

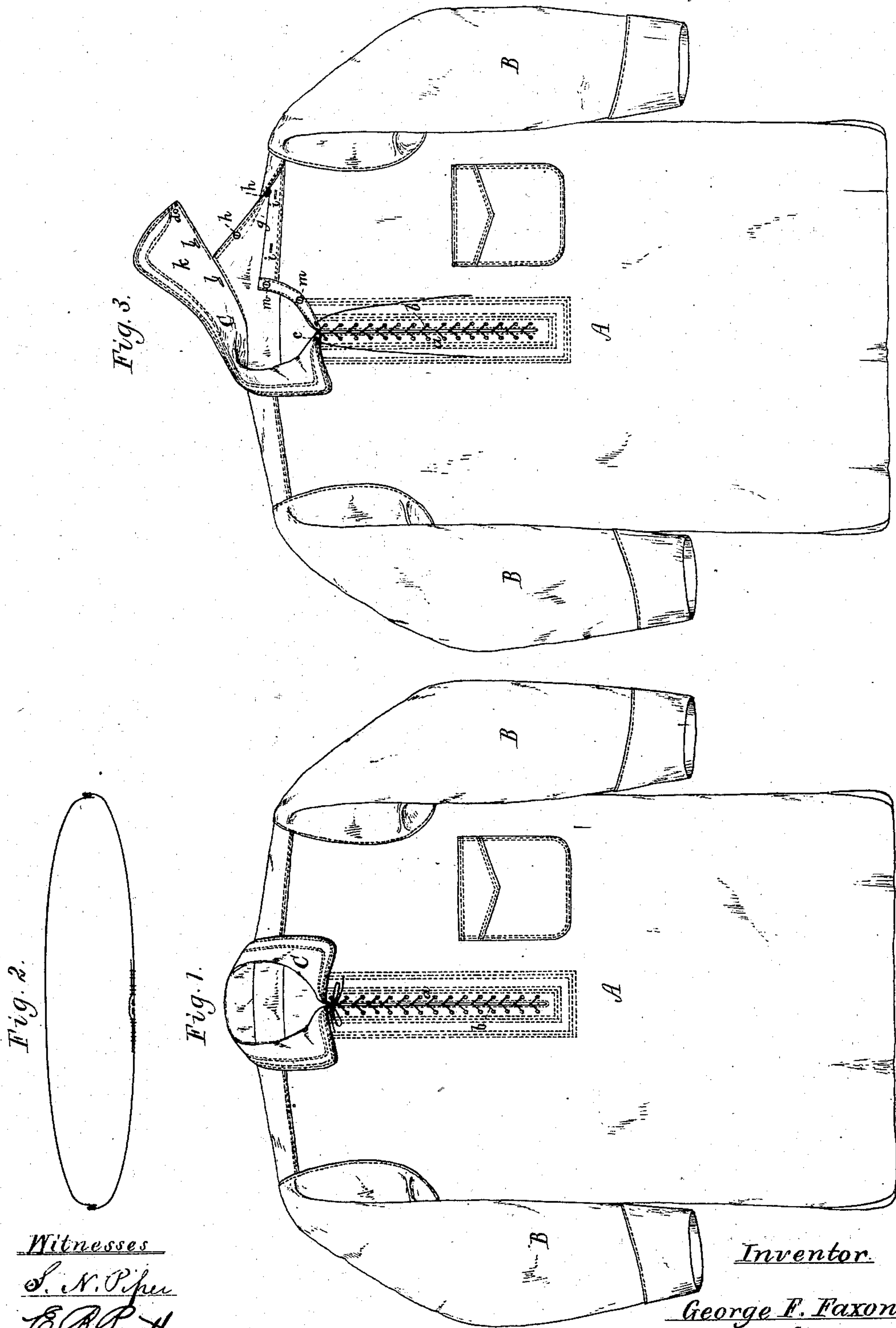
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. FAXON, of Watertown, of the county of Middlesex, of the State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shirts; and I do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a horizontal section, of one of my improved shirts as closed, and Fig. 3 is a like elevation of it as open, or in a condition to be drawn over the head and upon the body of a person.

