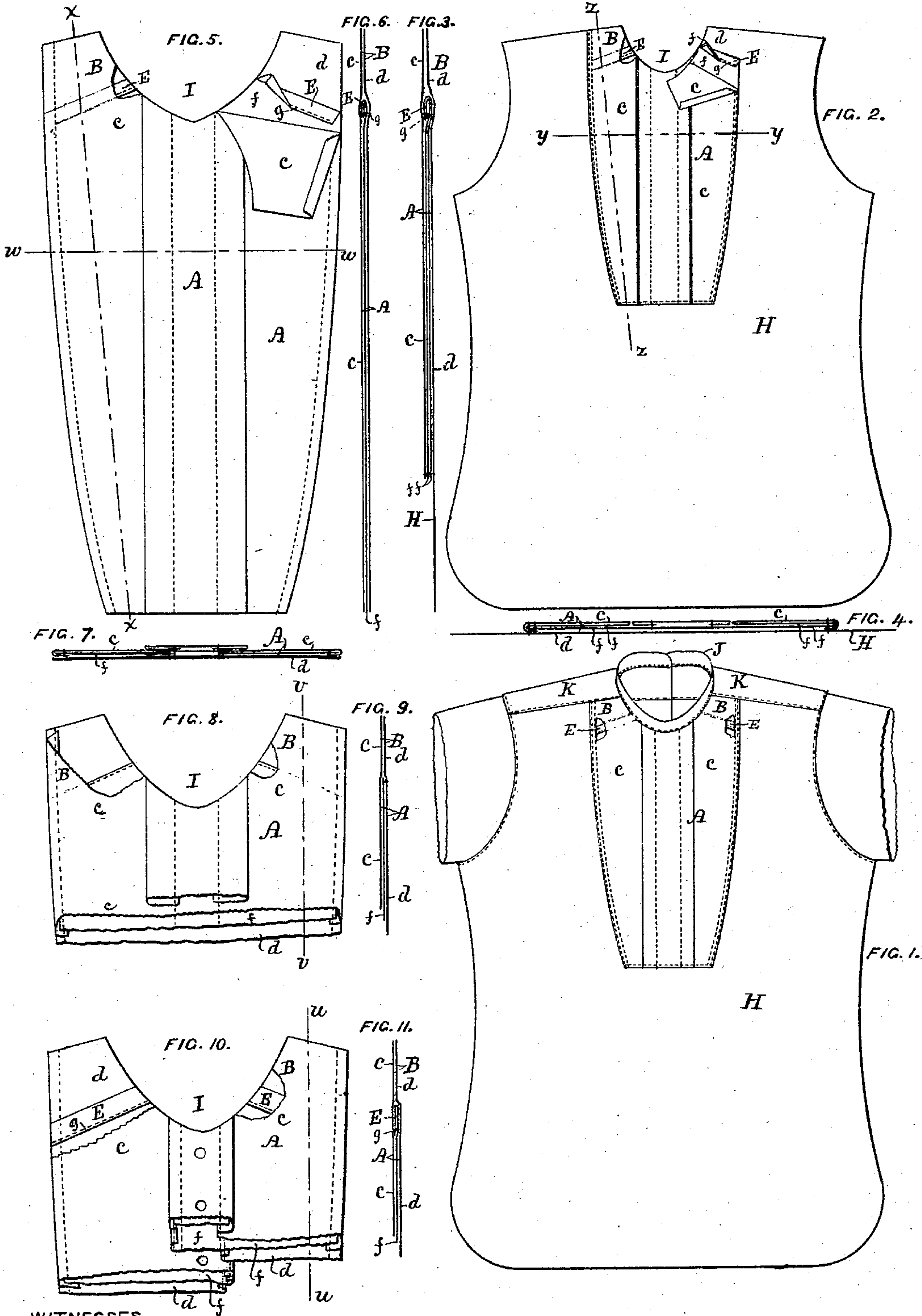


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRT-BOSOMS.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, JAMES H. MYERS, of the city of Troy, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Bosoms, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

The bosoms of gentlemen's shirts are commonly composed of three or more layers of linen, or linen and cotton cloth, and have the entire upper side parts, which extend along and are sewed fast to the neck-band, of the same thickness and stiffness as the main body of the bosom. Such thick and stiff upwardly-extended side parts of the bosom prevent the sides of the neck-band from freely conforming to the neck of the wearer, and often cause the exposed upper part of the bosom to rumple and fit badly, and feel very disagreeable to the person. To remedy or lessen that defect, and to stiffen and sustain the side parts of the upper portion of the bosom where exposed to view, are the principal objects of my present invention, which consists, first, of a shirt-bosom having the upper parts of its two upwardly-extended side portions made thinner and more flexible than the main body of the bosom, and, secondly, of thickening and stiffening strips formed and arranged in and across the lower parts of the upwardly-extended portions of the bosom, substantially as hereinafter described.

