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Fig 1.

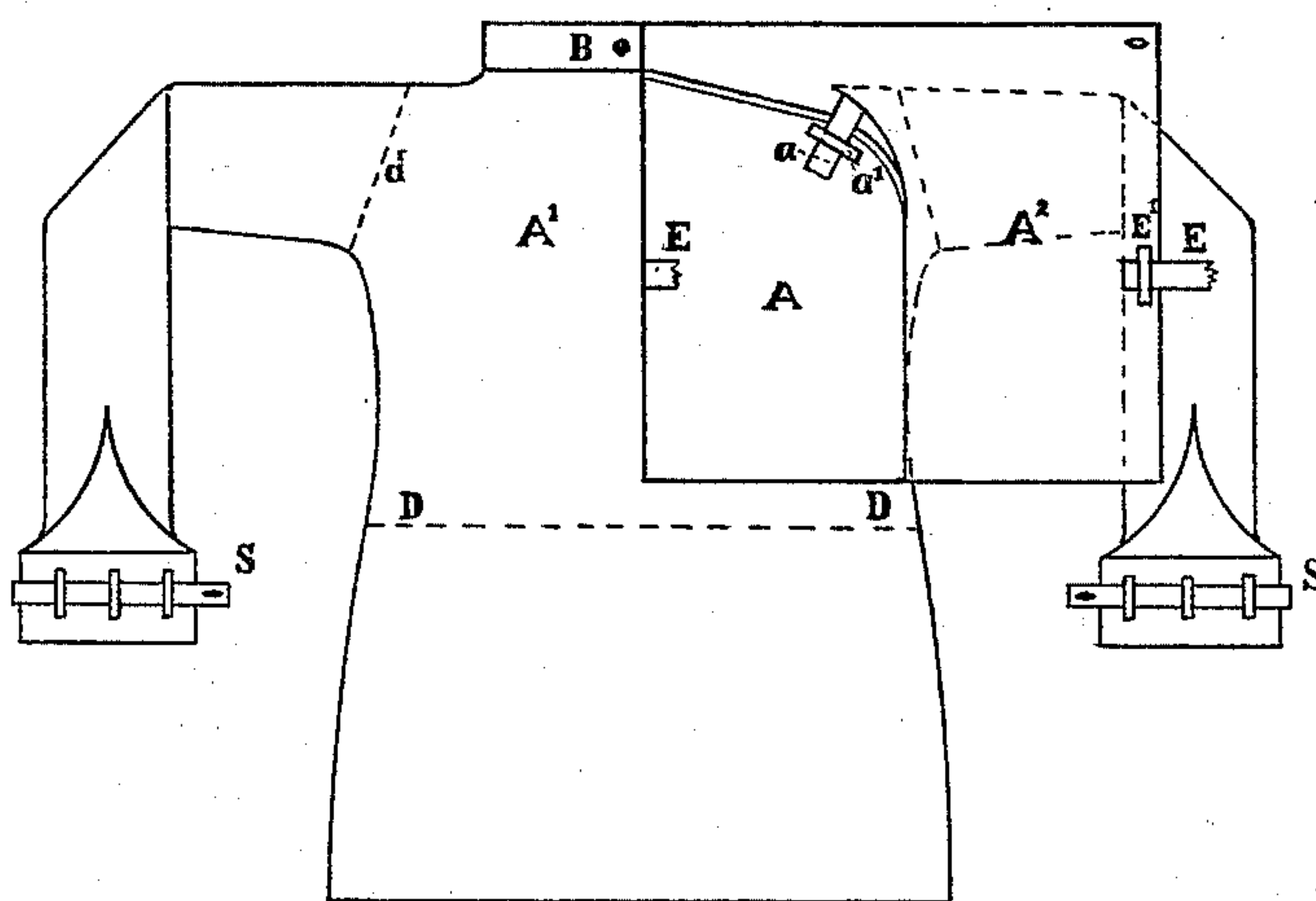
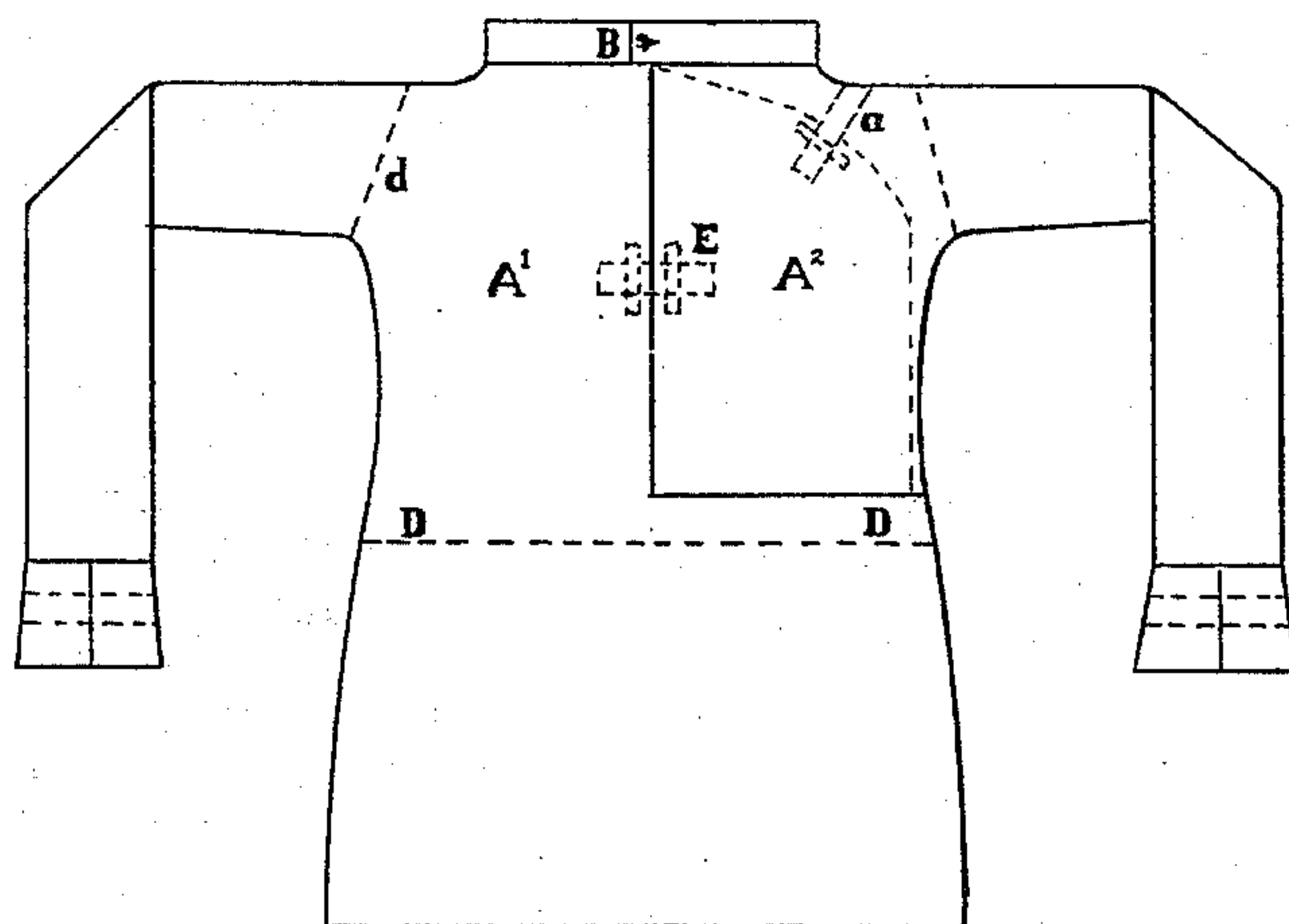


