

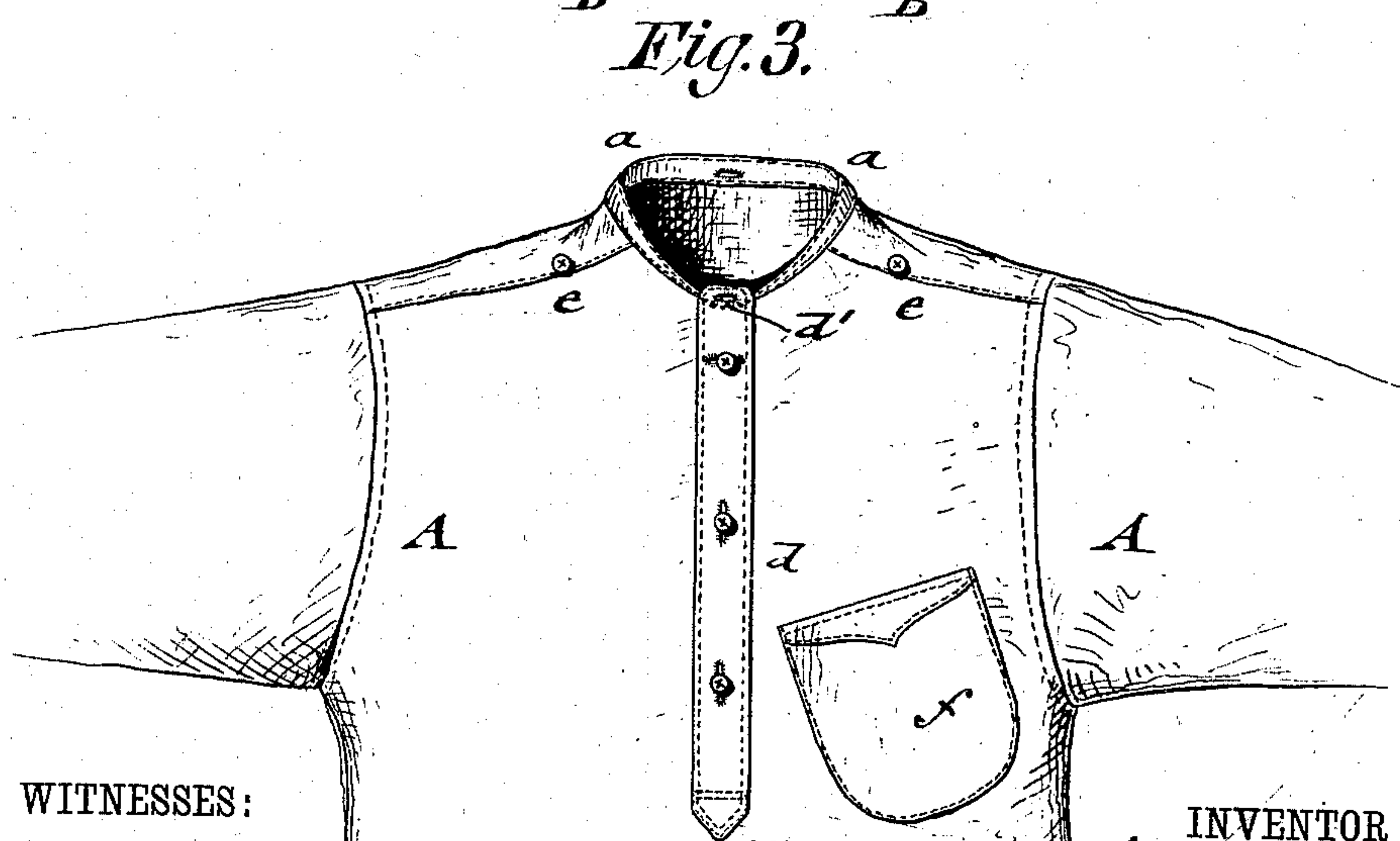
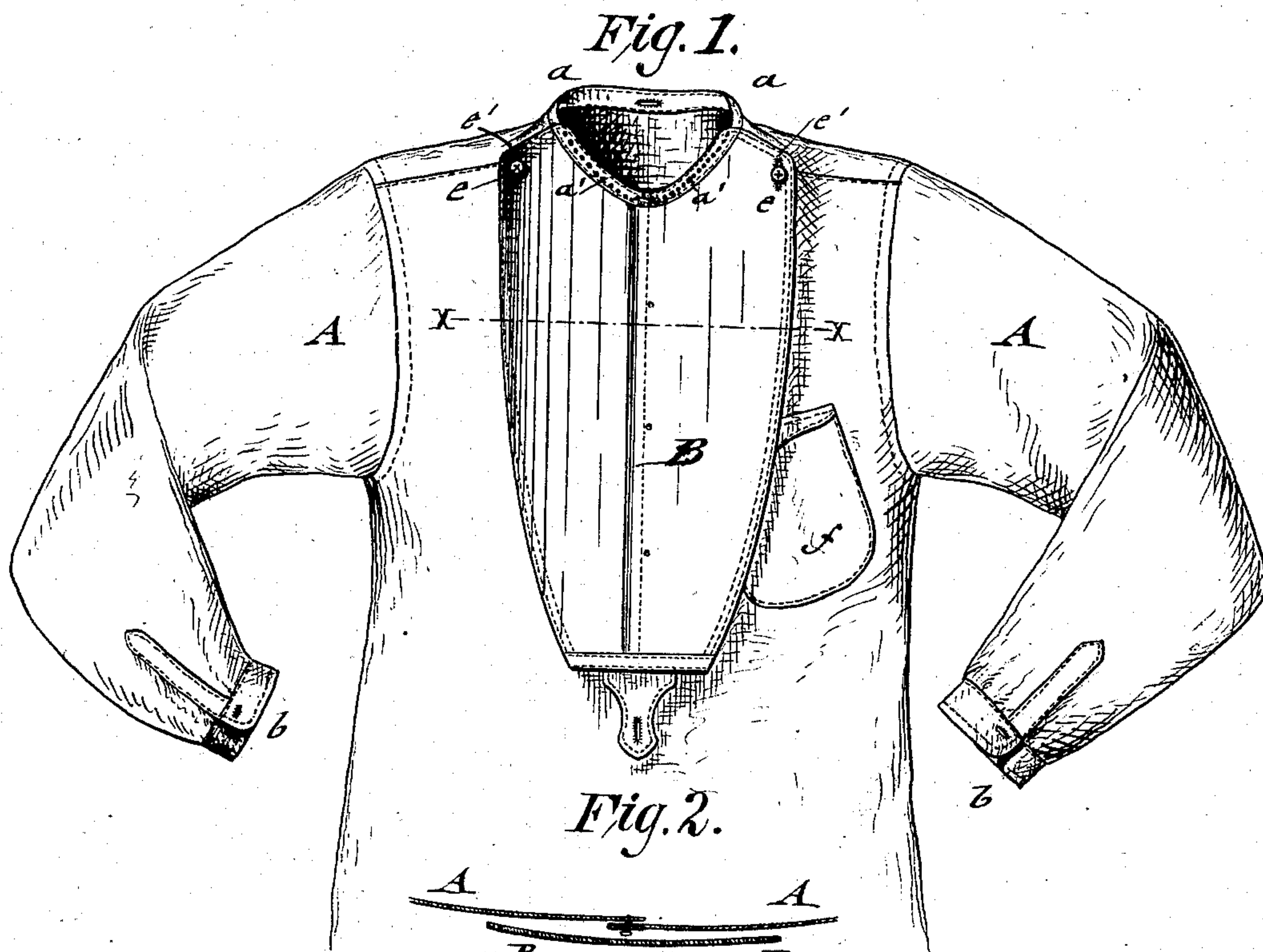
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SALI STARK, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved shirt that is to be worn with a detachable and interchangeable bosom, so as to be of special advantage for traveling and for other purposes, as the shirt, without the bosom, is, furthermore, adapted for use as a night-shirt; and the invention consists of a shirt provided with a neckband that diminishes in width from the rear part toward the front part, where it is narrowest. At each shoulder, at some distance from the neckband, is a button or other fastening device for a detachable bosom, which latter is also applied to the front collar-button, that is applied to a button-hole located above the front part of the neckband in an upward extension of the plait.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved shirt, shown with a detachable bosom in position thereon. Fig. 2 is a detail horizontal section of the same on line *x x*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a front view of the shirt with the bosom detached.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A in the drawings represents a shirt, which is provided with a neckband, *a*, and sleeve-bands *b b*. The neckband *a* is not made of equal width throughout, but gradually diminishing in width from the rear toward the front of the shirt, where it is narrowest, as shown in Fig. 3. The shirt A is provided with a plait, *d*, that extends sufficiently above the narrow front part of the neckband so as to furnish space for a button-hole, *d'*. The neckband of the bosom B is wider than the front part of the neckband of the shirt, and extends above and covers the latter, leaving a single band to engage the collar, by which means a better and more comfortable fit is secured. On each shoulder of the shirt, at some distance from the neckband *a*, is arranged a button or other fastening device, *e*, to which and the front collar-button, that is placed into the button-hole *d'* at the upper end of plait *d*, a detachable bosom, B, is applied, as shown in Fig. 1. This bosom is provided with a neck-

