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APPAREL-SHIRT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. CHAPLAIN, Jr., residing at Easton, in the county of Talbot and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Removable Shirt-Bosoms, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is in the nature of an improvement in shirts and shirt-bosoms; and it has for its object a construction of shirt and bosom which will permit the bosom to be easily detached and applied to the body of the shirt and provide means whereby a wearer may use a number of bosoms of different fabrics or designs with a single body or a small number of bodies without increasing the thickness of material at the bosom portion of the shirt and avoiding a bulky appearance at the neckband.

The invention consists in certain details of construction and arrangement of the parts, which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front view of a portion of a shirt with my improved bosom applied. Fig. 2 is a view of the bosom detached, showing the opposite side. Fig. 3 is a view of the upper portion of the shirt-body without the bosom. Fig. 4 is a detail section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 5 is a detail section taken on the line 5 5 of Fig. 2.

The shirt-body A may be made up of any suitable material and of any preferred construction and may have in connection therewith any of the well-known and approved attachments commonly known in the art. That portion of the body, however, usually covered by the bosom is formed with an opening 10, preferably of bosom shape and having the edges around the opening bound or reinforced by the application of suitable bindings or in-turned foldings to strengthen the same and prevent tearing.

The neckband 11 is attached to the body of the shirt in the ordinary manner; but by reason of the front opening 10 the front ends of the band are left free and form tongues 12, provided with terminal buttonholes for the

reception of a collar-button or other preferred fastening. Along the side and bottom edges of the opening 10 fastenings 13 are attached to the shirt-body, to which the removable bosom 14 is adapted to be secured. This bosom 14 is preferably made up of two pieces of fabric of different designs and colors, each forming one face, so that it may be reversed when desired to obtain two different effects with a single bosom, and buttonhole-tabs 15 are attached to the side and bottom edges of the bosom, at such distances apart that when the bosom is laid over the opening 10 each tab will lie under the bosom, as shown in Fig. 1, coincident with one of the fastenings 13, to which it is adapted to be secured.

To the upper edge of the bosom 14 sleeves 16 are attached, at an angle corresponding to the usual direction the front of the neckband takes when fastened around the neck, the said sleeves being designed for the reception of the tongues 12, as shown in Fig. 1, and the sleeves are spaced from each other at their adjacent edges, whereby to provide an opening for the attachment of the collar to the terminals of the tongues.

When the bosom 14 is attached to the shirt-body, the sleeves 16 hold the upper edge of the bosom snugly up to the collar, and the fastenings 13 being out of sight the appearance of an ordinary bosom is obtained.

As stated above, by my novel construction of shirt and bosom various changes in the appearance of the shirt may be easily made, and by making the bosom with opposite faces of different colors or designs, as described, the same bosom may be made to perform double service.

Changes in the form, proportions, and minor details may be resorted to without in the least departing from the nature or spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a shirt provided with a body portion having an opening at the front corresponding approximately to the contour of a bosom, a neckband attached to the upper edge of said body portion and having free ends extending over the open-

ing and forming tongues arranged for connection with each other, and a bosom arranged for detachable connection with the body portion of the shirt, said bosom being provided
5 with sleeves secured to its upper edge and spaced from each other, the said sleeves being adapted to receive the tongues and the space between the sleeves allowing fastening means to be applied to the extremities of the
10 tongues and the free ends of a collar, as set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, the herein-described shirt, comprising the body portion having a bosom-opening and buttons

around the margin thereof, and a two-faced 15 or reversible bosom adapted to lie over the bosom-opening and of such a size that its edges will overlap the buttons, said bosom having buttonhole-tabs along its side edges adapted to be turned under and engaged with 20 the buttons whereby the buttons will be hidden when either side of the bosom is exposed, as and for the purpose set forth.

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