Fig 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. WILLIAMS, of the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shirts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a back view, showing the back flap turned back to expose the internal lining. Fig. 2 is a back view of the shirt, showing the back flap secured in place.

My invention consists in providing a back-lining combined with a back flap and self-adjusting elastic fastenings, as hereinafter described.

A in Fig. 1 is the back or lining of the shirt, which may be made of thick material, adapted to protect the back of the wearer from sudden changes in temperature. A' and A² are the exterior back-covering portions of the shirt, the part A² constituting a flap. The back A is stitched to the shirt at the dotted line D D, and the portion of the back which lines the part A' is stitched to the neckband of the shirt and to the shoulder portion at the dotted line d, while the portion of the back A beneath the flap A² is stitched to the shirt only at the line D, as already stated, the upper portion being secured to the shoulder by the elastic strap a. The parts A' and A² are stitched to the neckband and retained together by the elastic-strap fastening E and by the button or stud B and button hole or holes in the neckband. The ends of the elastic straps are fastened to the parts which they are intended to secure at some distance from their edges, and the free

portion of the parts to be retained secured to the straps by loops a' and E', attached to the part, and through which the elastic strap passes. When the neckband is unfastened at B the shirt is free to be put on or off, the elastic straps a and E yielding sufficiently to allow the shirt to pass over the head, and when the shirt is on drawing or holding the parts securely in position, which are thus self-adjustable.

The wristbands or cuffs of the shirt are provided with elastic straps S, which extend around and inside of the cuff or wristband, and are adjustably secured thereto by loops, as shown in Fig. 1, the ends of the elastic straps being secured together by button or stud fastenings, or permanently stitched together. The edges of the cuffs or wristbands will thus be held together upon the wrist, as shown in Fig. 2, and may be slipped on and off without unfastening the wristband or elastic strap.

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

1. A shirt having two back-covering parts, A' and A², provided with the elastic-strap fastenings E, substantially as described.

2. The back-protector A, with one side free, and secured to the shoulder only by the elastic fastening a.

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