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Fig. 1

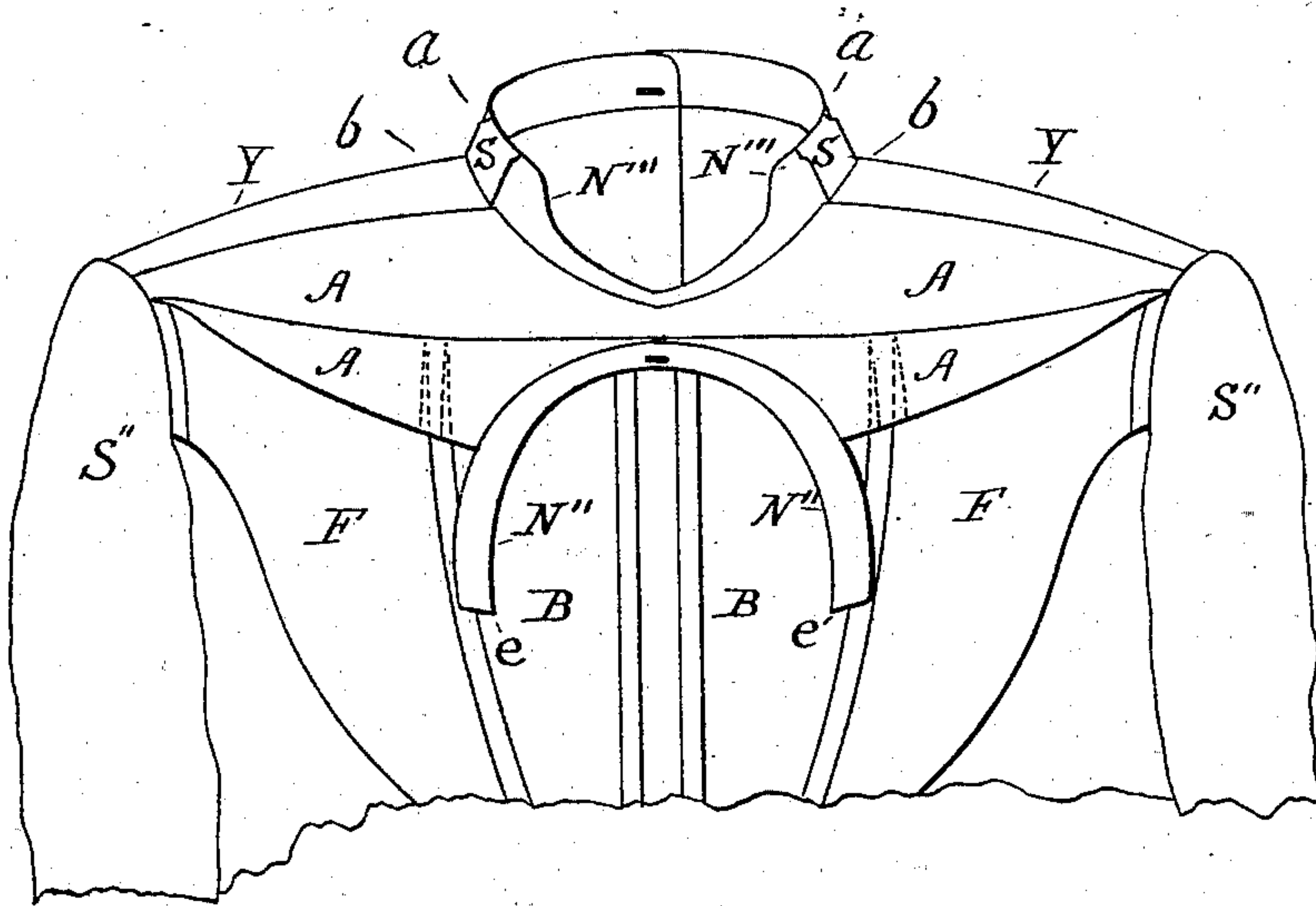
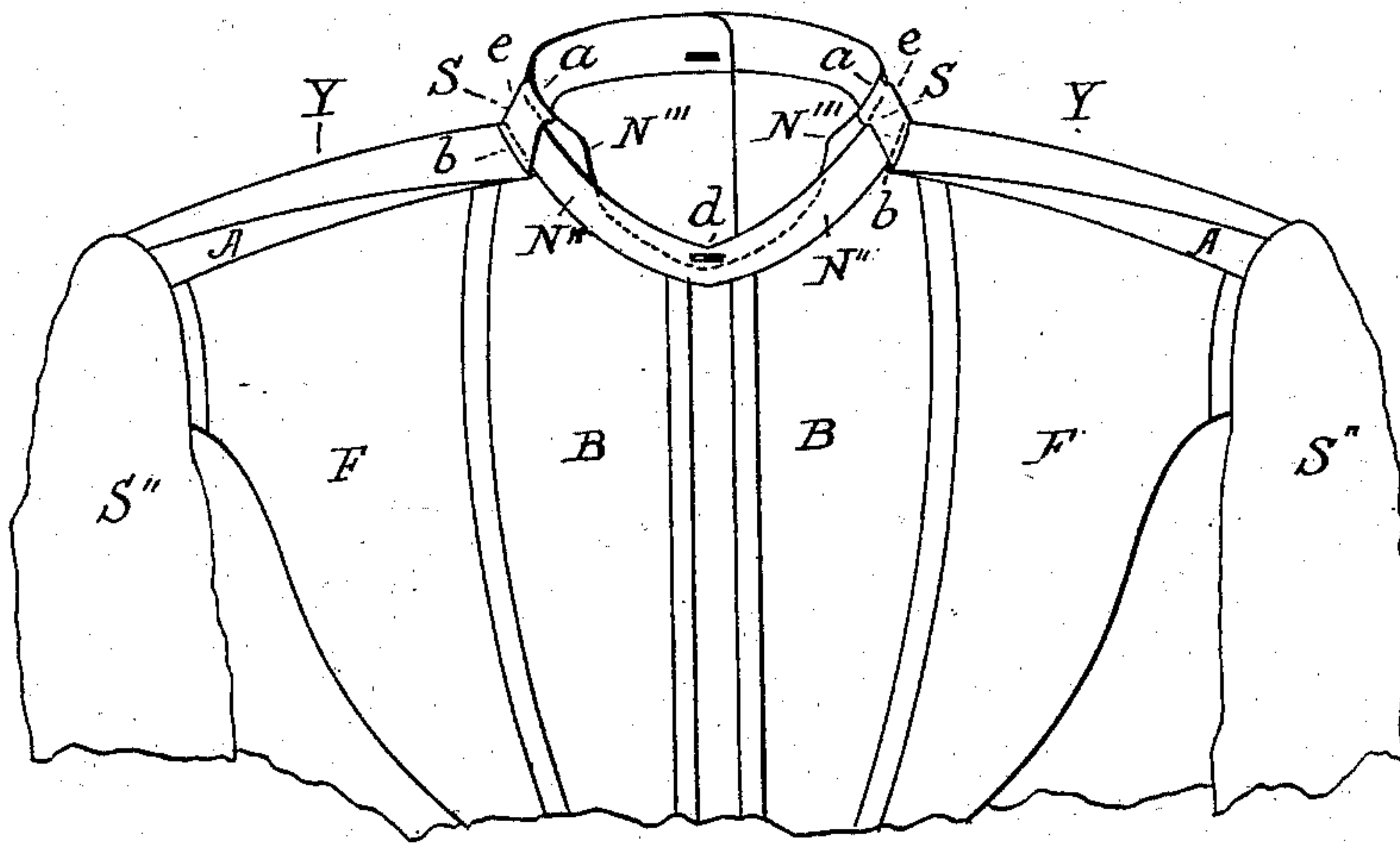


