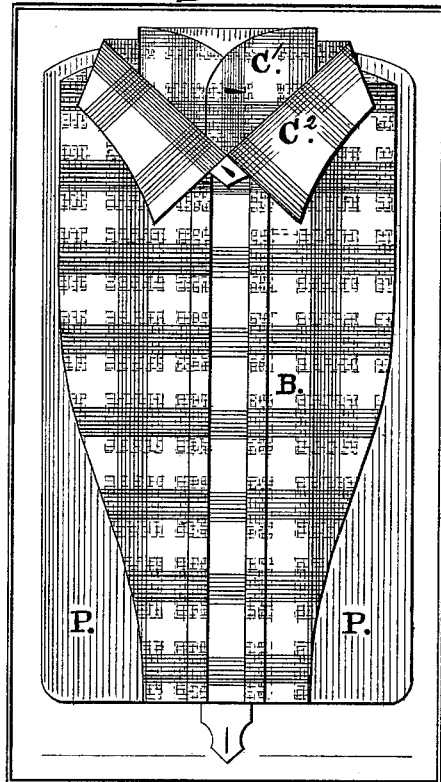
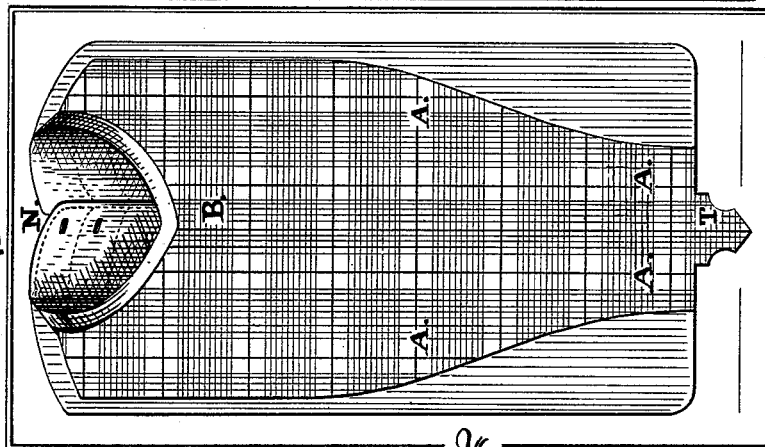


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SAMPLE-CARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIMEON GUTMANN, of No. 48 Leonard street, in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Miniature Sample-Cards, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying cut and sample.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap, portable, compact, and yet characteristic and sufficiently-complete substitute for the full-sized samples of goods, such as shirts and like articles of clothing; and it consists in a miniature sample, composed in its characteristic part of the identical material intended to be put into the garment represented, for practical use.

This miniature sample consists not only of material identical in color, pattern, quality, and shape or outline with that to be employed in the full-sized garment of which it is the sample or representation, but also identical in fold, plait, and other features of its formation, except that the sewing is not, necessarily, represented, and the essential parts are pasted or gummed upon a backing, preferably of paper.

It has been customary hitherto to paste square or other regular shaped bits or samples of goods upon sheets of card-board, and also to print garments in miniature, both plain and in colors, but so far as I know it has never been the practice to make miniature fac-simile samples of the made-up articles with the characteristic part of the garment copied exactly in the very same goods intended to be employed in the actual garment worn.

Figures 1, 2, and 3 illustrate my invention as employed in making samples of gentlemen's laundered-bosom shirts; wherein

B is the characteristic bosom part, composed of the identical material to be employed in the full-sized garments. In Fig. 1 the bosom B is made plain and without plait. In Fig. 2 the bosom B has a box-plait in the vertical center line. In Fig. 3 the plait is what is called a center plait. The neck N is cut out to give proper form to the top of the bosom. On the two sides, at the bottom, the bosom is cut away, as at A A, or rounded, or made in any known style. The tag T, and all

the other parts of the bosom, may be made complete, or changed, or omitted, as desired.

If desired, the general outline of the body part of a laundered and folded shirt outside of the bosom, constituting the part of the shirt in no way characteristic and distinctive, may be printed on the paper upon which the miniature sample is to be pasted in advance, as at P P, and so guide or determine the location, and to a slight extent, the appearance, of a folded shirt; but in itself this feature forms no part of my invention.

Proceeding still further, as an additional adaptation of my invention or illustration thereof, I cut out miniature sample-cuffs, as shown at C¹ C¹, and also miniature sample-collars, as shown at C² C², both of them without stitching, and placing them in such relations to each other and to the bosom B as is usual with full-sized shirts when boxed for market. I secure them also to the paper backing, and, if I choose, place lines about the whole, representing the outline of a box, thus making a complete miniature sample of a boxed shirt, collar, and cuffs, of any desired style.

These miniature samples may be pasted in dozens, half-dozens, or in any other desired numbers, on a single sheet, which may be folded compactly together like a map, so as to form a "book," handy for the pocket, for mailing, and for other methods of using the same; or the single sheet may be pasted upon stiff card-board, for hanging up, and for exhibition to customers.

These miniature fac-simile samples I propose to use in several ways, as follows: First, in the hands of traveling salesmen; second, in the hands of the local salesman, wholesaler or retailer, thereby saving the expense and the soiling of the true full-sized sample; third, by sending out to the trade, domestic and foreign, by mail, to make preliminary test of styles, and of the trade generally, quickly and cheaply, thus reaching the entire market immediately, when new styles are produced, if desired, and enabling the buyer to order more promptly, and with all the certainty obtained by actual inspection, but with economy, as well as with dispatch, and possibly by return mail.

To the traveling salesman they will give facility and relief from the expense and delay arising from cumbersome trunks, boxes, and packages hitherto required.

I do not confine my invention to the production of miniature fac-simile samples of shirts; but contemplate the production of such samples of other garments in substantially the same manner.

I claim as my invention—

1. A show-card for exhibiting manufactured goods, to which is attached portions of the fabric from which the goods are made up, said fabric being shaped to represent in miniature any desired article of apparel in a finished

condition, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A sample, consisting of a card adapted to exhibit together or separately the strips of real fabric B, C¹, and C², shaped to represent in miniature, and in a finished condition, the articles of apparel manufactured from said fabric, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name this 30th day of December, 1876.

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