

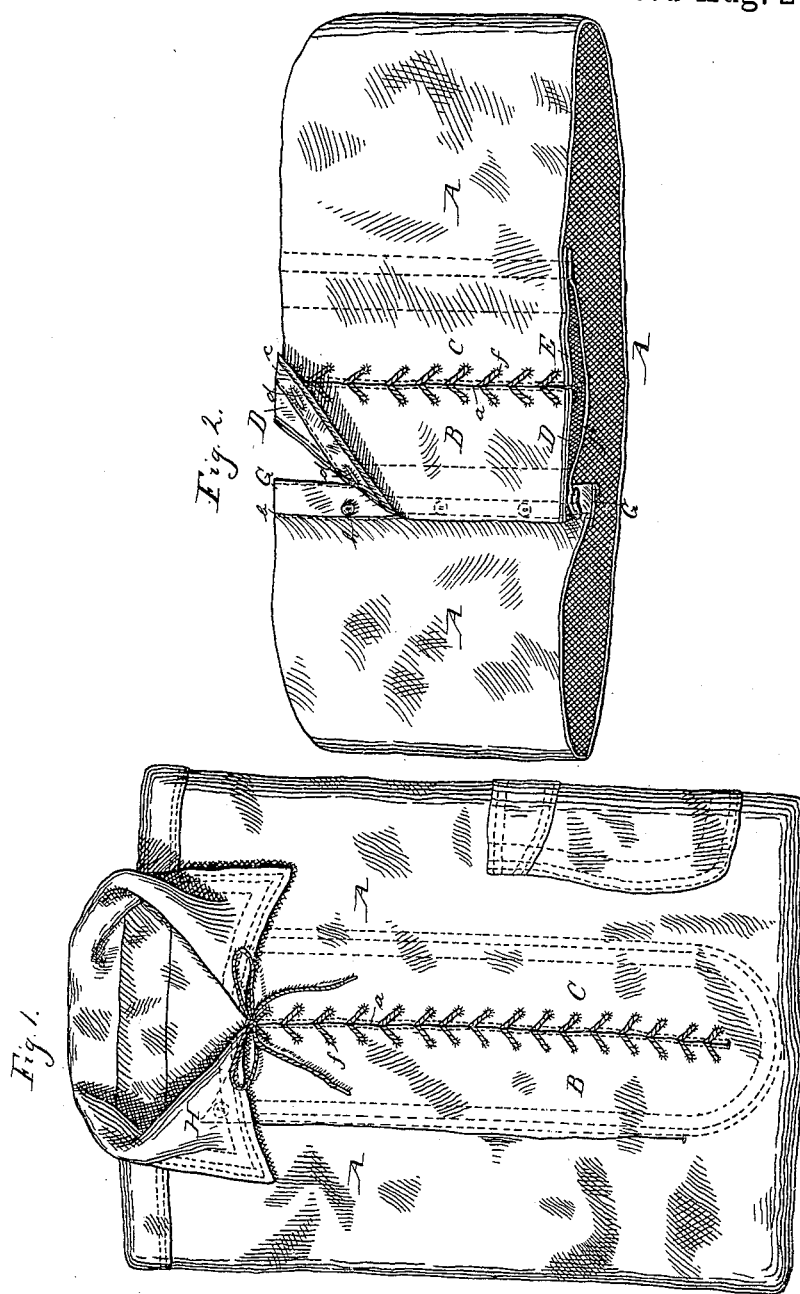
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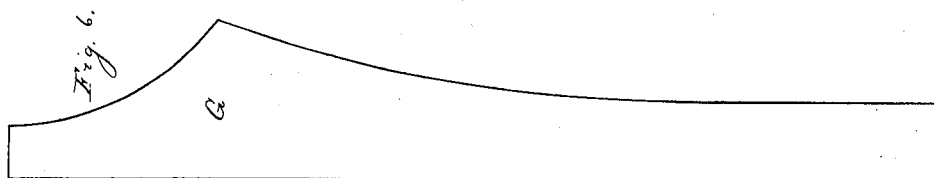
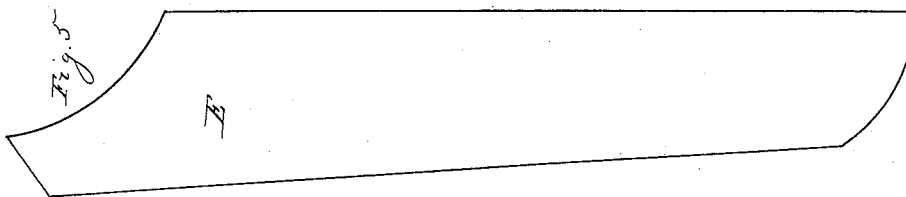
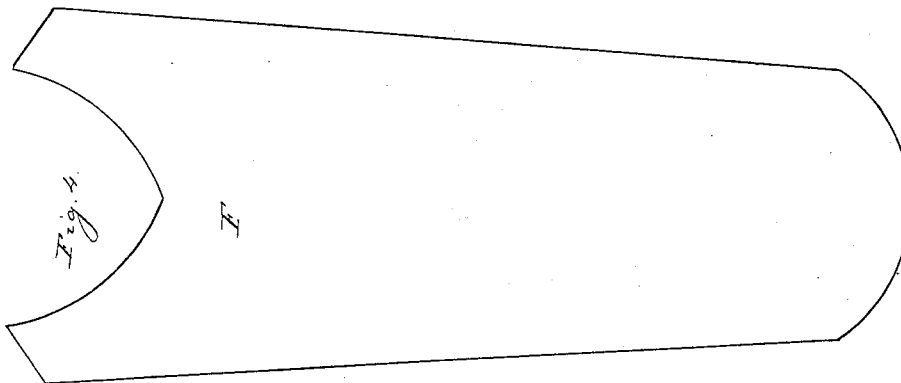
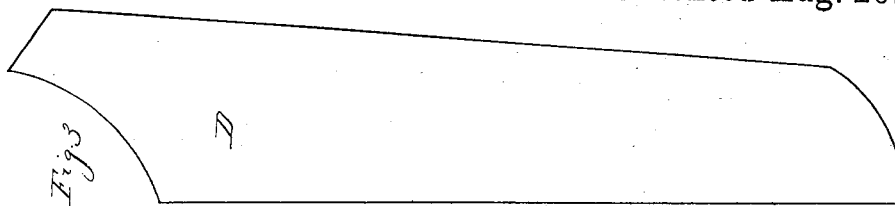
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK SCHRADER, of Elmhurst, in the county of Du Page and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shirts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to shirts having eyelets in front that are laced by a cord, and an opening at one side of the front that is arranged to be secured by buttoning in a manner that such shirt can be put on or taken off without disturbing the lacing-cord; and the improvement consists of a shirt the entire front of which is cut to be continuous with the body fabric, and which front is re-enforced by back-linings and connected so as to form a double front that is provided with a lacing-cord and with the opening at one side of the front that is arranged for buttoning, all as more fully described and specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents an elevation of a shirt having my improvements; Fig. 2, a sectional elevation of a portion of the shirt, showing how the several linings are connected to the shirt-front. Figs. 3 and 5 represent the patterns for the back-linings that are secured under the eyelet-flaps of the shirt-front. Fig. 4 represents the pattern for the lining that is secured behind the eyelet-flaps, and one edge of which is to form the button-hole fly; and Fig. 6 represents the pattern for the strip of fabric stitched to the shirt-body at the edge of the slit for securing the buttons.

