

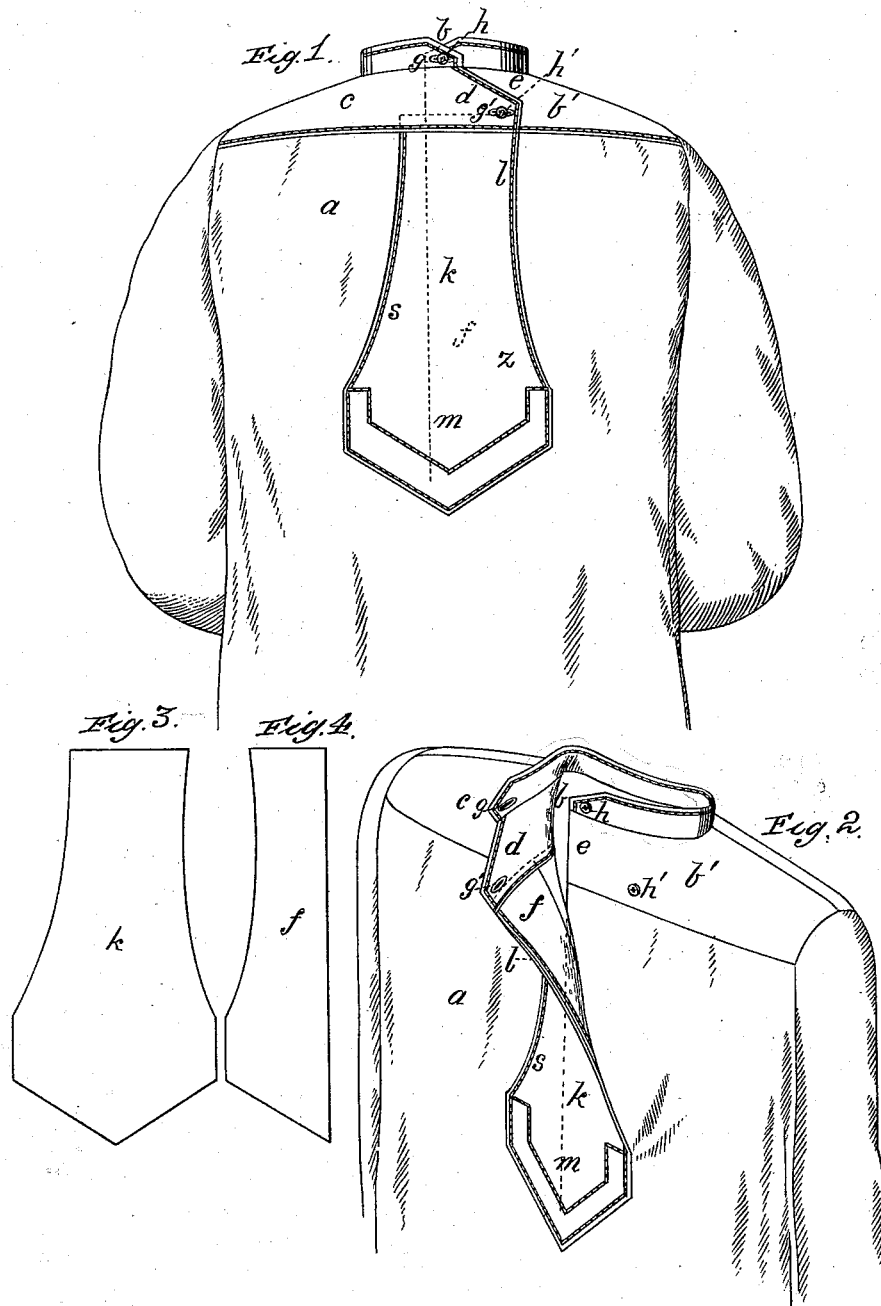
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TO CYRUS G. RAUCH, OF SAME PLACE.

## SHIRT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ISAAC B. KELLER, a citizen of the United States, a resident of Lebanon, in the county of Lebanon and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Shirts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a back or rear view of a shirt, showing my device. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the re-enforcement piece, and Fig. 4 is a detail view of the inside flap.

This invention has relation to shirts; and it consists in lengthening one of the back yoke-sections to project beyond the back slit, and providing, in addition to the neck button-hole, a second button-hole obliquely arranged at the end of the extension of the yoke-section, and in providing a shield-shaped re-enforcement, joining the yoke-extension and the back at one side of the slit and lapping over the back at the other side of the slit, all as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter *a* designates the back of the shirt, having the back slit, *b*, centrally arranged; and *b'* represents a yoke-section on one side, the end of which is continuous with one edge of the slit. *c* indicates the other back yoke-section, the end *d* of which extends beyond the other edge, *e*, of the slit, and is obliquely formed, its lower portion extending beyond its upper portion. A button-hole, *g*, is provided at its upper portion, and is centrally arranged to receive the neck-button *h*. A second button-hole, *g'*, is made at the extremity of the extension, this button-hole being obliquely arranged with reference to the neck button-hole, and being designed to receive a button, *h'*, which is secured in a corresponding position to the opposite yoke-section.

*k* represents a re-enforcement designed to be

attached to the back of the shirt, and to extend from the yoke downward below the lower end of the slit. This re-enforcement is shield-shaped and broad at its lower end, *m*, which is secured transversely to the back of the shirt. It is secured by its upper end to the lower margin of the yoke-section *c*, its margin *l* being even with the extremity of this yoke-section. It is provided with an inside flap, *f*, the edge of which is secured to the edge *e* of the slit, and its lateral edge *s* is secured to the back of the shirt at one side of the slit, as shown in the drawings. Its margin *l* is free, and extends downward, widening toward its lower broad end, *m*, so that it laps considerably over that part of the back which is on the opposite side of the slit, where the fastening is made by means of the buttons and button-holes of the yoke-sections. This re-enforcement forms a broad facing over the slit portion of the shirt, and gives it material strength here, where it is especially liable to be torn. The lapping portion *z*, being secured at its upper and lower ends, covers the slit completely, and in such a manner that when on the person no opening is liable to occur to expose the undershirt or skin.

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

A shirt having the back yoke-extension, *d*, beyond the back slit, *b*, provided with a second button-hole, *g'*, beyond the neck button-hole, and a shield-shaped re-enforcement, *k*, having a broad lower end, *m*, secured to the back below the back slit, an upper end secured to the back yoke-extension, a lateral edge, *s*, joining the back at one side of the back slit, and a portion, *z*, lapping over the back at the other side of the slit, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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Witnesses:

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