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Fig. 2.

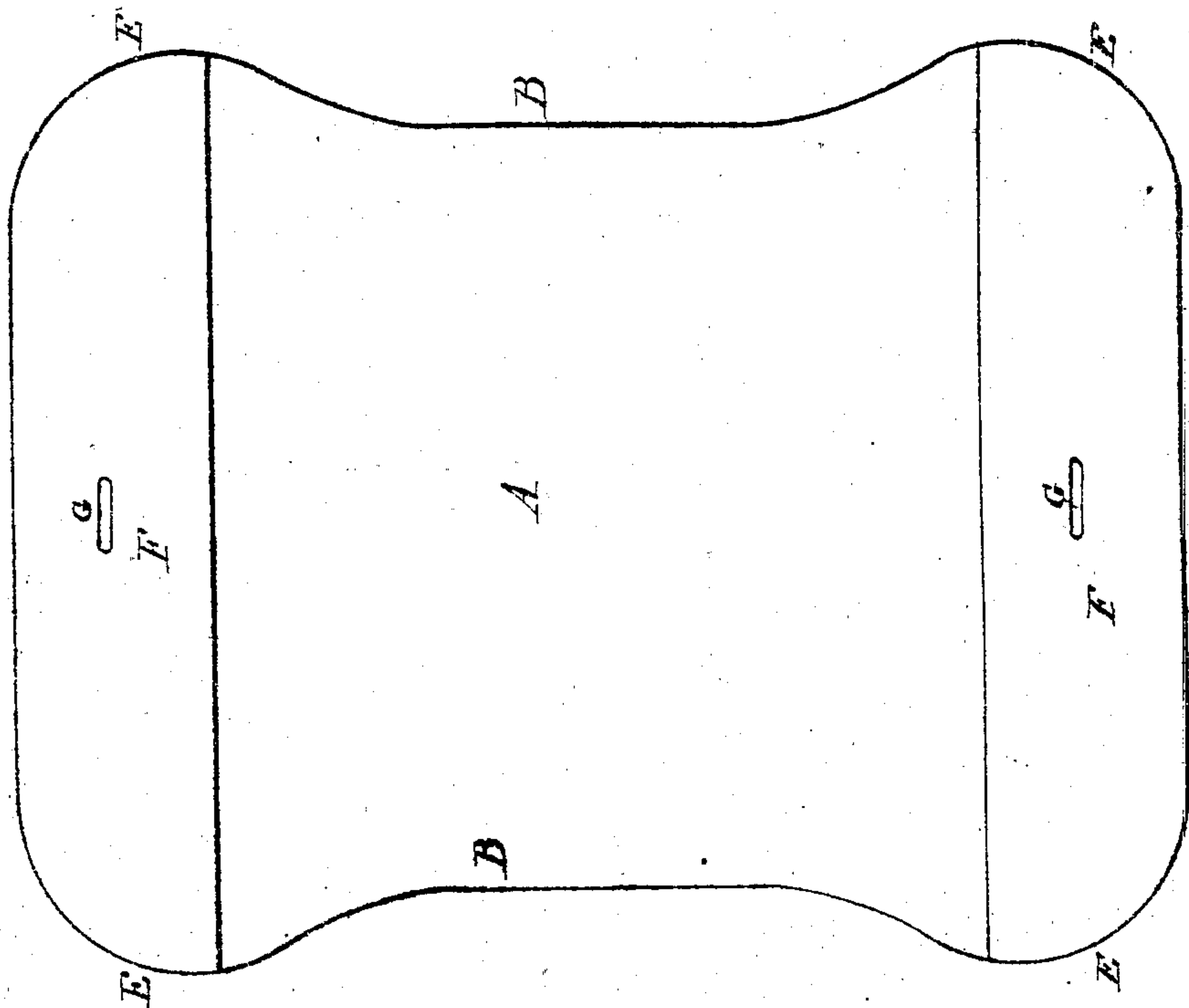
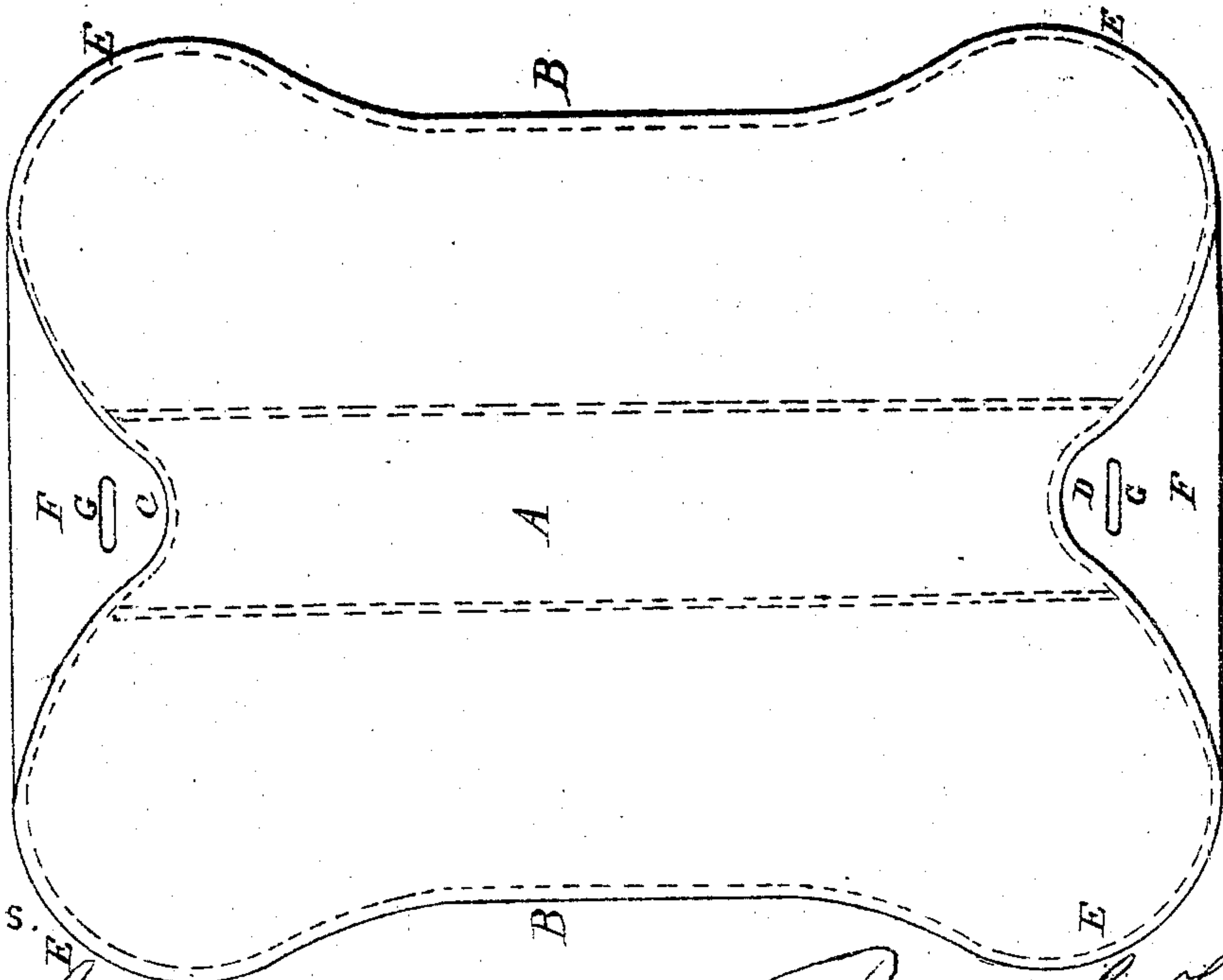


