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Fig. 1.

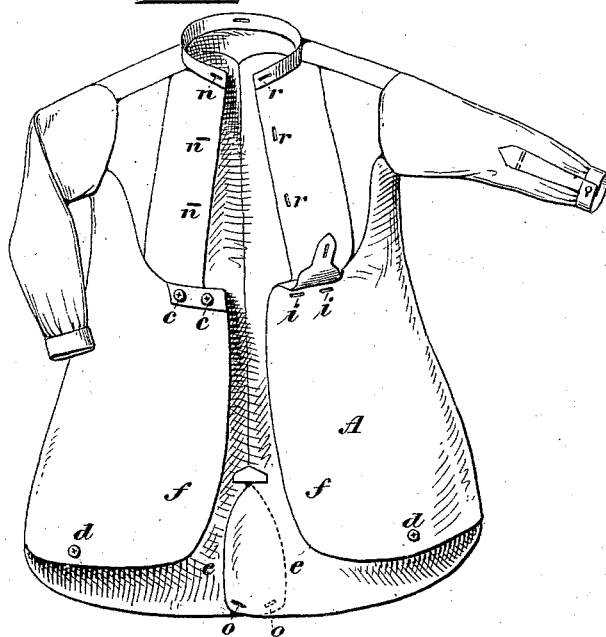


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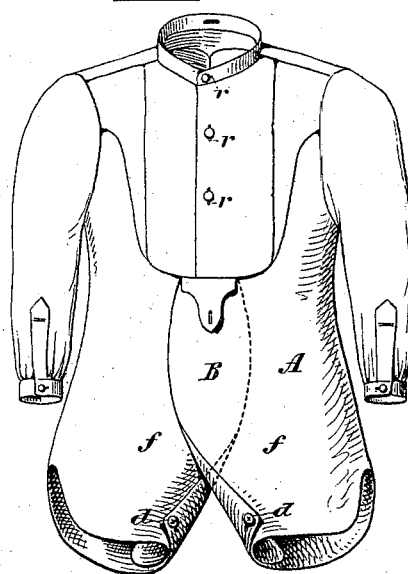


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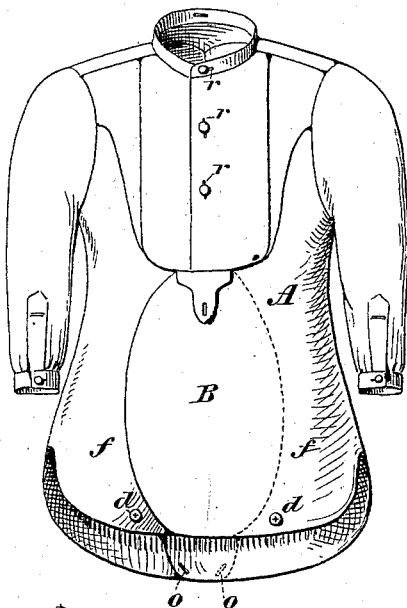
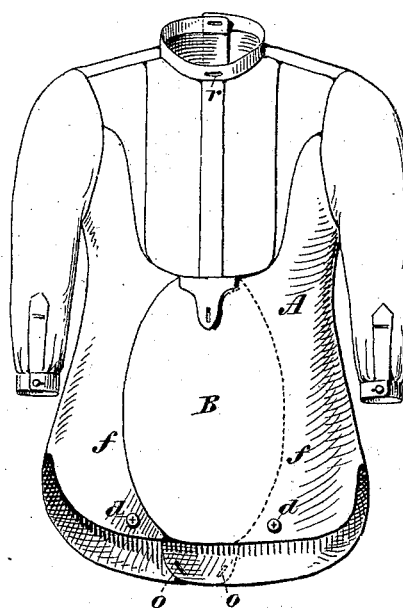


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS WATT AIKENHEAD, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 429 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front view of the shirt opened, so as to show the front flaps with buttons and the back flaps with button-holes; Fig. 2, a front view showing the shirt closed with the back flaps buttoned; Fig. 3, a front view showing the shirt as it may be used so as to be like the ordinary shirt in use; and Fig. 4 is a modification showing my improvement applied to a shirt formed with a closed bosom.

