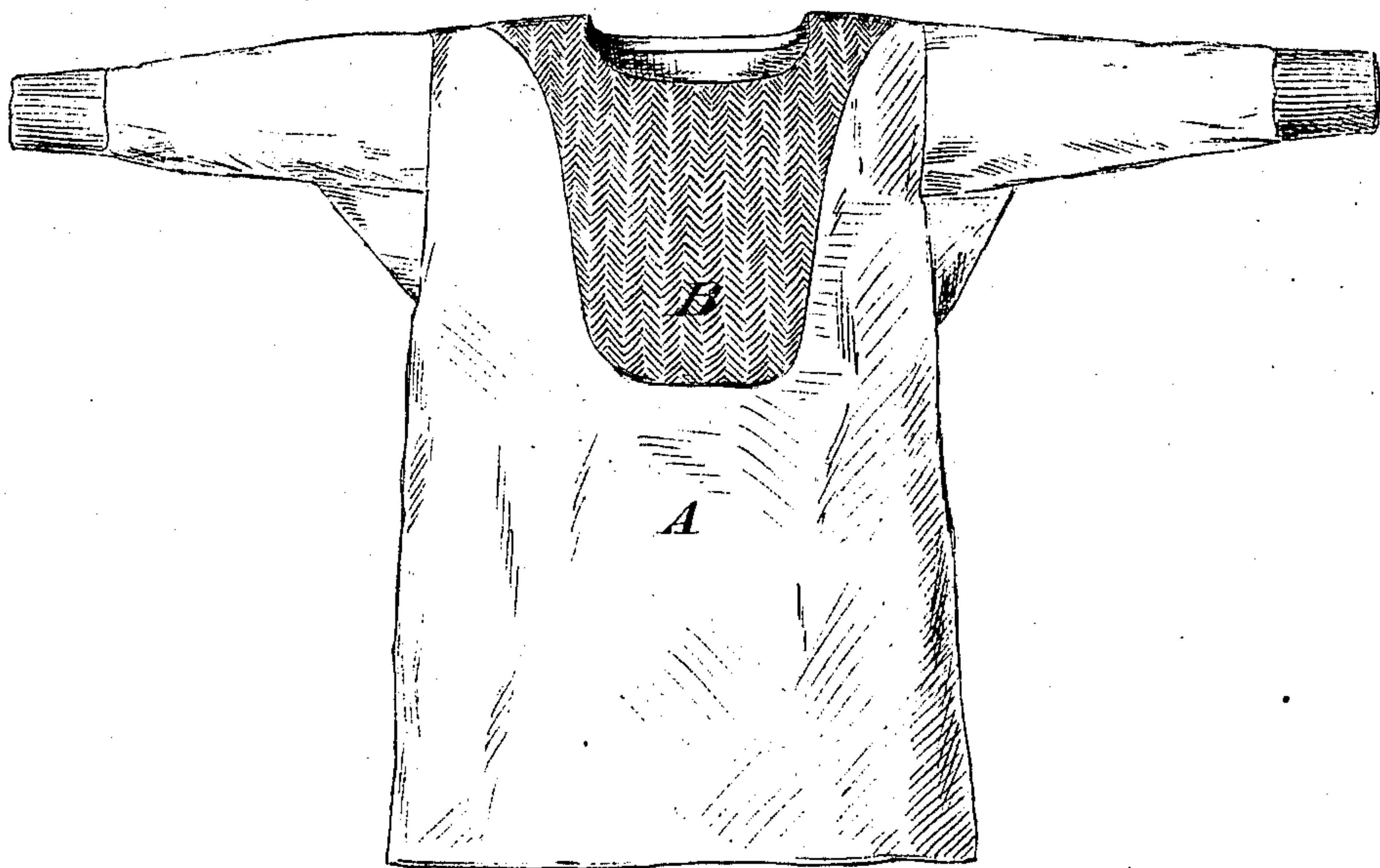


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRTS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. CARROLL, of Columbus, in the county of Lowndes and State of Mississippi, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shirts ; 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 drawing forming a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in shirts, and consists in the application to the front and top, around the neck, or partly around it, of a ribbed elastic knit goods, which, without having the slit or opening at the top commonly employed for opening to let the head through in putting the shirt on and off, will yield or stretch for the purpose, thereby avoiding the necessity of having the said slits or openings, which are objectionable in point of healthfulness and the labor of buttoning and repair.

The said improvement is designed mainly for under-shirts.

The drawing represents front view of a shirt made according to my invention.

A represents the body of the shirt, which may be of flannel, knit, or other goods.

B is the ribbed or other elastic substance which I propose to introduce in the bosom, and around or partly around the neck, as shown, the said part being of any requisite shape and size, to serve the purpose for which it is designed, viz., to expand for putting the head through the hole for the neck, and to contract again afterward to cause the shirt to assume the natural shape thereat, to avoid the use of the openings down the front now used, which are not sufficiently closed by the buttons used to exclude the air as much as required in cold or damp weather, especially for persons having weak lungs.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The combination, with the woven, knit, or other shirt, of the ribbed elastic part B, arranged and applied substantially in the manner specified.

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