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Shirt.

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Fig. 1.

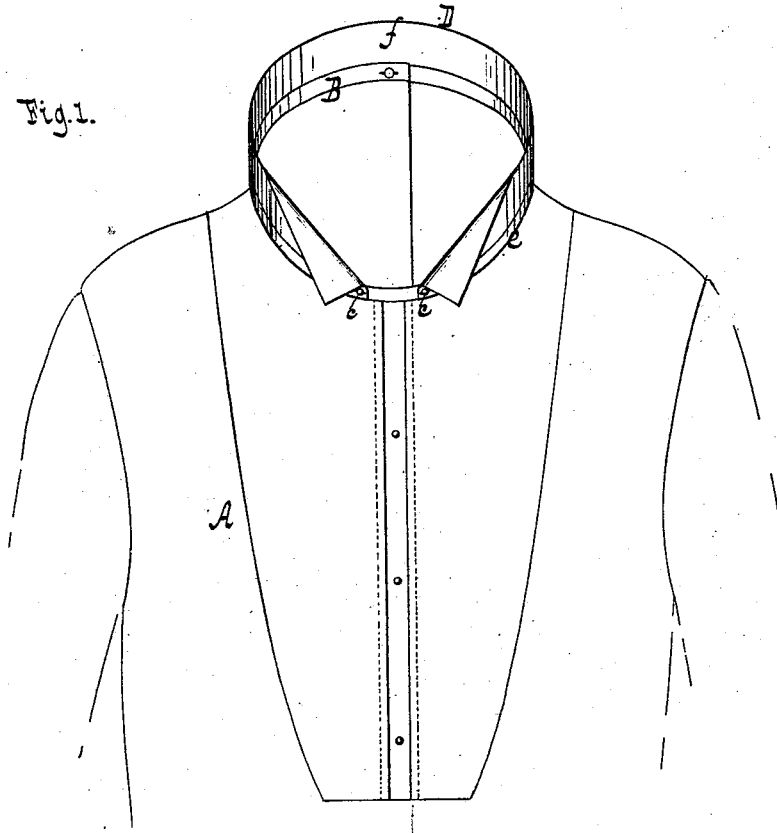


Fig. 2.

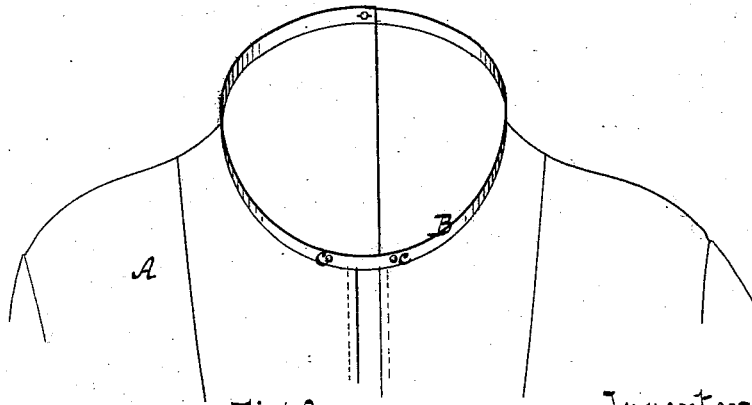
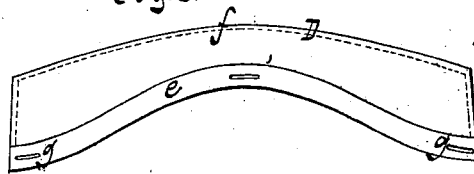


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PULASKI B. PICKENS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shirts and Shirt-Collars, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of a portion of my shirt having the collar attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a front view of the neck portion of the shirt when the collar is detached. Fig. 3 is a face view of the collar detached.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

My invention consists in a shirt the neck-band of which is provided with two collar-buttons or like fastening devices, which are respectively located at equal distances from its center, so that when a collar is attached to this shirt by means of such buttons a space is left between the two ends of the collar, and hence I am enabled to make the latter without the usual button-hole tabs or projections for the purpose of attaining this object; also, in the combination, with a shirt made as above stated, of a collar the band of which is of equal length to its flap, and which is provided with suitable devices to engage with the fastening devices of the shirt-band, so that this collar can be readily attached to the shirt, and has a space between its ends, while, inasmuch as the same is devoid of button-hole tabs or projections, it can be manufactured at less cost than the collars now generally in use.

In the drawing, the letter A designates my shirt, and B is its band, having two collar-buttons, *c c*, which are respectively located at equal distances from its center. In the example shown the buttons *c c* are inserted in suitable holes formed in the shirt-band B; but they can obviously also be sewed to the latter; or, if desired, other devices may be substituted for the buttons.

The letter D designates a collar such as I have combined with the shirt-band B. I make

the band *e* of this collar of equal length to its flap *f*, and form near the opposite ends of the band *e* button-holes *g g*, of suitable size to receive the buttons *c c*. When, however, other devices are used instead of the buttons *c c* of the shirt-band, the button-holes *g g* are changed to correspond to the devices of such band.

It will be perceived that when the collar D is attached to the shirt A by the buttons *c c*, the ends of the collar are brought at a distance from each other and a space is left between them. In collars as now generally made this space is produced by providing the article with button-hole tabs or projections at its opposite ends. The peculiar arrangement of the buttons *c c* enables me to dispense with these tabs or projections, as shown, and in consequence thereof my collar can be manufactured at low cost.

The arrangement of the buttons *c c* also, in great measure, prevents the collar from a shifting or working up over the shirt-band between the front and back of the shirt.

I prefer to construct the shirt A with an open back and to make the collar D a standing collar; but in some cases a turn-down collar may be used.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a shirt neck-band which is provided with two buttons or like fastening devices, respectively situated at equal distances from its center, of a collar the band of which is of equal length to its flap, and which is provided with suitable devices to engage with the fastening devices of the shirt-band, substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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