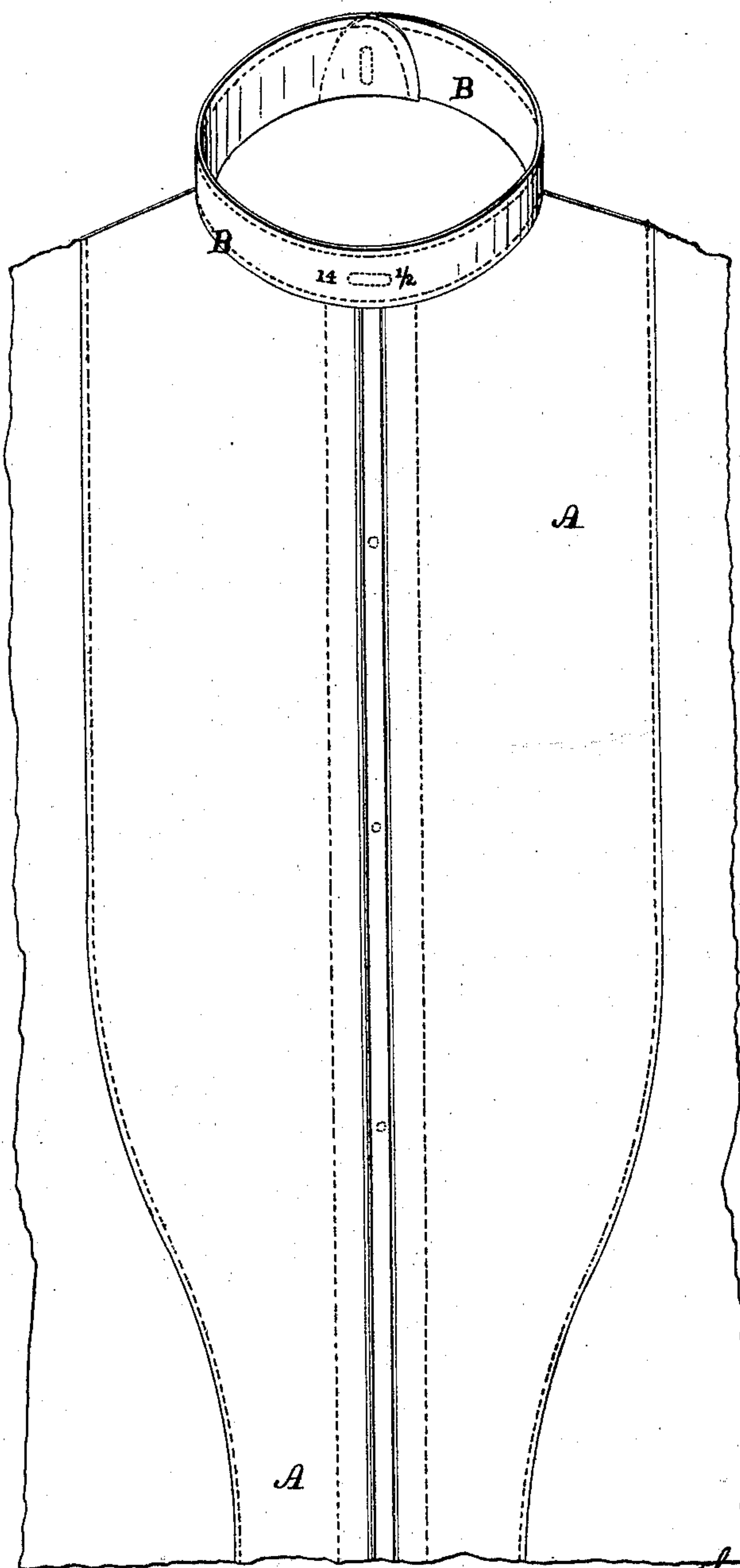


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRT-FRONTS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **171,352**, dated December 21, 1875; application filed August 28, 1875.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY CONVERSE, of Sandusky, in the county of Erie, and in the State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Fronts; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which is shown, in perspective, a view of my improved article.

In the making of shirts it is well known that the greatest difficulty is experienced in fitting the neck portion, and that seamstresses who are competent to fit other portions of the shirt will fail in making the neck-band set properly upon the neck of the wearer.

To obviate this difficulty, and render comparatively unskilled labor available in the construction of shirts, is the design of my invention, and which consists, as a new article of manufacture, in a shirt-band front, composed mainly of a bosom and neck-band combined and otherwise adapted to be permanently attached to a shirt-body, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter specified.

In the annexed drawing, A represents the bosom of a shirt, constructed in any well-known manner, and either open or close at its center, as may be desired. Fitted to the upper end of the bosom A is a neck-band, B, which band is permanently attached thereto, and is fitted in size and shape to some especial size or form of neck, and which may have marked upon its front side the numerals or

characters necessary to show its size. The rear portion of the neck-band B is completed, except at its lower edge, which is left open for attachment to the yoke or back of a shirt.

The article thus constructed can be readily combined with the front body part of a shirt by persons who are entirely unskilled and unable to fit the neck, and when thus combined enables a perfectly-fitting article to be produced at a much smaller cost than a shirt of equal quality can be procured for.

I am aware of the patent of J. H. Myers, issued February 13, 1872, No. 123,721, for an improvement in shirts and bosoms, and do not claim the invention therein shown and claimed.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention, what I claim is—

As a new article of manufacture, the shirt-band front consisting, essentially, of the bosom A and neck-band B, made to fit the breast and neck of the wearer, and permanently connected together, said front being otherwise constructed and arranged to be combined, incorporated with and form part of a complete shirt, substantially as described and shown, and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of August, 1875.

HENRY CONVERSE.

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