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Fig. 1

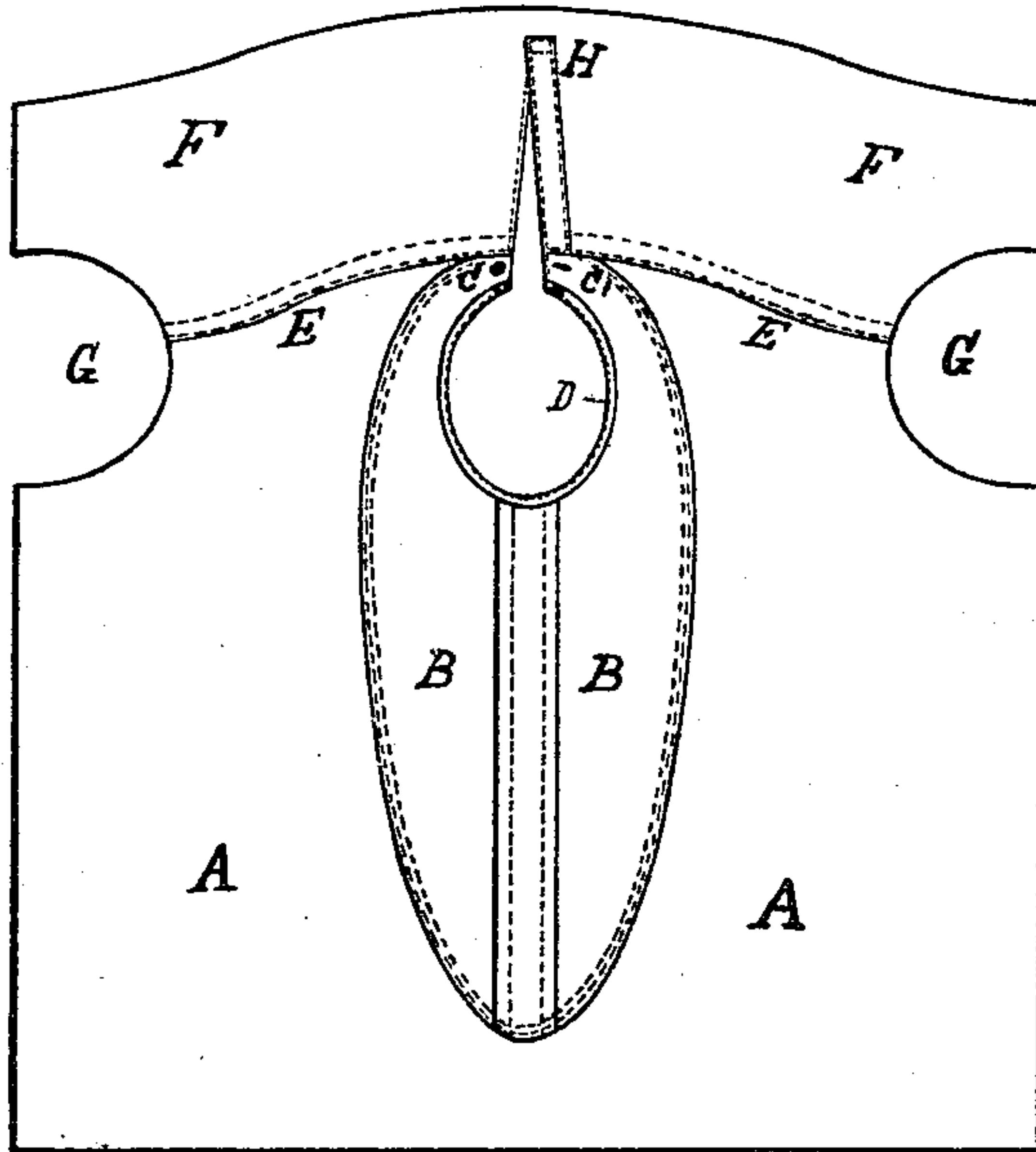
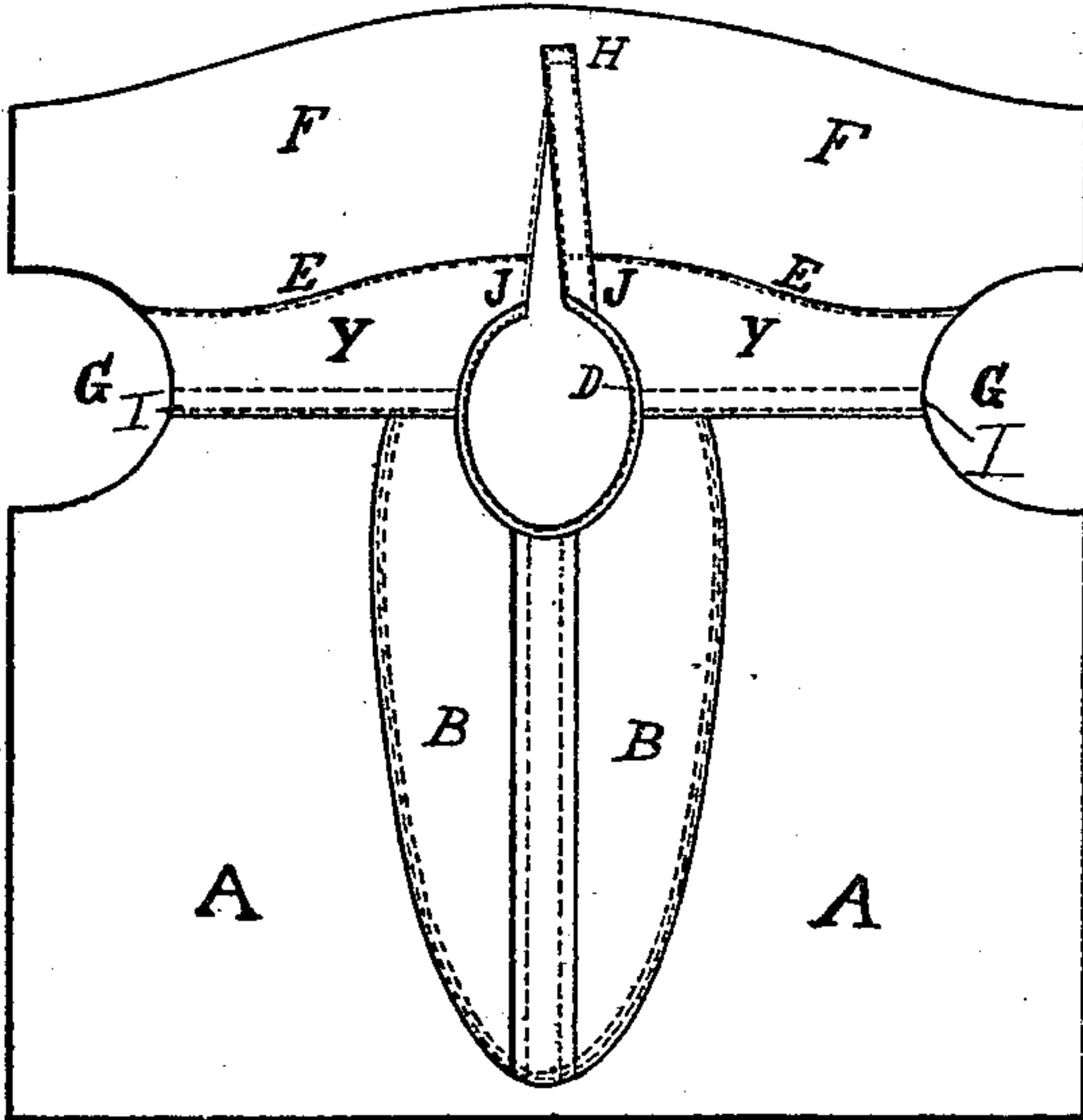