In the aforesaid drawing, Figure 1 is a front view of the body of a gentleman's shirt having one of my improved bosoms. Fig. 2 represents a shirt-front having one of my improved bosoms, of which some parts are partially detached, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged section of the same at the line *z z*, and Fig. 4 is a like section at the line *y y*. Fig. 5 is a front view of one of my improved shirt-bosoms having a portion partly detached, and Fig. 6 is a section of the same at the line *x x*, and Fig. 7 a section at the line *w w*. Fig. 8 represents a portion of one of my improved shirt-bosoms, and Fig. 9 is a section of the same at the line *v v*. Fig. 10 shows the upper parts of one of my improved shirt-bosoms, which can be opened in the middle, and Fig. 11 is a section of the same at the line *u u*.

A is the main body of the bosom, and B B are the two upper end portions thereof, which

are thinner and more flexible than the main bosom body. The body of the bosom is formed of layers of woven fabric, and either plain or plaited in the usual or any suitable manner. The upper end parts B B are formed by continuations of only the front layer C of the bosom, with or without like extensions of the extreme back layer *d*, or other suitable layer of the bosom body, when the latter consists of three or more thicknesses of woven fabric. The stiffening-strips E E are formed by a fold or folds in the inner or back layer or layers of the bosom, and are held in place by a row or rows of stitches, *g*, which may or may not extend through another layer, or other layers, of the bosom; or the stiffening-strips E E can be formed by securing separate strips of any suitable fabric back of the front layer *c*, by means of stitches passing through such strips and a layer or layers of the bosom, whether the upper parts of the extended side portions of the bosom are or are not thinner and more flexible than the bosom body. In the bosom represented by Figs. 8 and 9 there are no stiffening-strips across the lower parts of the upwardly-extended side portions B B. In the bosom shown by Figs. 10 and 11 the stiffening-strips E E are each formed by a single fold in the one middle layer *f*. In Figs. 5 and 6 each stiffening-strip E consists of two folds of the one inside layer. In Figs. 2 and 3 each stiffening-strip E is composed of a single fold of the two inner layers *f f* of the bosom, and a portion of the shirt-front H constitutes the back layer *d* of the bosom body and of the thin upper end portions B B. The thin upper portions B B may extend down more or less, near to the middle of the bottom of the neck-recess I in the bosom, but I generally prefer to have the bosom of full thickness along the middle portion of the bottom of that recess, so as to prevent the rumpling of the bosom at that place. In a shirt, the seams which unite the thin upper end portions B B of the sides of the bosom to the neck-band J and yoke K are smaller and less rigid, and less liable to be broken or injured in ironing, than in a shirt which has the extended upper side parts of the bosom of the same thickness as the main body thereof.

While a starched and ironed shirt having



my improved bosom is being worn the extended thin upper parts B B of the bosom are generally covered and hid from view by the collar or cravat and vest of the wearer, and while thus concealed are freely flexible, so as to allow the sides of the neck-band to conform and fit nicely to the neck of the person without rumpling or displacing the adjacent upper portions of the bosom which are exposed to view.

The stiffening-strips E E help to support and keep in place, and prevent wrinkles in, the side parts of the bosom which are exposed to view immediately below the concealed upper end portions thereof, and which are generally more liable to get rumpled or displaced than the other parts of the bosom that are in sight while the bosom is being worn.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A shirt-bosom, the main body of which is composed of two or more layers or thicknesses of material, having its upper portions B B of a less number of the thicknesses than the main body, substantially as described and shown, and for the purpose set forth.

2. In combination with the shirt-bosom A, the stiffening-strips E E, substantially as described and shown, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this 9th day of June, 1874.

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