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Fig. 1.

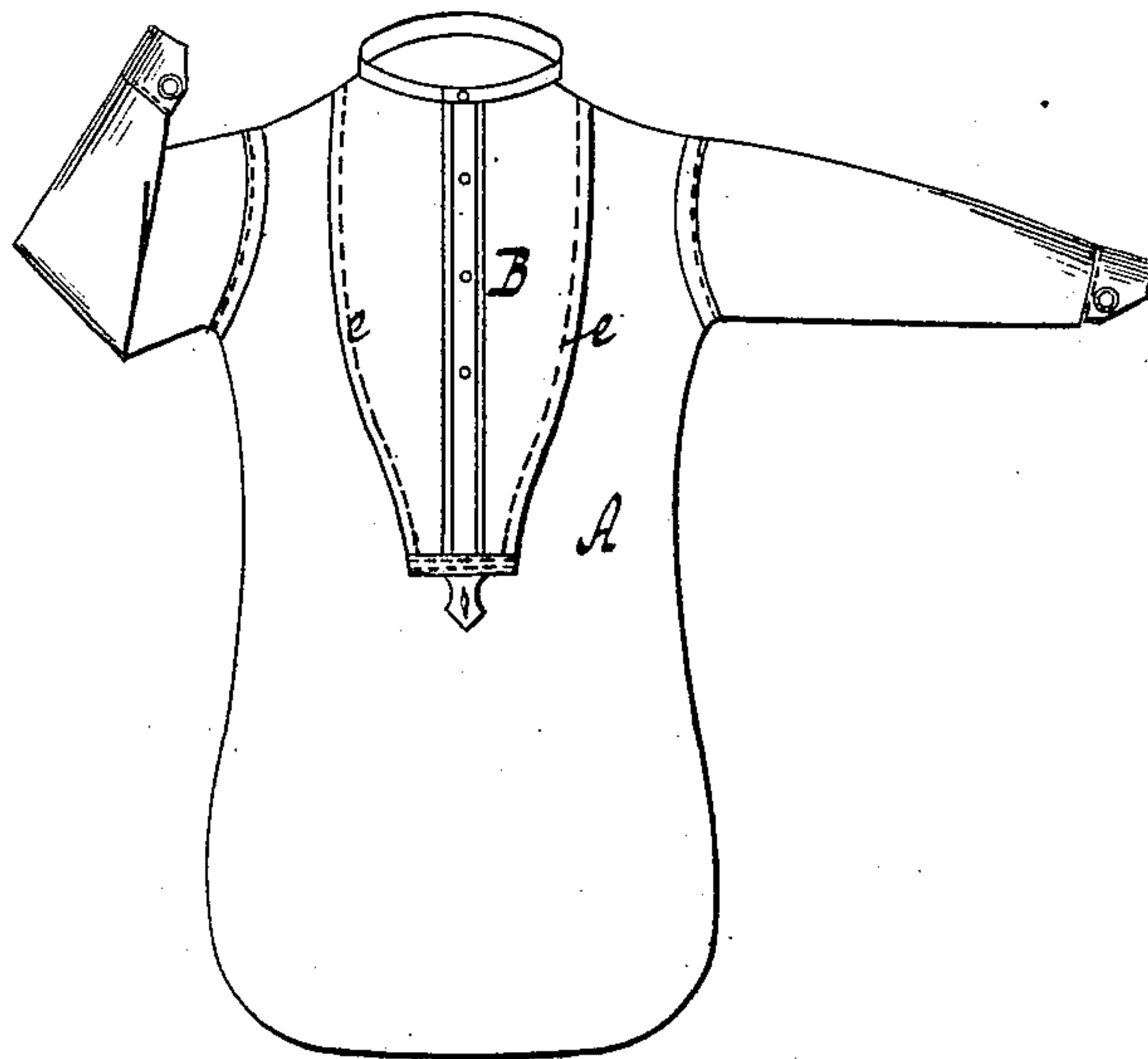


Fig. 2.



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## SHIRT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. GILBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glens Falls, in the county of Warren and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to bosom-shirts; and it consists in a certain novel connection of the bosom to the body of the article.

Prior to my invention the bosom has been joined to the shirt-body by folding the side edges of the bosom-opening in the body around the side edges of the bosom and then securing the whole by stitches, for the purpose of allowing the side edges of the bosom to spring away from the shirt-body on the front of the article, and obviating the wear of the body by such edges. This arrangement, however, is objectionable because the body material is thus brought on the face of the bosom, and, being usually of different quality from the bosom material, is unfavorable to the appearance of the shirt, and also wears more rapidly than the bosom.

To overcome this objection I connect the bosom to the shirt-body by means of back folds on the side edges of the bosom and front folds on the side edges of the bosom-opening in the shirt-body, such folds being interlocked and stitched together, as hereinafter more fully described.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of the shirt.

Fig. 2 is a cross-section of a portion thereof on a larger scale than in the previous figure.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

The letter A designates the shirt-body, and B the bosom; C D, Fig. 2, the folds, and e the stitching.

In carrying out my invention I fold both side edges of the bosom B in the direction of the back thereof, as at C, and fold like edges of the bosom-opening in the shirt-body A in a front or forward direction, as at D. I then interlock the folds and stitch the same together in one or more lines or places, as at e. In this manner the bosom is firmly secured to the shirt-body, and its side edges are allowed to spring away from the body on the front of the shirt, while the face of the bosom is left plain or continuous throughout.

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

A shirt the bosom of which is joined to the body thereof by means of back folds, C, on the side edges of the bosom and front folds, D, on the side edges of the bosom-opening in the shirt-body, such folds being interlocked and stitched together, substantially as described, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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