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT CLUETT, of the city of Troy, county of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, with the letters marked thereon, which form a part of said specification.

This invention relates to dress-shirts; and the improvements consist in that part of the bosom and the shirt contiguous to the neckband, the object being to improve the fit and appearance of that portion of the shirt and to avoid the front yoke-seam.

It is well known that if the vest or other garment worn over the shirt does not fit perfectly, or that if the body from any cause is made to assume an unnatural or unusual position, that portion of the shirt just below the neckband is exposed to view, and presents a wrinkled and untidy appearance, and also that the strain upon the bosom is brought entirely upon its connection at the front. To avoid these and other difficulties I extend the bosom of the shirt upward and around the neck, as illustrated in drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my shirt, viewed from a point just above the imaginary wearer's head. Fig. 2 is the same view of a shirt made in the usual manner.

In Fig. 1, A is the front part of the body of the shirt, which meets the back part, F, at the seam E. The front part has the neck-opening bordered by the neckband D, and extending on one side of the shirt down into the back to H. The front is also provided with a bosom, B, which extends upward and around the neck to the back side, where the ends C C' may be buttoned together to close the opening in the back of the shirt when the opening is at the back. If the shirt should be made with the opening in the front instead of in the back, such ends C C' would be closed.

In shirts as now generally constructed (shown in Fig. 2) the front and back parts are separated by an intervening yoke, Y, and the bosom does not pass above or beyond the yoke, although there are some styles of shirts in which the bosom passes over or under the yoke; still the yoke remains. The opening in the back of this shirt, Fig. 2, is held together by the ends J J' of the yoke. When the front

of this shirt is stitched to the yoke at the seam I it is almost impossible to do it twice alike. The seam will be deeper in some shirts than in others. The ends will not come out even, and the seam underneath so many intersecting parts will feel uncomfortable and often annoy the wearer; and, further, as the bosom is attached only at the front, the strain and drag is upon such front connection, and is liable to give way. In my improved method this seam I is entirely dispensed with, as the ends C C', being but a continuation and part of the bosom, form of themselves a substitute for the yoke. The bosom and its ends C C' may be stitched at or near the edge to the body of the shirt, as shown by dotted lines. The said ends C C' need not extend entirely around to the back opening, H, as the underlying portion of A can be made to answer the purpose on the back side, although it is better re-enforced by such ends.

In this manner of making a shirt a perfectly-fitting garment is produced, with a smooth surface outside and inside about the neck and over the shoulders, which part may be laundered like the lower or remaining part of the bosom. Moreover, the strain or drag of the bosom will be upon the shoulders and around the neck, thereby materially lessening the liability of the bosom to break away from the body of the shirt, and furnishing an easy and comfortable support for the shirt, and allowing a freer movement of the arms and body without disarranging or wrinkling the bosom.

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

1. A shirt having the bosom and neckband continued over the shoulder and attached directly to the back part without a separate intervening yoke, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. In combination with a shirt, a bosom having extending ends C C' passing up and around the neckband to the rear of the neckband, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand this 21st day of September, 1882.

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