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Fig 1

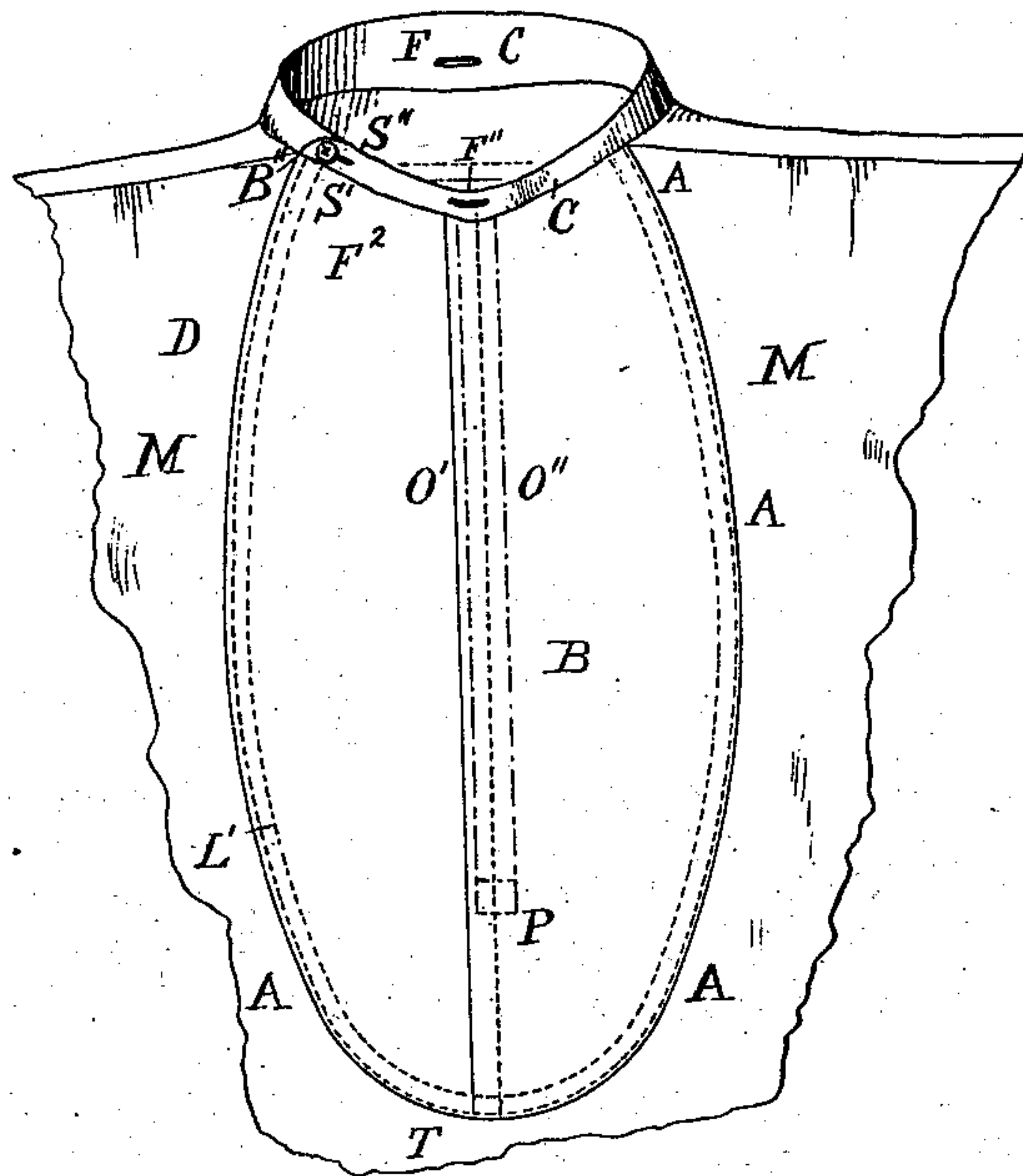
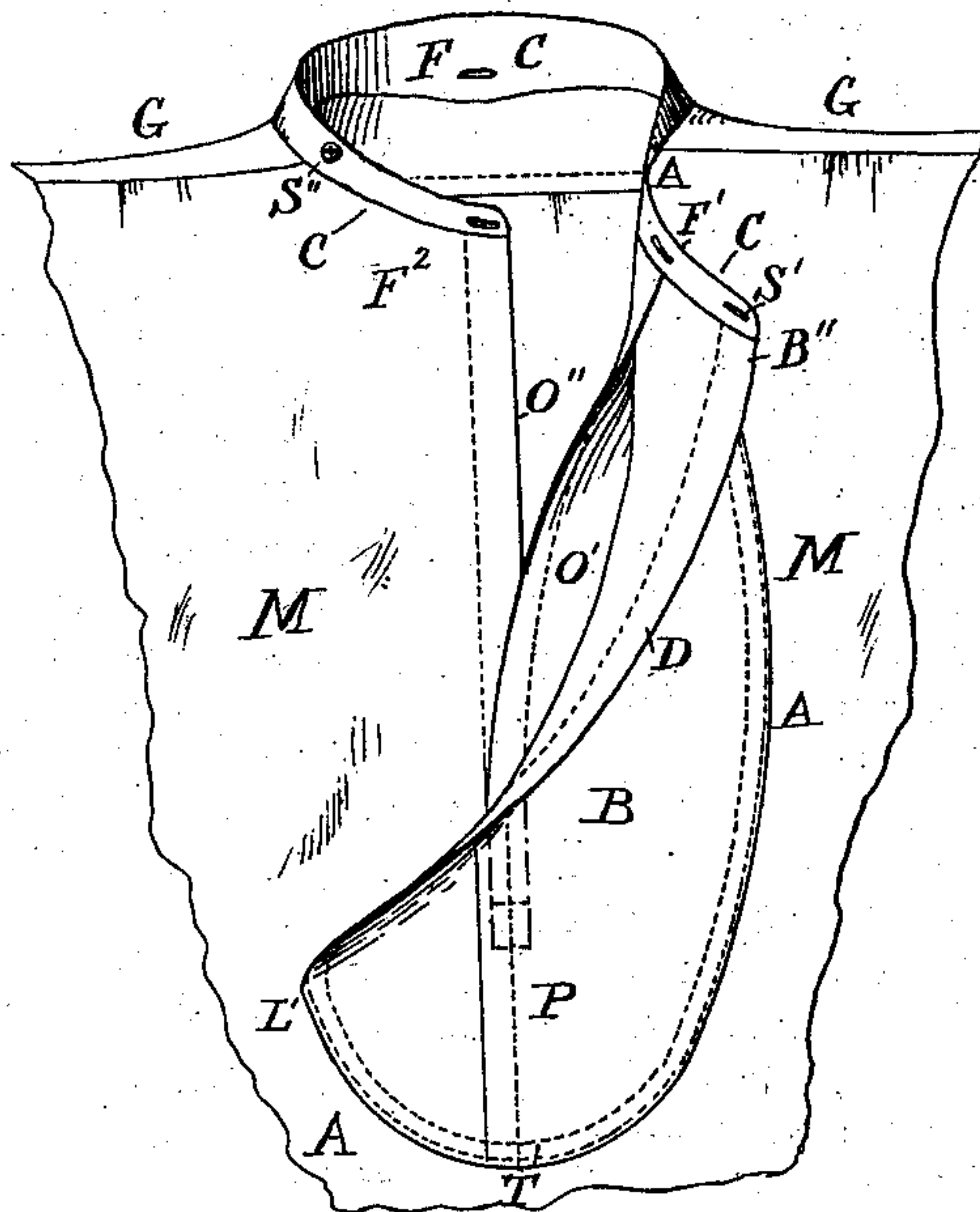


