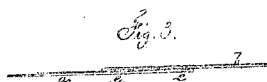
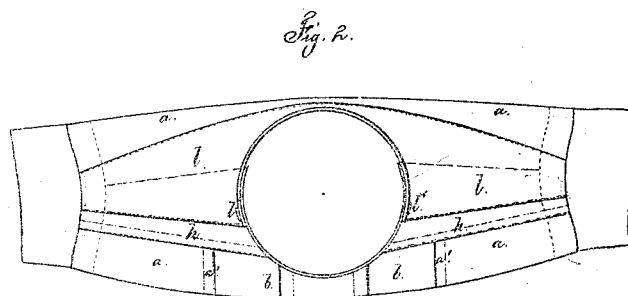
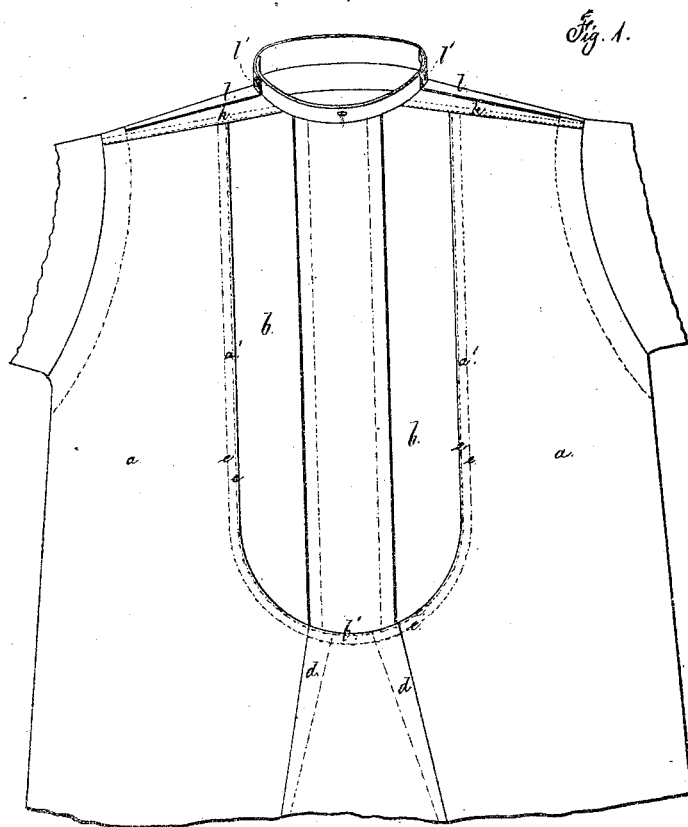


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRTS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPHE SALMON, of the city and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Shirts; and the following is hereby declared to be a correct description of the same.

Much difficulty has heretofore been experienced by the manufacturers of shirts for the trade in making them fit about the neck; in fact, dealers find it almost impossible to keep such an assortment as will enable them to fit all applicants, from the fact that with a given body and sleeve-measurement many different neck-measurements are required; and, again, a person often finds it conducive to his comfort to wear a shirt fitting more closely to the neck in the winter than in the summer, and hence required to be made adjustable at the collar-band.

The object of my invention is to adapt a shirt to be thus adjusted; and, to this end,

It consists in making the shirt with two openings, one upon each shoulder, extending through the collar-band, said openings being provided with buttons or equivalent fastening devices, which can be moved forward or backward to effect the desired adjustment of the length of the collar-band, and it will be readily seen that by changing the position of the buttons upon each side of the neck at the same time I maintain the front and back collar-buttons diametrically opposite to each other.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 represents an elevation of my improved shirt;

Figure 2 is a plan of the neck and yoke portion; and

Figure 3 is a section illustrating the manner of forming the seam for connecting the bosom to the shirt-body.

a represents the body of the shirt, and the same may be of the desired size and shape, with the exception of parts hereafter referred to.

b is the bosom of the shirt, and this is connected to the body at *a' a' b'*.

The sides *a' a'* of the opening in the body of the shirt are formed straight and parallel, or nearly so, and the part *b'* is formed rounded or semicircular.

At *d d* the material of the body may be plaited to allow the body to be wider below the bosom.

I connect or join the bosom and body to each other by the seams, more fully illustrated in fig. 3, the fabric *a* of the body being turned over and laid upon a corresponding portion of the bosom *b*, and the two thicknesses connected by stitching at *e e*.

I make the yoke of the desired shape to fit the bosom and shirt body, but, instead of making the yoke whole, I form the same of the parts *h h l*, the parts *h h* being connected to the bosom of the shirt and the part *l* to the back, so as to form an opening at the neck on both of the shoulders.

The flaps or yoke-pieces *h h* are connected to the yoke *l* by buttons *l'* or other fastenings, and by varying the position of these buttons or button-holes the size of the neck-band or opening may be changed.

The parts *h h* may lap upon the yoke *l*, or the reverse.

Shirts made in this manner are much more convenient to the wearer because the openings at the shoulders are easily buttoned or unbuttoned, and the shirt can be ironed with greater facility than those made with a band at the lower end of the bosom.

I do not claim a shirt in which the lower end of the bosom is rounded and a separate band applied between the bosom and the body of the shirt. Neither do I claim a flap at the side of the bosom, extending to the upper part of the shoulder, where a button is provided, the same having been used in shirts, jackets, and dresses.

I claim as my invention—

A shirt provided with two openings, one upon each shoulder, extending through the collar-band in such manner that the shirt may be passed over the head of the wearer, and that the size of the collar-band may be changed without disturbing the relative position of the collar-buttons upon the back and front of the neck, substantially as described.

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