My invention, defined in the claim herein after presented, relates to that class of shirts, usually termed "overshirts," worn by "wheelmen" or riders of bicycles, or by "lawn-tennis" players; and it consists of a shirt having what is termed a "closed front" and a "closed back," and having in the body, at one shoulder, a slit or opening from the collar down along or through the shoulder to, or nearly to, the sleeve, and also having the collar from the said opening to, or near to, the width of the front of the body detached from the body, the shirt being provided with buttons and button-holes for closing the opening and buttoning to the shirt the detached part of the collar. A shirt so made, with the collar for a part of its length fastened to the body, can readily be put on or removed from the body of a person, and after having been drawn on can be closed at the shoulder and have the free part of the collar secured to the shirt-body.

In the drawings the said body of the shirt is shown at A, the sleeves at B B, and collar at C, the said collar being what is usually termed a "turn-down" one. The shirt at the breast, from the collar downward, is closed, or without any opening for a person's head to pass through while the shirt may be in the act of being drawn on or off the body of such person, although such shirt may have in its front, as shown, a series of lacing-holes, *a*, and a lacing, *b*, to extend up the middle of such front, the lacing also going through holes *c* *d* in the collar. The front at the middle may be made with two plaits or laps to receive the lacing-holes, such plaits or laps being to give to the front the appearance of what is termed

a "laced open front," having an opening extending down the middle of the front, and for a person's head to pass through while the shirt may be in the act of being drawn upon or removed from the body of such person. In such cases the lacing and lacing-holes, or such and the fictitious opening, or that between the plaits or flies, are simply matters of ornamentation, except that the lacing by going through the holes in the collar near its ends is used to tie together the ends of the collar at the front of the neck, and to secure down to the front the end portion of the detached part of the collar, there being a lacing-hole in the said part near its end. Along the crown of one shoulder, from the collar to, or nearly to, the sleeve, the shirt is open, as shown at *g*, the shirt contiguous thereto being provided with buttons *h* and button-holes *i*, to enable the said opening to be closed by them. In other words, the back and the front of the shirt are disconnected along the shoulder from the collar to, or nearly to, the sleeve, and provided with buttons and button-holes or eyelets and a lacing, or other suitable separable fastenings, to effect the required closing of the shoulder-opening. The collar in such case is connected to the neck part of the shirt-body, except from the shoulder-opening to, or about to, the middle of the front, the disconnected part *k* of the collar having button-holes *l* in its lower part to receive buttons *m*, fastened to the shirt-body, formed to admit of the detachable part of the collar being lapped a short distance on it, all being substantially as represented.

Sometimes I provide the shirt-body and detachable part of the collar with lacing-holes, arranged in the collar and neck and in the back and front of the shirt at the shoulder-opening, such being to receive a lacing. That used within the front may be long enough to extend therefrom through the neck and detachable part of the collar, and thence through the lacing-holes of the shoulder-opening; but I do not consider such means of closing the shoulder-opening and fastening down the detachable part of the collar as so convenient or useful as buttons and button-holes.

Preparatory to drawing on the shirt it should be unbuttoned at the shoulder, and the

detachable part of the collar should also be unbuttoned from the neck part of the front. The shirt in such condition may be "drawn on," and after the drawing of it on a person may have been accomplished he is to button the parts together at the shoulder, and also button the separate part of the collar down to the front.

I make no claim to a shirt provided with two openings extending through the collar-band and down along the shoulders, and having a collar-band or collar in two distinct pieces to button together, all being in manner and arranged as shown in the United States Patent No. 111,978, as I have in my improved shirt but one shoulder-opening, and the collar is in one piece, and is disconnected from the shirt-body from the shoulder-opening to, or near to, the middle of the neck; nor do I claim a shirt-bosom constructed as shown in the United States Patent No. 5,019, in which there are no shoulder-openings, but an opening at the back, such being very inconvenient of access for being closed, whereas by having the opening at

and down the shoulder from the collar and such collar arranged with such opening, in manner as represented, ready access can be had to the opening to effect the closing of it. In my shirt the collar is fastened to the back around the entire back of the neck.

I claim as my invention—

A shirt having a closed front, an opening from the neck down along the shoulder, and a collar connected with the shirt from such opening entirely around the back of the neck and to the middle of the front, but disconnected therefrom, from the shoulder-opening thereof to, or near to, the middle of the front of the neck, the shirt being provided with buttons and button-holes or other suitable separable fastenings properly arranged for closing the opening at the shoulder and connecting the free part of the collar to the shirt, as occasion may require, all being substantially as set forth.

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