Fig. 2



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SHIRT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE W. MESSER, of the city of Troy, 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 improvements in bosom shirts; and it consists in a method of constructing and arranging a shirt body and bosom with the latter detached and free from the former at the top of the bosom, and the latter constructed with tabs or subtending ends on the neckband, which are arranged to pass into or through guideways or pockets formed upon the neckband of the body, at its sides, the object of the improvement being to produce a means by which the area of the neck-opening may be enlarged or decreased, and so that collars of differing length may be used and attached to the shirt. During hot weather a larger area of neck-opening and a larger and longer collar than that necessitated in cold weather promotes the comfort of the wearer, and by means of my improved method of making the combined shirt and bosom this desired adjustment is easily produced.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, there are two figures illustrating my invention, in both of which the same designation by reference-letters is used.

Figure 1 shows a view of a bosom shirt with the bosom detached from the body at the top of the bosom, with the latter turned over outwardly and folded down. This view shows the subtending tabs on the end of the bosom-neckband and the guideways or horizontal pockets made on the sides of the shirt-body neckband to receive the lapping and subtending tab ends of the bosom-neckband. Fig. 2 illustrates a bosom shirt made according to my method, with the subtending ends of the bosom-neckband tabs inserted in the guideways or pockets made in the sides of the neckband of the shirt-body, and with the bosom in the position it is in when worn.

The several parts of the shirt illustrated as containing my invention are designated by letter-reference and their connected arrangement described as follows: The bosom B is shown as detached from the shirt-body A at the top, and by means of the facing F connected with

the body at S'. The bosom B is cut out to receive the neckband N'' N'', and this latter has tabs *e e* upon each end, which project beyond the bosom. Upon the sides of the neckband of the body (designated at N''') are formed the pockets or guides S, made by a thickness of material sewed to the exterior of the body-neckband N''' at its top and bottom, as designated at *a b*. These guides or pockets receive the tabs upon the neckband of the bosom, (designated at *e e*), the latter passing into or through them for lapping adjustment, and by means of which the neck-opening in the shirt may be enlarged or reduced in area, so as to attach at *d* a longer or shorter collar.

While I have shown the guides or pockets S as produced by means of an outer thickness of material attached to the neckband of the shirt-body, the guides or pockets may be made by cutting one or more vertical slots in the neckband of the shirt-body to receive the tabs upon the neckband of the bosom, and in either case the guides so made will perform the same office and in the same manner.

I am well aware that shirt-bosoms have been made with the upper portion of the bosom unattached to the shirt, with strings attached to the ends of the bosom-band, arranged to tie at the back independently of the neckband of the shirt proper. This method of using a shirt-bosom unattached at the top differed from mine in the fact that tabs are formed upon the bosom-band, which attach to the neckband of the shirt proper at its sides by my method, and the means of attachment is an adjustable one.

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

In a bosom shirt, the combination of a shirt-bosom unattached to the shirt-body at the top of the bosom, subtending tabs formed upon the neckband of the bosom, and pockets or guides made in the neckband of the shirt-body, as and for the purposes described and set forth.

Signed at Troy, New York, this 17th day of September, 1881.

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