band, *a'*, which is equal in width with the rear part of the neckband of the shirt, and which forms thereby the complement of the rear part of the neckband *a*, as shown in Fig. 1. The neckband *a'* of the bosom B projects thus above the narrow and gradually-diminishing front part of the neckband *a* of the shirt, so that only one thickness of neckband is presented to the neck. When the collar is placed in position on the collar-button of the neckbands *a a'*, it will retain the neckband *a'* of the bosom on the neckband *a* of the shirt A, so as to form a good fit therewith, and without exerting any undue pressure on the neck of the wearer. The bosom B is provided at the upper corners with button-holes *e'*, or other fastening devices readily applied to the buttons *e* of the shirt, so that it is thereby supported at three points, and thus reliably retained in position. When the bosom B is removed, the shirt is a bosomless shirt, and can be worn as a night-shirt or while working, it being thus of great convenience for travelers, clerks, working-men, and others, who can wear the shirt with or without bosom, collars, and cuffs. The shirt is for this purpose furthermore provided with a front pocket, *f*, for the handkerchief, &c.

For the special construction of the shirt-bosom I have filed a separate application for Letters Patent at the same time herewith, to which reference is made.

I am aware that shirts with detachable bosoms are old and well known; but in these cases the bosom was hung at one point only to the collar-button, with a view to cover the bosom of the shirt. In my shirt three points of attachment are provided for the bosom—one at the center of the neckband, and the remaining ones at each corner of the bosom, at some distance from the neckbands of shirt and bosom, which secures the rigid position of the bosom on the shirt. I am also aware that woolen shirts provided with a detachable neckband and with a detachable bosom have been used heretofore, and I therefore distinctly disclaim these features.

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

1. A shirt provided with a neckband, *a*, that gradually diminishes in width from the rear to the front part, a plait, *d*, extending

above the front part of the band, and provided
with a fastening device, *d'*, at its upper end,
and fastening devices *e e* near the center of
the shoulders, all of said parts and fastenings
5 being adapted to receive a detachable bosom,
B, provided with fastening devices corre-
sponding to those above described, substan-
tially as set forth.

2. A shirt provided with a neckband, *a*, that
10 gradually diminishes in width from the rear
to the front part, a plait, *d*, extending above
the front part of the band, and provided with
a fastening device, *d'*, at its upper end, and
fastening devices *e e* near the center of the

shoulders, in combination with the detachable 15
bosom B, the neckband of said bosom being
wider than the front part of the neck-band of
the shirt, and provided with fastening devices
corresponding to the fastening devices *d' e e* of
the shirt, substantially as described. 20

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my
invention I have signed my name in presence
of two subscribing witnesses.

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