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Fig. 1.

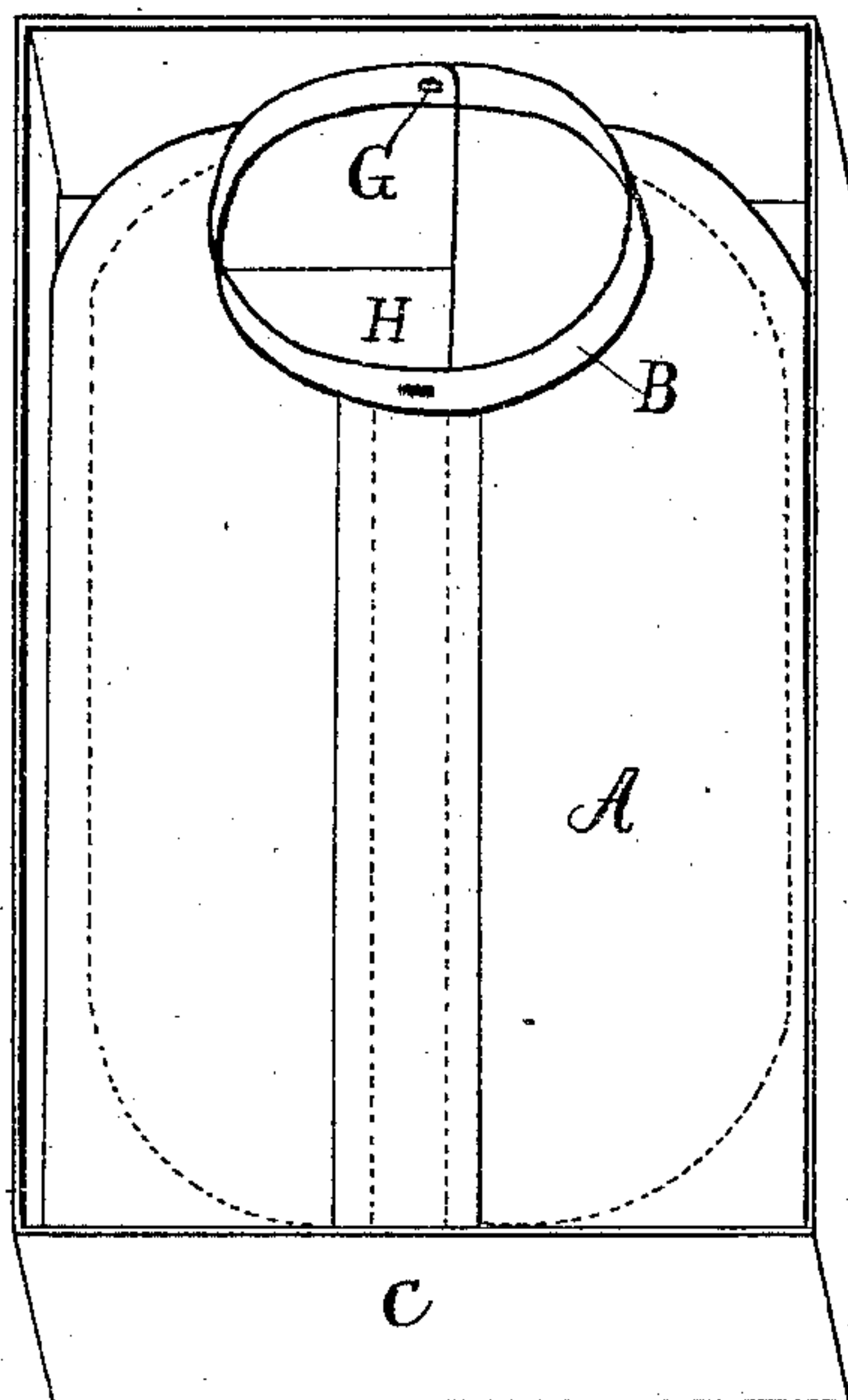
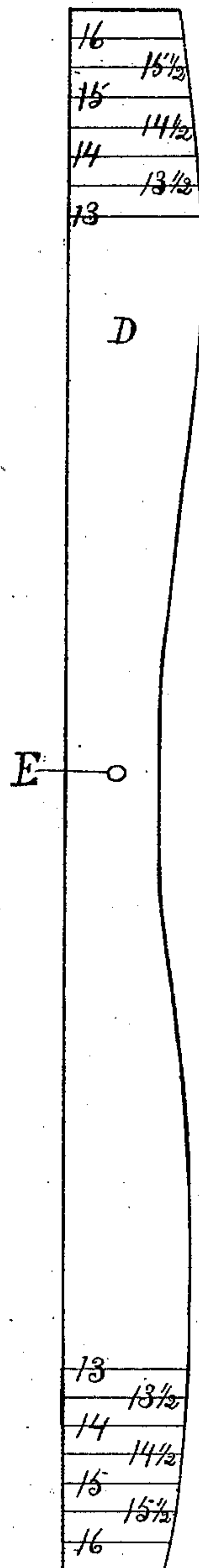


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID N. BRISTOL, of the village of Lansingburg, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Neckband Protectors; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in the several figures therein.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawings, and then clearly pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a laundered shirt inclosed within a packing-box. Fig. 2 is a plan view of one side of the neckband supporter and measure.

Many large shirt-factories have and operate laundries in connection therewith, and send large quantities of laundered shirts great distances to supply the trade.

The customary method of laundering a shirt is to make the neckband smooth and stiff and cause the same to stand up from the body of the shirt nearly or quite at right angles to its general line of direction, as shown in Fig. 1, in which A is a laundered shirt, and B the neckband, all inclosed in a packing-box.

I am able to provide the desired support by binding a strip of pasteboard, D, or other suitable material around the outside of the projecting band and fastening the ends, each of which is provided with a button-hole, to the shirt-band by means of a button.

The strip is provided with a button-hole, E, by which it may be fastened on one side to the neckband, a button or ribbon being inserted through E and H.

The strip D is provided with marks and figures or other symbols at one or both ends, as shown in Fig. 2, to indicate the size or length

of the neckband and assist in determining the location of the button-holes to be inserted in the ends of the strip. For example, suppose the size of the shirt to be 15—i. e., the length of the neckband to be fifteen inches. Then a button-hole is punched in each end of the strip in the lines marked 15, and the strip will just fit the neckband. By this arrangement the same strip may be used with any sized shirt. The strip will also serve to detect any mistake which may have occurred in marking upon the shirt its size. For example, if a shirt size 14 is by mistake marked 15, a 15-size strip would not tightly inclose the neckband, and the mistake will be detected.

The strip will also be found useful in measuring the size of collars and other wearing-apparel, and will be of some benefit to customers who buy a shirt provided with such a supporter.

I am aware that it is not new to use a detachable collar-support held by a flange beneath the bosom; but my strip is a band, not a collar-protector, and it is so made as to fit varying sizes of neck, and possesses an index-measure at each end to point out where the button-hole is to be made for each size; also, is adapted for use as a verifying-measure for the sizes of shirts and collars. These uses are not possible with the collar-support.

Having thus described all that is necessary to a full understanding of my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

A new article of manufacture, consisting of a shirt-yoke shield formed of the flexible strip D, marked at each end with corresponding figures indicative of the sizes of neck to which they are severally adapted and where the button-holes are to be made, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of April, 1883.

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