The nature of my invention consists in such a construction of the skirt of a shirt that it (the skirt) being open in the middle of the front and back the flaps are made so full as to overlap each other and thus form a complete covering; in the second place, such a construction of the tail or skirt pieces that the shirt when on, the skirt-pieces being divided and provided with buttons and button-holes, straps and buckles, or elastic or other connections, the front and rear flaps of the skirt can be buttoned or fastened, so as to produce a fastening or stay, so that when used the shirt will be kept by a sufficient fastening held down to prevent its being raised and puffed at the skirt and back.

The object of my invention is to prevent the inconveniences already pointed out and to produce a shirt more comfortable and desirable than any heretofore in use.

In the drawings, A represents the shirt; *ff*, the front flaps of the skirt; *ee*, the back flaps; *dd*, the buttons on the front flaps, and *oo* the button-holes on the back flaps *ee*.

In Fig. 1 at *nnn* on the right side of the front of the shirt are shown button-holes, and on the left side of said front at *vvv* button-holes, and also at *cc* buttons, and at *iii* button-holes, by which the shirt is fastened in front; or, in other words, the shirt, being open

in front from the collar downward, like a coat or vest, may be fastened by collar-button, stud-buttons on bosom, and the buttons and button-holes shown at *cc* and *ii*. The flaps in front of the shirt below the bosom are made so full as to overlap to any desired extent.

Much trouble has been found in a shirt being lifted or raised, so that the skirt and back are folded up, bunched, and rumpled, and the arrangement of the skirt and back compactly and neatly has been troublesome in the ordinary shirt. By means of the dividing of the back flaps, which are also made to overlap each other, and of the front flaps when fastened or buttoned at *cc* and *ii*, I am enabled to take the inner corners of them and by buttoning the button-hole *o* on either side to the button *d* to form a leg, which has several advantages. It keeps the shirt from being drawn upward, arranges the shirt so that it is never bunched or in the way, and keeps it down where it belongs.

It will be obvious that a skirt open in front and back with overlapping flaps and the drawer-like fastenings may be used in a shirt which is open in the back and closed in front from the collar to the end of the bosom.

In shirts hitherto made, whether the same have been open from the collar to the end of the skirt or closed from the collar to the end of the bosom and open in the back where the skirt has been divided either in front or back, no flaps have been used to close the opening so made in the skirt.

The advantage of the fullness of the skirt furnished by the overlapping flaps over such an arrangement is obvious. The flaps *ff* and *ee* are substantial overlapping flaps and not mere overlapping edges, such as are in the front of the shirt-bosom, and these large flaps are essential in rendering the shirt comfortable when in use. By reason of the flaps *ff* and *ee* there will be a double thickness of the material around the inner sides of the legs of the wearer, as illustrated in Fig. 2, instead of a mere overlapping edge, which would be uncomfortable and disagreeable in use. During the folding of the skirt of the shirt around the legs the outer lower corners of the flaps *ff* are first folded inward and then the flaps *ee* folded frontward upon the flaps *ff* until their

button-holes *o o* reach and are secured upon the buttons *d d*. The buttons *d d* are toward the front surface of the legs and in a position where they will not render the shirt uncomfortable in use.

5 The shirt is divided from top to bottom on one side, and on the opposite side it is divided through a portion of the skirt only, and at the divisions in the skirts the flaps overlap each
10 other, as illustrated in the drawings, and permit the comfortable dressing of the wearer.

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

15 A shirt having its skirt divided front and back and forming flaps, each of which is provided with an outwardly-curved edge, where-

by substantial overlapping flaps are formed front and back, said rear flaps being provided with fastening devices at the lower outside
20 corners adapted to engage with complementary fastening devices located at the lower edge and at a distance from the lower inner corners of the said front flaps, said fastening
25 devices, when the flaps are secured together, being located at the front of the legs of the wearer, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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