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRT-BOSOMS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 58,131, dated September 18, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, C. F. PIDGIN, of Boston, Suffolk county, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Shirt-Bosom; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The principal objects of the present invention are, first, to increase the flexibility of the shirt-bosom, so as to allow it to yield or give to the forward and backward motion of the wearer; and, second, to diminish the cost of the article, and also to make it lighter, both of which objects are secured by the present invention, as will be obvious from the following detailed description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying plate of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the front side of the bosom, and Fig. 2 a view of the back or rear side of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A in the drawings represents the shirt-bosom, which may be made of linen, cotton, or of any other material ordinarily used therefor, or of paper; the bosom, when made of paper, being stitched or otherwise prepared in imitation of a linen shirt-bosom. This shirt-bosom is cut or hollowed out at B along its sides, and also at its top and lower ends, C and D, with the corners E rounded. By giving this form or outline to the bosom it is made to more perfectly fit and correspond to the

form of the person, and also to yield to the forward and backward motions of the wearer.

Across each end of the bosom A, and upon its back or rear side, a strip, F, of cloth or tenacious paper is secured, in the center of each of which, and at the point where the shirt-bosom is cut or hollowed out, a button-hole, G, is made, for the purpose of securing or attaching the bosom to a shirt by buttoning, or in any other similar manner.

By using the tenacious paper strips F the cost of the bosom is greatly reduced, and, besides, the bosom is rendered much lighter and more flexible, and thus more adjustable to the form of the wearer; and, furthermore, by means of the strips F, in which the button-holes are made, the buttoning of the bosom to the shirt is rendered easy and free of accomplishment.

From the above description of my improved shirt-bosom, it is plainly obvious that it is reversible, and can be worn with either one or the other of its two ends exposed or uppermost, according to which is the cleaner or better in appearance—a quite important advantage.

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

A shirt-bosom cut or hollowed out at its sides B and ends C D, in combination with the strips F, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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