Fig 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS M. DUNHAM, of the village of Lansingburg, county of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bosom-Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to men's bosom-shirts, the object of the improvement being to form a shirt to open at the front by means of a fly-bosom and a lapping neckband without the vertical division of the bosom, and to form a handkerchief-pocket between the shirt-front below where divided vertically and the inside of the bosom.

Shirts as usually made to open at the front have a vertically-divided bosom, and this is easily soiled when being buttoned or unbuttoned or in taking out and putting in bosom-studs; and to obviate this difficulty many shirts are made to open at the back, so that an undivided bosom can be used. This latter way of making a shirt, while it overcomes the difficulty before named, produces an awkward and inconvenient means of attachment with many disadvantages. It cannot be unbuttoned to cool the throat and neck during hot weather without falling down at the front and so as to be in the way of the wearer when reading or writing at a desk.

With my improvement, however, all the advantages and convenience of having the shirt open at the front are obtained, and an undivided bosom used; and it can be thrown open at the front to cool the throat and neck without being in the way, and is much more easily put on and taken off than when made to open on the back. When in hot weather it becomes necessary to remove coat and vest while at work the convenience of a handkerchief-pocket in the shirt is desirable, and by my improved method of bosom attachment a pocket is produced and made a part of it.

In the accompanying drawings there are two figures illustrating a part of a shirt containing my invention, the same reference-letters being employed to indicate the same parts in both figures.

Figure 1 shows a part of a shirt with the fly-bosom buttoned up at the center and side. Fig. 2 illustrates a view of the same parts of a shirt with the band unbuttoned and the bosom-fly thrown open, also illustrating the manner of closing the front vertical opening of

the shirt back of the bosom, as well as illustrating the hand-entrance to the pocket formed in the shirt between the front below where vertically divided and the inside of the bosom.

The parts of the shirt and the manner of forming them to constitute my improvement are designated by letter-reference and described as follows:

B indicates the bosom, which is without vertical division, and this is sewed to the shirt-front M in all its exterior boundaries, excepting upon a part of its fly side from L' to B'', and excepting where sewed to the neckband, the line of its attachment to the shirt-front being indicated at A A A A. From L' to B'' the bosom is unattached to the front to form the fly D, so that the bosom can be thrown open, as shown in Fig. 2.

At O' and O'' the shirt is divided at the front vertically from the neckband C to P. The neckband is joined to the bosom at the top, and so as to lap past the collar-stud end, and to button to that portion of the band which it subtends at the side near the yoke to secure the fly part of the bosom, as indicated at S' S'', and also to button at the front to close the neck the shirt-front inside of the bosom, as indicated at F' F'', the fly part of the bosom (indicated at D) furnishing a hand-opening between the shirt and bosom to reach the handkerchief-pocket T.

While I have shown the front button-holes as made in the neckband for a collar-stud, yet, if desired, a button-hole and button may be used for the same purpose at that point.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a bosom-shirt, the bosom-fly D, open at the side from B'' to L' to form a hand-passage to the pocket T, formed in the shirt below the fly and between the bosom and the shirt, at the bottom of the bosom, as shown and described.

2. In a bosom-shirt, the combination of the pocket T, formed between the bosom and the shirt, at the bottom of the bosom, the bosom-fly D, overlapping neckband C, front button-hole attachments, F' F'', and fly-button-hole attachments S' S'', as shown and described.

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