Like letters designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A denotes the body of the shirt, which in front is cut with a central slit, *a*, so as to provide two flaps, B and C, and a side slit, *b*, that disconnects the flap B from the shirt-body. Each flap B and C, I line with a piece, D and E, the shapes of which are shown by Figs. 3 and 5, and behind these flaps B and C and linings D and E, I attach a piece, F, in a man-

ner that the edges of such piece F are secured by the same seams which secure the edges of linings D and E, and that the doubled-up edge of piece F, next to slit *b*, will form fly *c*, and is provided with button-holes *d*. The adjoining edges of flaps B and C, with their linings D and E, composed of separate strips of material, have each a row of eyelet-holes for stringing a lacing-cord, *f*, from the bottom end of the slit upward in the usual manner, the ends of which cord in this case are permanently tied in a bow-knot at or near the collar-band.

A strip, G, as per pattern shown in Fig. 6, is secured by stitching to the body of the shirt at the edge of slit *b*, so as to form a flap that will lap under the edge of the shirt-front, and this flap G has secured a series of buttons, *h*, one for each button-hole *d* in fly *c*.

The collar H is of the usual pattern, and is secured to the shirt-body in the usual manner. Ornamental stitching, as per dotted lines, may be applied.

The advantages gained by the above-described arrangement are that for putting the shirt upon the person or for taking it off the buttons need only be buttoned or unbuttoned, while the lacing-cord is left intact; that a fancy shirt can be made with these practical improvements in the most economical manner, and that by the threefold fabric in the front the chest will be kept warm and well protected.

I am aware that it is not broadly new to construct a shirt with a bosom made integral with the body of the shirt, and such I do not claim.

What I claim is—

1. In a shirt, substantially as described, the centrally-slitted and laced front being a continuation of the body fabric, in combination with the side slit arranged with a lapping-strip which will lap under the shirt-front, and to which buttons are attached, and a button-hole fly formed by doubling the edge of the lining F, which is then stitched to the edge of the flap B, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a shirt, substantially as described, the body fabric A, forming the front, and having

slits *a* and *b*, in combination with the lining-
strips D E and flaps B and C, that have eye-
let-holes for lacing-cord *f*, strip F, and a but-
ton-hole fly, *c*, and with lapping-strip G, se-
cured to the edge of body A, having buttons
5 *h*, the whole being constructed and arranged
as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my invention I affix my signature in presence
of two witnesses.

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