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IMPROVEMENT IN VESTS.

I) all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID VOGL, of the city of London, in the Kingdom of Great Britain, have invented a new and useful garment for gentlemen and ladies' wear in imitation of waistcoats and vests, of which the following is a full and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention consists in fastening vests or waistcoats behind instead of in front by means of elastic or rigid straps or bands or buckles or other suitable fastenings, the vest or waistcoat not being opened in front, but being furnished in front with buttons or studs, with real or imitation button-holes, so as to appear similar to an ordinary vest or waistcoat, as shown by Figure A of the accompanying drawings. The straps or bands may be so arranged as to combine a belt with the waistcoat, and the garment may also be combined with cravats. stocks, collars, shirt fronts, or any of the said articles of wear, so as to be a compound garment, presenting the appearance of separate and distinct wearing apparel, as shown by Figs. B and C of the accompanying drawings. For cold weather, a flap, forming the back, may be attached by means of buttons or other suitable fastenings, as shown by Fig. D of the accompanying drawings.

I am aware that shirt-bosoms and other garments were heretofore made closed in front and to be fastened behind. These I do not claim. My invention differs from all such garments, first, in preserving the perfect semblance and comeliness of the modern vest; second, in being adapted to be put on and off without removing or disarranging the coat or other external garment; and, third, in the total avoidance of injury to the front by buttoning and unbuttoning. I shall therefore state my claim as follows—I claim:

The construction of vests closed in front, without arm-holes, and held in position around the person by adjustable bands, substantially as described.

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