

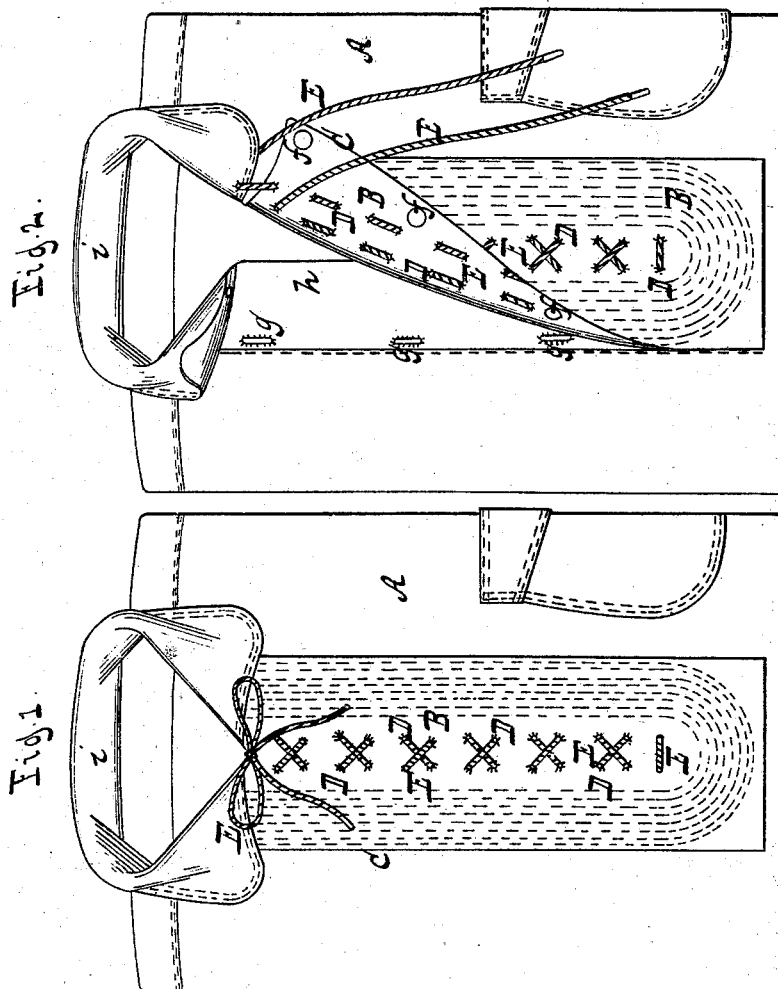
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HAMILTON S. CONANT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Lawn-Tennis Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to "lawn-tennis shirts," so called, and especially that class having the opening on one of the vertical edges of the front or breast thereof, and having a cord arranged along the vertical central portion of the front in imitation of lacing.

Prior to my invention the shirts referred to have been made with a second or supplementary front and with flaps on opposite sides of the vertical central line of the front, having holes for the reception of the lacing-cord. This construction, however, is expensive in comparison with that of the original or common lawn-tennis shirts having the opening at the vertical central line of the front and provided with a lacing-cord; and to overcome the ensuing objection is the object of my invention, which consists in a shirt having its body formed integral with a single front or breast which is arranged to open along one of its vertical edges and provided with holes on opposite sides of its vertical central line, in combination with a cord which is drawn through such holes alternately above and below the front in imitation of lacing, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is an elevation, showing the front closed. Fig. 2 is a like view when the front is open.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

The letter A designates the body of the shirt, made, as usual, of flannel or other suitable material, and having the front or breast B formed integral or in one piece therewith.

C indicates the vertical edge of the front along which it opens; D, the holes on opposite sides of the vertical central line of the front, and E the lacing-cord drawn through such holes alternately above and below the front.

Buttons and button-holes *f g*, or other suitable fastenings, are provided along the edge C of the front for the purpose of closing the front on the body, and when buttons are used I prefer to place the same on the under side of the front, so as to render the fastening invisible, the button-holes being made in the body.

To the vertical edge of the shirt-body, adjacent to the edge C of the front, is attached a hem or fly, *h*, which projects under the front, and is a medium for receiving or supporting the fastening devices, as also one end of the shirt collar or band *i*.

The lacing-cord E can be arranged in any desired manner, as fancy may dictate or the holes D will permit, and in introducing the cord it is first drawn through the lowermost holes, so as to bring the terminals thereof to the top of the shirt, where they are eventually drawn through holes E' at the opposite ends of the shirt-collar or band *i* and tied, thus holding the collar in position on the neck of the wearer, the ends of the collar being arranged to meet at the line of the center of the front.

It will be perceived that by this construction I am enabled to manufacture lawn-tennis shirts having the desired features of convenience in use at a comparatively low cost.

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

A lawn-tennis shirt having its body formed integral with a front or breast which is arranged to open along one of its vertical edges and provided with holes on opposite sides of its vertical central line, in combination with a cord which is drawn through such holes alternately above and below the front in imitation of lacing.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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